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Supplementary file 1. Semi-structured Interview Guide

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| <i>Background</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How did you come to learn about the SDGs? (probe for influences from other countries, other departments, research community, etc.)2. Which goal(s) and targets are driving your department/unit/office's activities?3. Can you tell me about your role and involvement with SDGx?4. How did your office/department/ministry gain responsibility for the mandate of SDGx? |
| <i>Progress & Actions</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. What are the main actions you are undertaking related to SDGx?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Probe for history of actions, types of actions, funding mechanisms6. How do your actions align with the Towards Canada 2030 framework? |

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| | <p>7. What is helping actions on SDGx to get and stay on the federal policy agenda?</p> <p>a. What might be hindering actions on SDGx to get and stay on the federal policy agenda?</p> <p>8. How are you measuring progress on SDGx?</p> <p>a. Probe Statistics Canada Data Hub, Canadian Indicator Framework, department own data collection</p> <p>9. Does intersectoral action for the SDGs differ from intersectoral action for the social determinants of health?</p> |
| <p><i>Coordinating Structures, Governance Mechanisms, Feedback and Evaluation</i></p> | <p>10. Can you describe the coordination structure of actions on SDGx?</p> <p>11. Probe for leadership, research, implementation, technical operations, budget, monitoring and evaluation roles, coordinating structures, meeting processes</p> <p>12. How is progress measured and reported within/to these structures?</p> <p>13. What collaboration mechanisms are in place to work across federal departments on the SDGs?</p> <p>14. What does successful collaboration across federal departments look like to you?</p> |

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| <p><i>Intersectoral Action</i></p> | <p>15. What does intersectoral action mean to you?</p> <p>a. Probe other language – horizontal collaboration, partnerships, health in all policies</p> <p>16. Can you describe the intersectoral action/collaboration/partnerships you engage in on SDGx?</p> <p>17. What is the motivation for intersectoral action/collaboration in this work?</p> <p>18. Is there a mandate for collaboration across federal government departments on the SDGs?</p> <p>19. The Towards Canada 2030 framework speaks about policy coherence as an important part of Canada’s approach, how does this inform your collaborations?</p> <p>20. Are there any contextual factors that affect your approach to collaboration?</p> <p>21. How have the pandemic and recovery plans influenced your work in this area?</p> <p>22. What are the next steps and future actions?</p> |
| <p><i>Facilitators/Barriers for Intersectoral Action</i></p> | <p>23. Are there specific challenges to intersectoral action?</p> <p>24. How are these challenges identified?</p> |