

Expert Group Meeting on the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics  
New York, 10-12 November 2009

**Provisional Agenda**

Day One (10 November 2009)

Session 1: The need for a conceptual framework for environment statistics

- Need for basic organizing structure
- Integrate with economic and social statistics
- Identify the scope and boundaries of environment statistics
- Assess gaps and weaknesses in existing statistics
- Identify the role of different stakeholders
- Identify a core set of statistics/indicators

Session 2: Overview of experiences with different frameworks for environment statistics and indicators

- Overview of existing frameworks for environment statistics
- National and international examples of frameworks used for the development of environment statistics: advantages and disadvantages, lessons learned

Day Two (11 November 2009)

Session 3: The Canadian approach towards a framework based on ecosystems

- The primary purpose of the Framework
- Specifying the target variables
- Identifying the subcomponents
- From concepts to measurement
- Linking framework to policy

Session 4: A critical review of the UN Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) and its accompanying technical reports

- FDES Chapters I-IV (New York, 1984)
- Concepts and Methods of Environment Statistics: Statistics of the Natural Environment (New York, 1991)
- Concepts and Methods of Environment Statistics: Human Settlement Statistics (New York, 1988)

Day Three (12 November 2009)

Session 4: (continued)

Session 5: The way forward: Revision of the UN FDES based on national and international experience

- modalities
- work programme
- contributions
- timetable

Session 6: Conclusions  
Outline of a report for the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Statistical Commission