

Capacity development events and activities on climate change statistics



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



Outline

1. Continuous online implementation support
2. Continuous engagement for further development of capacity development materials: ECE, Paris21
3. Work via consultants in:
 - Africa
 - Caribbean SIDS
 - South American countries
4. On-site training being prepared
 - COMESA workshop
 - National mission in Peru
 - ECOWAS
5. Future work
 - Resource mobilization
 - List of donors, project proposal templates
 - Future missions, workshops via DA14



Continuous online implementation support (1)

1. On climate change

- Country demands and needs for capacity development are continuously being compiled in a database by our section, including from the Global Consultation in 2021, country statement for the 53rd session of the Statistical Commission, individual request.
- Implementation support materials (CICAT and implementation guidelines) to be completed and translated:
 - Draft CISAT already translated into French
 - Translation into Spanish when the materials are finalized
 - **We need help with other languages**
- Information sessions were held during the Global Consultation in 2021, https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/ClimateChange_globalconsultation.cshtml, **we will organize more to present the completed implementation support materials.**



Continuous online implementation support (2)

2. On FDES implementation support

- Follows demand by countries, for example Somalia, Uganda

3. On data collection activities

- Questionnaire on Environment Statistics:
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/questionnaire>
- Information session on the Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (2022) :
https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/questionnaire_info_session.cshtml
- Follows demand by countries, for example UAE, Mozambique



Continuous engagement for further work on capacity development materials

1. UNECE Task Force on the Role of NSOs in Achieving National Climate Objectives, UNSD is taking part in:
 - Reporting under the Paris Agreement – Group A
 - Informing and monitoring climate change adaptation policies – Group B
2. Review of the ECE Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators
3. Paris21 initiative on Climate Change Data Ecosystems (CCDE) for better climate action, UNSD is advising on its complementarity and added value
4. COMESA project on Environment and Climate Change Statistics for the African Development Fund Countries
5. Support to ECLAC DA12 project 'Climate Change and Disaster Statistics in the Caribbean'
6. CARICOM applies FDES and the Global Set based materials



Work via consultants and partners

1. Africa (funded by the African Development Bank)
 - COMESA initiated a new capacity development project addressing 37 African countries and key regional entities involved in reporting to UNFCCC
 - The following countries were engaged in CISAT pilot-testing: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Togo, Zimbabwe, etc.
2. Caribbean SIDS (RPTC funded activity)
 - Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname
3. South American countries (RPTC funded activity)
 - Peru



On-site training and capacity development

1. Our training programme includes modules on FDES, Global Set and data collection methods (with introductory materials and exercises), and connections with SDGs, SEEA, MEAs, geospatial statistical guidance;
2. Next scheduled activities are:
 - COMESA Workshop on Environment and Climate Change Statistics for the African Development Fund Countries (Nairobi, Kenya, 28 November – 1 December 2022)
 - National mission and workshop on Environment and Climate Change Statistics in Peru, Lima, 12 - 16 December 2022), with a main objective to initiate the development of a national programme and mobilize resources
3. ECOWAS – UNSD has ongoing collaboration on their regional programme on environment and climate statistics



Questions

1. For countries and (international) agencies: should the two (environment and climate) inventories be combined on training activities on climate and environment statistics, should this be done in a single form? This will help to facilitate international collaboration
2. For countries: what are the most important points on future implementation support?
3. Results from the Global Consultation helped (2) regional commissions to better understand the needs for capacity development based on requests, should this be extended to all UN regional commissions? Should an online service for collecting and disseminating this information continuously be set up to be made **publicly available**?
4. With Paris21 and other partners, should we:
 - develop a list of (potential) donors, such as Green Climate Fund, Global Environment Facility, Others (REDD+, GIZ, Conservation International)
 - Develop project proposal templates based on the outcome of the ESSAT/CISAT applications (previously a reporting template was suggested)



Thank you for your attention!

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