

Discussion of the Prototype Global Sustainable Development Report

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Credibility, Relevance, Legitimacy

Choices (and trade-offs) in the design of an assessment process determine its influence

- Relevance: the ability of an assessment to address the particular concerns of those using it (e.g. geographic and thematic coverage for relevant decision-making authorities)
- Credibility: whether the knowledge assembled is believed to be valid (information, methods and procedures)
- Legitimacy: acceptability and / or perceived fairness of an assessment (my interests have been taken into account, transparency)

An Assessment of Assessments: Findings of the Group of Experts UNEP; IOC/UNESCO (2009)