

Directory of statistical services of international organisations

UNEP



<p>Brief description of the organisation¹</p>	<p>UNEP is the designated authority of the United Nations system in environmental issues at the global and regional level. It was established after the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm) proposed the creation of a global body to act as the environmental conscience of the UN system. UNEP has its headquarters in Nairobi and is represented across the globe by six regional offices: Nairobi (Africa), Bangkok (Asia and the Pacific), Europe (Geneva), Panama (Latin America and the Caribbean), Washington (North America), and Bahrain (West Asia).</p> <p>There is no separate statistical section, but substantive data and indicators activities are concentrated in Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA).</p>
<p>Mission²</p>	<p>To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.</p> <p>In the area of data and information, to keep the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>Main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessing global, regional and national environmental conditions and trends. - Developing international agreements and national environmental instruments. - Strengthening institutions for the wise management of the environment. - Integrating economic development and environmental protection. - Facilitating the transfer of knowledge and technology for sustainable development. - Encouraging new partnerships and mind-sets within civil society and the private sector. <p>UNEP has eight Divisions to promote and facilitate sound environmental management for sustainable development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA), - Policy Development and Law (DPDL), - Environmental Policy Implementation (DCPI), - Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), - Regional Cooperation (DRC), - Environmental Conventions (DEC), - Communications and Public Information (DCPI), and - Global Environment Facility (GEF) Coordination (DGEF).

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

² Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization

	In the area of statistics and other data, activities focus on compiling and providing sound scientific data and indicators targeted to integrated and thematic environment assessment and early warning.
Mandate	To coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. In the area of environmental data, to provide the world community with improved access to meaningful environmental data and information, and to help increase the capacity of governments to use environmental information for decision making and action planning for sustainable human development.
Statistical work programme	Data and information management, adding value in the handling of global and regional environmental data in support of the environment assessment and early warning activities of UNEP and its partners. Support to international data collecting activities (e.g. UNSD/UNEP Environment Questionnaire) and coordination efforts (CCSA, UN StatCom, IWG-Env, OECD/WGEIO, GEO/GEOSS). Data dissemination through the GEO Data Portal (http://www.unep.org/geo/data) and other global and regional databases and tools.
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	About 500 professional staff, of which a good handful work on global and regional data.
Flagship Publications	Global Environment Outlook UNEP Yearbook Atlas of Our Changing Environment
Website	http://www.unep.org

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