



Eighth Meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics

(Virtual)

New York, 12-14 and 19-20 October 2021

Final Agenda

Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Opening session

- 08:00 – 08:30 Opening and objectives of the meeting
Welcome speech by Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD
Adoption of the agenda and logistical/organizational matters

Session One: Climate Change Statistics and Indicators: Global Set

- 08:30 – 10:00 **Towards globally coordinated work on climate change statistics and indicators**

Global

- a) Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) Linking climate change statistics and policy (UNFCCC, 10 min)
- c) Discussion (plenary, 5 min)

Coffee break 10 mins

National experiences

- a) Country experiences on Global Set based on the Global Consultation (10 min each)
 - Suriname
 - New Zealand
 - United Kingdom
 - Tanzania
- b) Discussion on best practices on climate change statistics (plenary, 15 min)

- 10:00 – 11:00 **Draft Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators**

- a) Results of the Global Consultation
 - Part I (UNSD/UNFCCC, 15 min)
 - Part II (UNSD, 15 min)
- b) Discussion (plenary, 20 min)

Wednesday, 13 October 2021

Session One: Climate Change Statistics and Indicators: Group work

08:00 – 11:00 **Group work** on climate change statistics and indicators according to the five IPCC areas (drivers, impacts, vulnerability, mitigation and adaptation)

- Introduction to group work on the draft Global Set (UNSD, 10 min)
- Introduction to key issues and options in each group (UNSD, 15 min)
- Review and discussion (90 min)

Coffee break 10 min

- Preparation of reporting to plenary (30 min)

Thursday, 14 October 2021

Session One: Climate Change Statistics and Indicators: Plenary on group work and other initiatives

8:00 – 8:50 Reports of group work to plenary (10 min each)

8:50 – 9:15 Roundtable discussion (25 min)

Coffee break 10 mins

9:30 – 10:20 **Related inter-governmental/regional initiatives on climate change statistics**

- a) ECE set of indicators (ECE, 10 min)
- b) CARICOM set of indicators (CARICOM, 10 min)
- c) Linking the International Programme for Action on Climate (IPAC) initiative on climate change indicators to the Global Set (OECD, 10 min)
- d) Complementarity of various initiatives and the Global Set (UNSD, 5 min)
- e) Discussion (plenary, 10 min)

10:20 – 11:00 **Selected thematic initiatives and way forward**

- a) GHG emissions along the food system chain (FAO, 10 min)
- b) Disaster-related statistics and link to climate change statistics (UNDRR, 10 min)
- c) Priorities for future work (UNSD, 20 min)

Tuesday, 19 October 2021

Session Two: Environment Statistics Data Collection

08:00 – 09:15 **Water Statistics**

- a) UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics – value of country data for informing policy questions, collaboration in water statistics (UNSD, 15 min)
- b) Use of Questionnaire wastewater data for informing SDG indicator 6.3.1, project research and related publications (UN-Habitat/WHO, 10 min)
- c) Technical issues concerning water data collections, in particular on wastewater (OECD/Eurostat, 10 mins)
- d) Country experience providing water data to the UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire (Jordan, 10 mins)
- e) Discussion (15 min)

Coffee Break 10 mins

09:30 – 10:20 **Waste Statistics**

- a) UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics – results and uses of the data collection and relevance to SDG indicators; raw data agreeing with international standards; work on 11.6.1, 12.4.2 and 12.5.1 (UNSD, 15 min)
- b) SDG indicator 12.3.1 (b) Food waste index (UNEP, 10 min)
- c) Country experience collecting food waste data (Hungary, 10 min)
- d) Discussion (15 min)

10:20 – 11:10 **Other data collection and reporting requirements (data collection instruments)**

- a) Introduction to data collection instruments for environment statistics and climate change statistics (UNSD, 10 min) (Part I: Global Consultation)
- b) Country experiences on the use of specialized environmental/climate change surveys or inclusion of related questions in censuses (Nepal, Tanzania, 10 min each)
- c) Questionnaires on pesticides, fertilizers, and land use – relationship to climate change (FAO, 10 min)
- d) Discussion (plenary 15 min)

Wednesday, 20 October 2021

Session Three: Environment Statistics Toolbox

08:00 – 08:35 **FDES and the Basic Set of Environment Statistics**

- a) Status and completion of the Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics (Disasters, Environmental health, Information and awareness, Geology, Water quality, Wastewater) (UNSD, 10 min)
- b) ESSAT application for climate change statistics based on Parts I and II of the Global Consultation (UNSD, 10 min)
- c) Discussion (plenary, 15 min)

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

08:40 – 10:00 **Capacity development – bilateral and multilateral assistance**

- a) Capacity development events and activities on climate change statistics (Part I of Global Consultation) (UNSD, 15 min)
- b) Activities led by regional institutions
 - ECLAC, 5 min
 - ESCAP, 5 min
 - ECE, 5 min
 - ESCWA, 5 min
 - CARICOM, 5 min
- c) Discussion (30 min)

Coffee break 15 mins

Session Five: Discussion of Priorities and Conclusions

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