Capacity development in Environment Statistics and Climate Change Statistics

Eighth Meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics

**20 October 2021** 



## **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

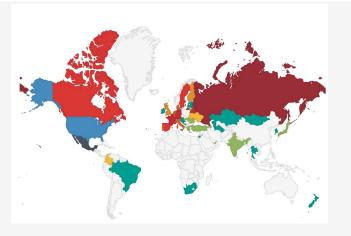
- Capacity development activities are carried out when there are resources and country requests
- Typical partners in the areas of environment statistics and climate change statistics: ESCAP, UNDP, UNEP, UNSD, OECD, EEA
- Support provided by ECE as leading organization or as partner of other organisations:
  - Organisation of national and sub-regional training workshops and advisory missions (e.g. SDG indicators, SEEA, FDES etc.)
  - Organisation of study visits (e.g. study visit of NSO Moldova to Poland on Forest accounts and other SEEA accounts)
  - Translation of manuals, training materials and online courses into Russian (e.g. online SEEA training courses of UNSD)
  - Funding of participation in Expert Meetings
- Main funding
  - UNDA
  - Russian funds: Strengthening statistical capacity of the CIS countries for providing high quality statistics and indicators to monitor progress towards SDGs (2019-2021)
  - 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:

- 9-11 March 2021:
  - SEEA-EA
  - Measuring Circular Economy with SEEA
  - Using SEEA for policies on climate change and sustainable finance
- Next Seminar: 15-16 March 2022



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

- 31 August 3 September:
  - Measuring climate change vulnerability and adaptation
  - Carbon footprint and consumption-based emissions
  - Good practices in producing, disseminating and using climate change-related statistics
- Next Expert Forum: 28-29 September 2022

### Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

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#### • 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
- Meeting 18-19 October 2021:
  - Update on ongoing developments of relevance
  - Review of guidelines for the application of environmental indicators (now structured according to FDES!)
  - Data needs, statistics and indicators on environment and health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Next meeting: 26-27 October 2022





### **EFTA/UNECE Webinars on Climate Change-related** Statistics for EECCA countries (19-20 January 2022)

- Organised in close collaboration with the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic and UNESCAP
- Follows up on a series of webinars held in November and December 2020
- Agenda:

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- 19 January: How to develop a national set of climate change-related indicators, and how to use it in policy making?
- 20 January: Producing climate change-related indicators from the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and other sources
- Target audience: experts from national statistical offices and line ministries in charge of climate change-related issues in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)
- Experts from South-Eastern Europe and the Asia-Pacific region are welcome to attend!



- Structure of the webinars:
  - 3 hours per day
  - English Russian interpretation
  - Will include pre-recorded tutorials and recorded presentations
- Concept note and registration link at <u>https://www.efta.int/Statistics/ClimateChange-relatedStatistics2022</u>

# Thank you!

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