



The revision process: progress so far, state of the art, the way forward (EGM-FDES. 2.4)

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1. Progress so far and state of the art



1.1 Review of developments since the 1984 FDES relevant to the revision process

- Global policy initiatives, their frameworks and derived statistical approaches and indicators
- Global and regional environmental assessments and their frameworks
- Relevant global and regional statistical initiatives related to environment statistics
(Session 1, document 2.5)
- Review of existing and emerging environment statistics classifications
(Session 1, document 2.7.)
- Review of geospatial developments relevant to environment statistics
(Session 1, document 2.6)



1.2. Review of the 1984 FDES

- Elements, topics and dimensions missing or in need of improvement (Session 2, document 2.9)



1.3. Towards the revised FDES

- Proposed objective, scope and coverage of the revised FDES (Session 2, document 2.11)
- Categories of frameworks and their relevance to the revised FDES (Session 2, document 2.15)
- Review of options for the structure and dimensions of the revised FDES (Session 2, document 2.12)
- Proposed outline of the revised FDES (Session 3, document 2.10)



1.4 The core set of environment statistics

- Review of existing global and regional environmental indicators, publications, databases based on a preliminary theme/sub-theme structure
(Session 4, document 2.13)
- Identification of common indicators
(Session 4, document 2.14)



2. Expectations from the Expert Group Meeting



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- Reach agreement on the objective, scope and coverage of the revised FDES
- Reach agreement on the structure and dimensions of the revised FDES
- Reach agreement on the outline of the revised FDES
- Reach agreement on the process and criteria for the selection of the core set of environment statistics
- Agree on work programme, timetable, responsibilities and contributions



3. The way forward



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- Drafting of chapters of the revised FDES (UNSD with contributions from experts)
- Electronic consultation with the EG on drafts
- First revision of drafts according to the results of the consultation (UNSD with contributions from experts)
- Circulation of revised drafts to EG
- Third meeting of the EG (face-to-face or virtual, depending on resources)
- Second revision of drafts (UNSD with contributions from experts)
- Global consultation
- Submission to the 43rd session of the Statistical Commission



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