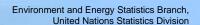
# Environment and Energy: inter-linkages from the FDES perspective



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- It is based on Chapter 5 of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) 2013 that can be downloaded here: <a href="http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc13/BG-FDES-Environment.pdf">http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc13/BG-FDES-Environment.pdf</a>
- All presentations, handouts and background materials for the workshop can be downloaded here:

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## 1. Cross-cutting issues applications of the FDES

- · Water and the environment
- Energy and the environment
- Climate change
- Agriculture and the environment



#### 2. Energy and the environment

- Energy is a necessary input for human controlled processes.
- Amount of E in a physical system remains constant (and finite), though its quality or availability diminishes through transformation.
- Transformation of "available energy" to "unavailable energy" and conversion from "unusable" to "usable" form results in environmental effects
- Protection and mitigation activities of the society
- Policy context is highly relevant (recall 1<sup>st</sup> precentation day 1)

#### 3. Energy production

- Dominated by fossil and non-renewable sources of energy, which leads to the depletion of non-renewable natural resources (i.e mineral)
- Increasing but still low renewable and clean energy production around the world
- Mining and extracting operations disturb ecosystems, restructure land, produce waste, etc.
- Hazards such as oil spills, well-head and pipeline explosions, fires, etc. are closely associated with the petrochemical industry.



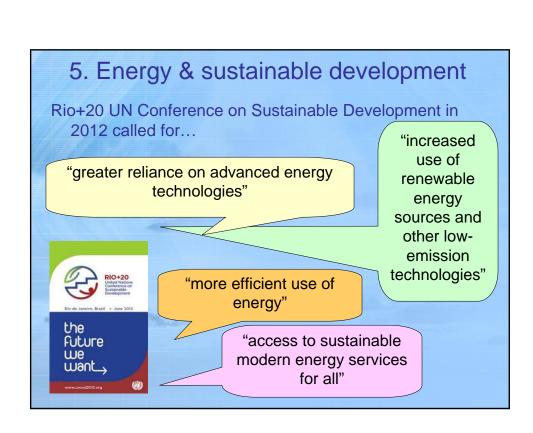






#### 4. Energy consumption

- Fossil fuels represent 81% of total primary energy demand in 2010.
- Combustion of fossil fuels pollutes the air, affects human health, and results in significant GHG emissions.
- Renewable energy does not face the depletion problem, but harvesting of renewable energy can affect the natural environment (e.g.large hydro energy facilities, competing land uses i.e biofuels).
- Regardless of energy source, its distribution requires grid and facilities which can change land and affect natural areas.



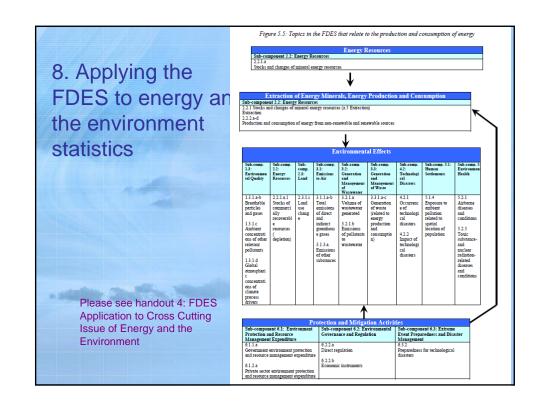
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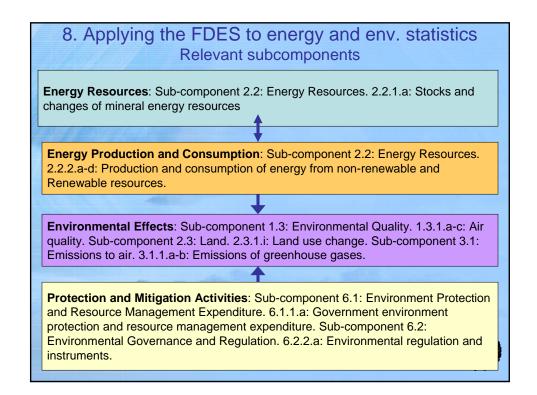
- Challenge facing policy makers remains balancing the demand and need for energy with the impacts from its production and consumption.
- There is great need for harmonization and coordination of statistics production at all levels.
- Relevant statistics are needed for policy, regulation and for complementary analysis to economic and social aspects.

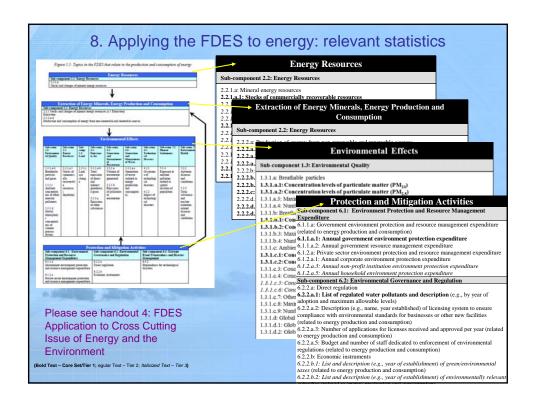
#### 7. Energy-environment statistics are key

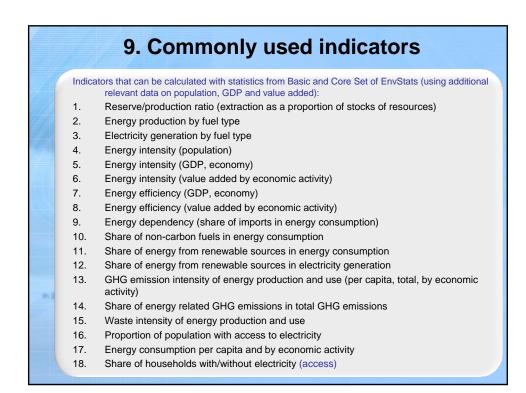
- Energy production and consumption statistics available in both physical and monetary terms. i.e: sale and expenditure of energy commodities.
- Physical measures of particular interest from an environment perspective.
- Impact of energy production and consumption in the environment is highly important (i.e. climate change and energy).
- UN Statistical Commission has adopted the International Recommendations for Energy Statistics and the FDES 2013 (including section 5.2 Energy and the environment statistics)













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