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Who is the QI4SD Index for?
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National governments and policymakers who are involved in developing national implementation plans for the SDGs.
Regional QI bodies, economic commissions – to coordinate regional QI development strategies that are aligned with the SDGs.
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How does the QI4SD Index data platform work?
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- Metrology
- Standards
- Accreditation
- Conformity Assessment
- Policy

The Index scores are grouped into peers based on GDP, income and regions.

Note that the data provided may differ from the year of data collection or the organization’s own assessments to update their own information.