



Seventh Meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics (Virtual)

New York, 10-19 November 2020

Final Agenda

Tuesday, 10 November 2020

Opening session

08:00 – 08:45 Opening and objectives of the meeting

Adoption of the agenda and logistical/organizational matters

08:45 – 09:35 COVID-19 pandemic and environment statistics

- a) Impacts of and responses to the pandemic on environment statistics (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) COVID-19 statistical measures and the related SDGs (Italy, 10 min)
- c) Information production to support coping the COVID-19 in Brazil (Brazil, 10 min)
- d) Discussion (15 min)

Coffee break 10 mins

Session One: Environment Statistics Toolbox

09:45 – 11:00 **FDES and the Basic Set of Environment Statistics (BSES)**

- a) Status and completion of the Manual and implementation tools (ESSAT and NAP reporting templates) (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) Draft chapter on Environmental Health Statistics (UNSD, 15 min)
- c) Draft chapter on Wastewater Statistics (UNSD, 15 min)
- d) Water quality, nutrient budgets (Netherlands, 15 min)
- e) Discussion on experiences and updating BSES and Manual (plenary 20 min)

Wednesday, 11 November 2020

Session Two: Climate Change Statistics and Indicators

08:00 – 09:45 **Towards globally coordinated work on climate change statistics and indicators**

Global

- a) Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators (UNSD, 15 min)
- b) Linking climate change statistics and policy (UNFCCC, 15 min)
- c) IPCC's guidelines and tools for the national GHG inventory (IPCC, 10 min)
- d) Discussion (plenary 20 min)

Regional and National

- a) Updates on UNECE work in climate change-related statistics (UNECE, 10 min)
- b) Hungarian challenges and outcomes of the Pilot Survey (Hungary, 10 min)
- c) Other regional initiatives: flash presentations:
 - From environment statistics to climate change statistics in CARICOM - an exploratory approach (CARICOM, 3 min)
 - Eurostat's work on climate change-related statistics (Eurostat, 3 min)
- d) Discussion (plenary 20 min)

Coffee break 10 mins

10:00 – 11:00 **Towards the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators**

- a) Results of the Pilot Survey (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) Structure of the draft Global Set - Suriname's experience (Suriname, 10 min)
- c) Metadata template of the draft Global Set (Tanzania, 10 min)
- d) Discussion (plenary 20 min)
- e) Introduction to group work on the draft Global Set (UNSD, 10 min)

Thursday, 12 November 2020

Session Two: Climate Change Statistics and Indicators (cont.)

Group work + plenary

08:00 – 10:15 **Group work** on climate change statistics and indicators

- Introduction to each area (10 min)
- Review of list (60 min)
- Review of metadata examples (30 min)
- Preparation of reporting to plenary (30 min)

Coffee break (15 min)

10:30 – 11:00 Reports of group work to **plenary** (5 min each)

11:00 – 11:30 Roundtable discussion (30 min)

Tuesday, 17 November 2020

Session Three: Environment Statistics Data Collection

08:00 – 09:00 **International data collection and reporting requirements**

- a) Introduction to data collection activities (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) FAO agri-environmental data collection and progress on SDG 2.4.1 (FAO, 15 min)
- c) Building a coherent biodiversity monitoring system to support national, regional and global decision making (Convention on Biological Diversity, 10 min)
- d) Suriname's experience on the Global Biodiversity Framework: flash presentation (Suriname, 3 min)
- e) Discussion (plenary 15 min)

09:00 – 10:00 **Water Statistics**

- a) UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics – results and uses of the data collection and relevance to SDG indicators (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) Selected SDG indicators related to the FAO Aquastat Questionnaire – 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 (FAO, 10 min)
- c) OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on Inland Waters and related international collaboration (OECD/Eurostat, 10 min)
- d) Progress in SDG indicator 6.3.1 on wastewater (UN-Habitat/WHO, 10 min)
- e) Using meteorological data for water statistics: flash presentation (Ireland, 3 min)
- f) Discussion (15 min)

Coffee break 10 mins

10:15 – 11:00 **Waste Statistics**

- a) UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics – results and uses of the data collection and relevance to SDG indicators (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) Progress in SDG indicator 11.6.1 on waste statistics (UN-Habitat, 10 min)
- c) Indicators 12.4.2 and 12.5.1 (UN Environment, 10 min)
- d) Waste management baseline survey (Nepal, 10 min)
- e) Discussion (10 min)

Thursday, 19 November 2020

Session Three: Environment Statistics Data Collection (cont.)

08:00 – 8:45 **Waste Statistics (cont.)**

- f) Utilization of e-waste data (UNU, 10 min)
- g) E-waste in Palestine (Palestine, 10 min)
- h) Tanzania's experience on compilation of e-waste statistics - achievements and challenges: flash presentation (Tanzania, 3 min)
- i) Discussion (20 min)

Session Four: Capacity Development in Environment Statistics and Climate Change Statistics

08:45 – 10:15 **Capacity development – bilateral and multi-lateral assistance**

- a) Inventory of capacity development events and activities (UNSD, 15 min)
- b) Capacity development for climate change (Green Climate Fund, 15 min)
- c) Country experiences in capacity development during COVID-19:
 - Luxembourg experience in capacity development during COVID-19 (Luxembourg, 10 min)
 - Experience from Finland (Finland, 10 min)
- d) Flash presentations by regional/national institutions:
 - Capacity development in environment statistics and climate change statistics in the Arab Region (ESCWA, 3 min)
 - A demand-driven approach to statistical capacity development: Advancing environment statistics, environmental and ecosystem accounting in Asia-Pacific (ESCAP, 3 min)
 - Environment, climate change and disaster statistics and indicators work in Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, 3 min)
 - Capacity development work (Australia, 3 min)
- e) Discussion (20 min)

Coffee break 10 mins

Session Five: Discussion of Priorities and Conclusions

10:15 – 11:00 **Review and decisions on future actions**