

Capacity development in Environment Statistics and Climate Change Statistics

**Tenth Meeting of the Expert Group on
Environment Statistics**
10 October 2023



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UNECE Region is diverse



- 56 Member States:
 - Europe
 - Parts of North America
 - Central Asia
 - Parts of Western Asia (Israel)
- 17% of world population
- Includes some of the world's richest countries and countries with a relatively low level of development
- 11 “traditional” target countries for capacity development: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan (20 % of its Member States)
- 8 target countries are also ESCAP MS

Capacity Development is country driven and always in partnerships



- **Capacity development activities are carried out when there are resources and country requests**
- **Typical partners in the areas of environment statistics and climate change statistics:** EEA, EFTA, Eurostat, ESCAP, UNDP, UNEP, UNSD, OECD
- **Support provided by ECE as leading organization or as partner of other organisations:**
 - Organisation of national and sub-regional training workshops and advisory missions (e.g. SDG indicators, environmental statistics and indicators, SEEA, FDES etc.)
 - Translation of manuals, training materials and online courses into Russian (e.g. online SEEA training courses of UNSD)
 - Global Assessments of National Statistical Systems (and planning of Sector Reviews on Environment Statistics)
 - Funding of participation in Expert Meetings
- **Main sources of funding**
 - UNDA
 - Financial support and in-kind contributions of Austria, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and other countries

Regular Expert Meetings for all ECE Member Countries (and others) with a capacity development component

Platforms for exchange of knowledge and experience



- **Joint OECD/UNECE Seminars on SEEA Implementation:**

- **13-15 March 2023:**

- Towards Circular Economy measurement
- SEEA-EA, Forest Accounts, Env. Taxes and Subsidies, Water Accounts
- Organisational and institutional arrangements
- Integration of accounts for analytical purposes

- **Next Seminar: 18-20 March 2024**

- **Joint UNECE/IEA/Eurostat Webinar on Administrative Microdata for Climate Change, Energy and Environment Statistics:**

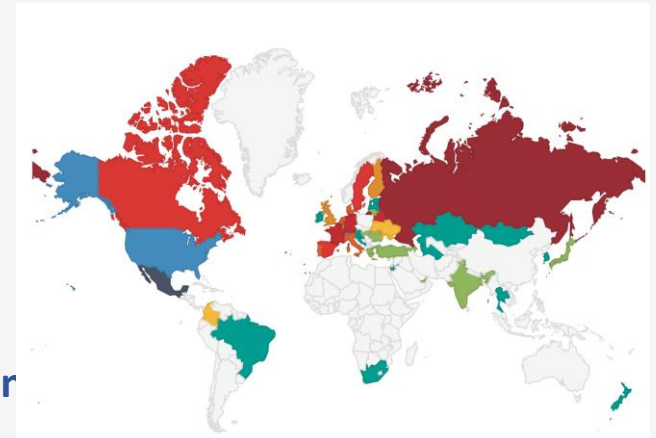
- 30 March 2023: Utility meter data, building energy performance certificates or vehicle tests data in energy, climate change and environment domains ([recording available](#))

- **Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Climate Change-related Statistics**

- **28 -30 August 2023:**

- Producing, disseminating and communicating climate change-related statistics and indicators to policymakers and the public
- Informing CC mitigation and adaptation policies
- Data needed to support a just transition
- Measuring climate finance and economic aspects of climate change

- **Next Expert Forum: 29-30 August 2024. A webinar may be organized before that.**



Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators



- **Main target countries:**
 - South-Eastern Europe
 - Eastern Europe
 - Caucasus
 - Central Asia
- **Brings together regularly experts from NSOs and Ministries of Environment**
- **Main objective: support countries in the production and online sharing of environmental data**
- **Maybe turned into a standing body on environmental statistics and indicators open for all ECE Member States**
- **Upcoming meeting 16-17 October 2023**
 - Review of the UNECE Guidelines for the Application of Environment Statistics (now in FDES structure!)
 - Updates from countries and international organisations
 - Ongoing and planned capacity development activities
 - Data needs, statistics and indicators to manage environment-related human health issues

Regional training on air quality and emissions to air statistics and indicators, 4-5 May 2023 in Geneva



Organised in cooperation with UNEP, the Environment Agency Austria and Statistics Luxembourg, and with financial support of the European Union

Main objectives:

- Technical overview of the different steps for the production, sharing and use of the UNECE air related indicators through good practices and experiences from experts of different countries and international organisations
- Discuss challenges that could result in delays and gaps in the indicator production procedure and identify possible solutions

Participating national experts: National Statistical offices, ministries of the environment, meteorological institutes and organizations from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Macedonia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

Planning of capacity development activities under DA 14 (2022-2025)



Planning of targeted capacity development activities with a focus on:

- Support capacity building for the **production and dissemination of selected SEEA Accounts**, including Geo-Statistical Integration.
- Support capacity building for the **production and dissemination of climate change and disaster-related statistics**, including Geo-Statistical Integration.

Limitations:

- Very scarce budget
- Only for our “target countries”: Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Moldova

Thank you!

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