

Brief on the IKI's updated Standard Indicators | February 2022

The IKI launches updated Standard Indicators

Since 2015, IKI projects have collected and reported data on some of the IKI's **Standard Indicators**, which produce aggregate results and headline figures on the IKI's strategic objectives. The IKI uses this data in their own national and international reporting as well as for communication with the public.

The Standard Indicators are complementary to project-specific objectives and indicators. They are no project management tool and make no claim to fully cover all effects and accomplishments of a project. They merely describe some aspects of a project's achievements but are not used by the IKI for evaluative purposes.

The Standard Indicators have just been updated. The update will enable the IKI more accurate, data-driven insights into what the IKI is achieving on a whole.

What are the biggest changes?

The updated Standard Indicators strongly build on the previous set of Standard Indicators, but are broader in scope (see table for an overview below).

Previous Standard Indicators			Updated Standard Indicators	
Action Mitigation	GHG emission reduced or carbon stocks enhanced in project area (in t CO ₂ -eq)	➔	SI 1 - Mitigation	GHG emissions reduced or carbon stocks enhanced directly or indirectly by IKI project measures.
Action Ecosystems	Area of ecosystems improved or protected by project measures (in ha/km)	➔	SI 2 - Ecosystems	Area of ecosystems with improved conservation and sustainable use due to IKI project measures.
Action People	No. of people directly supported by the project to adapt to climate change or to conserve ecosystems	➔	SI 3 - Adaptation	Number of people directly and indirectly supported by IKI projects to better adapt to climate change.
		NEW	SI 4 - Capacity People	Number of people directly supported by IKI projects through networking and training to address climate change or to conserve biodiversity.
		NEW	SI 5 - Leveraged Finance	Volume of private and/or public finance leveraged for climate change and biodiversity purposes in EUR.

The former Capacity Indicators (Capacity Policy, Capacity Institutions, Capacity Methods) have been abolished in the interest of two important IKI objectives that lend themselves more easily to meaningful aggregation:

- SI 4 - Capacity People will help the IKI understand to what extent it reaches different stakeholder groups.
- SI 5 - Leveraged Finance reflects the IKI's aim to leverage additional funding for climate and biodiversity action from other public or private actors.

What implications does this relaunch have for our IKI project?

Some IKI projects, currently in development, already use a proposal version that contains the updated set of Standard Indicators and will consequently report on these during their implementation. Some IKI projects will report on the updated Standard Indicators in the future, even though their original project proposal contains the previous Standard Indicators (i.e. Action Indicators and Capacity Indicators).

In case your IKI project proposal contains the previous Standard Indicators, please consult the following table to determine whether you should switch to the updated Standard Indicators in the future.

Scenario	Implications of the Standard Indicator update
<p>Scenario 1: Projects at approval or early implementation stage with project proposals containing “old” Standard Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Already submitted OR is currently developing a project proposal containing the old set of Standard Indicators ▪ Has not yet submitted an interim report as of January 2022 	<p>Will transition to the new indicators, setting targets and – where applicable – reporting initial progress on applicable new Standard Indicators for the first time in their upcoming interim report.</p>
<p>Scenario 2: Ongoing projects with proposal amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submitted an amended request (e.g. for a project extension) after last interim report containing a revised project proposal with updated Standard Indicators. 	
<p>Scenario 3: Ongoing projects without recent proposal amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submitted interim reports in reference to their currently approved project proposal in the previous year(s) 	<p>Keep reporting on the old Action Indicators, if the project contributes to these. There is no need to keep reporting on the Capacity Indicators. These projects are free to transition to the new Standard Indicators and select those that apply to them.</p>
<p>Scenario 4: Long-running IKI projects (starting prior to 2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has a starting date predating 2015 and has never reported on Standard Indicators 	

IKI projects will report on the updated Standard Indicators using a newly introduced IKI Standard Indicator Report (Excel Tool). IKI projects can use the tool to update their information and data on the Standard Indicators on a rolling basis and submit updated versions of their IKI Standard Indicator Report with their interim reports and final report.

Where can we find more information?

The most recent version of the Guidelines on Project Planning and Monitoring in the International Climate Initiative and the Standard Indicator Report (Excel Tool) contain detailed explanations of the newly updated Standard Indicators and reporting requirements. Both are available on the IKI website.

IKI projects are also invited to join one of two webinars on March 1 and March 2, 2022 where the IKI will provide an overview of the updated Standard Indicators, the implications for your project and will respond to open questions. You can register for the event here: https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/de/iki-online-seminar-standardindikatoren?iki_lang=de

Finally, the IKI projects are welcome to approach their contact person at the IKI Office at ZUG or the Standard Indicator Helpdesk directly with any open questions or comments.

You can contact the IKI Standard Indicator Helpdesk using the following email address: IKI-SI-Helpdesk@z-u-g.org