



Objective, scope and coverage of the revised FDES

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1. Introduction

The following slides summarize the conclusions reached by the expert group at its preparatory (2009) and first (2010) meetings about the objective, scope and coverage of ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS and the revised FDES.



2. Objective, scope and coverage of environment statistics

- The objective of environment statistics is to provide quality statistical information for policy and decision making about the state, and changes of the state, of the environment, and its links with human wellbeing, economic and social development.



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- Environment statistics describe the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the state of the environment and its interactions with human activities.
- The environment includes natural resources and ecosystems.
- The state, and the changes of the state, of the environment is in the centre of environment statistics. Measuring the interactions with humans create the links with economic and social statistics.



3. Objective, scope and coverage of the revised FDES

- The revised FDES is a basic organizing framework to guide environment statistics (what to collect).
- The revised FDES is a logical structure to organize information – a structure to organize the supply of statistics to respond to various information needs and to fill in multiple analytical and reporting frameworks.
- The revised FDES is a framework for synthesizing data from various subject areas and sources.



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- The revised FDES aims at basic environment statistics that can serve multiple purposes and facilitate data integration within the environment statistics domain and with other (economic and social) statistical domains.



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- The focus of the revised FDES is the ENVIRONMENT but it includes clear links to economic and social spheres, to other frameworks and analytical models.
- The revised FDES is comprehensive, permits access to the whole spectrum of current and potential environmental concerns, whether the objective is to deal with all of them or with only a selection of them. It is comprehensive and integrative, an overarching framework that encompasses all aspects of the environment.



4. Agreed criteria for the revised FDES relevant to objective, scope and coverage

- Be adaptable, flexible, easy to follow;
- Be clearly aligned with the objective of environment statistics;
- Make the scope of environment statistics clear;
- Make the dimension of environment statistics clear;
- Help organize environment statistics;
- Help set up standard classifications and definitions;
- Provide coherence with other frameworks;
- Help identifying data gaps;
- Help identifying a core set of environment statistics;
- Facilitate the identification of roles and responsibilities;
- Represent the state of the art.



5. Questions

- Are the objective, scope and coverage of the revised FDES, as summarized here, relevant and correct?
- Is there anything else to include?
- Can we reach a final agreement on the objective, scope and coverage, based on which the drafting of the text can start?



Thank you
for your attention