

# United Nations Statistical Commission

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### Items for discussion and decision: climate change statistics

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Canada welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on climate change statistics and agrees with the importance of developing of climate-relevant statistics on the international level.

We would like to strongly encourage that a series of headline indicators be selected among the current set of 158 indicators. A smaller targeted set of these key climate change indicators could increase global participation, ensure comparability and possibly reduce the resource burden on countries. For this reason, we ask that UNSD undertake more work into consulting and communicating on the proposed Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators tiering system mentioned in the reference report.

We also recommend that the UNSD further collaborate with others in the international community to avoid duplication of efforts and to ensure consistency. For instance, it will be important for UNSD to identify the link between the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators and the CES set of Core Climate Change-Related Indicators and that this be clearly communicated to the international community.

We note that this initiative is aimed at supporting existing country-defined priorities, many of which should be already well-defined in the Paris Agreement and in Parties' existing nationally determined contributions (NDCs). The Paris Agreement establishes a strong framework for climate change reporting aimed at the implementation of the Paris goals and NDCs. Many countries are now building up their capacity to fulfil their Paris obligations. It will be crucial that the development of national statistical programmes and/or list of indicators on this are aligned with the Paris Agreement.

Many countries already face challenges with reporting under the UNFCCC, particularly tracking of GHG emissions. On the subject of capacity-building, the UNFCCC and Global Environmental Facility architecture provide substantial financial and capacity building support to developing countries for reporting, such as through the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency established under the Paris Agreement. Thus any new statistical capacity building initiatives associated with this will need to be well coordinated to take advantage of any synergies and to avoid duplication of efforts.

The global goal on adaptation is also mentioned as a potential application for these indicators, but discussions within the UNFCCC on the global goal on adaptation are ongoing and this set of indicators should not prejudice any outcomes of the UNFCCC negotiations.



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