

**Ninth Meeting of the Expert
Group on Environment Statistics
(Virtual)**

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**Climate change statistics development in
COMESA region**

The Relevant Projects

1. The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), under the Statistical Capacity Building Program Phase 5 (SCBV), has embarked on Environment & Climate Change Statistics Statistical Capacity Building Phase 5 budget line under the Statistics Unit.
2. Setting the foundation for the development of Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account and related Blue Economy database.

1. Environment & Climate Change Statistics Statistical Capacity Building

- Funded by the African Development Bank with technical support from UNSD.
- The main objectives:
 - Build or strengthen capacity of the participating countries (over 35 African Countries) to develop (1) environment statistics and (2) climate change statistics and indicators. Workshop for 37 countries being organized from 28 Nov to 1 Dec 2022 in Kenya, with support from UNSD and UNFCCC.
 - Provide Technical Assistance to selected countries (around 4)
 - Assess the status (>~35 countries) of those two statistical areas and equip the countries to make adequate institutional set ups to harness the potential data and information and eventually publish the statistics regularly to meet users demand which is growing.
- Outputs
 - Strengthening national institutions that compile environmental and climate change statistics
 - Enhanced coordination of national institutions involved in the collection of environment and climate change statistics
 - Household and industry survey data collection instruments augmented with “Climate change status and impact related issues”.
 - Publication of national statistical reports on environment statistics and climate change statistics.

2. Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account (BEFSA)

(Links to documents by clicking)

- Supported by the [E€OFISH](#) Programme of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), and funded by the EU.
- Main objective: To enhance equitable economic growth by promoting sustainable fisheries in the EA-SA-IO region.
- Outputs
 - Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account (BEFSA) [Regional Framework](#)
 - Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account (BEFSA) [Manual Part I Ocean Accounts and Blue Economy](#)
 - Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account (BEFSA) [Manual Part II Ocean Accounts and Fisheries](#)
 - Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account (BEFSA) [Technical Paper](#)
 - BEFSA [Validation Workshop](#), Kenya
 - Related Publication: Identification Of [Climate Change Indicators](#) And Equipment Needs For The Marine Research Institutions Of The Region