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NATIONAL STATISTICS AND INFORMATION OFFICE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

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The National Statistics and Information Office (ONEI) from Cuba considers the proposal of the global set of statistics and indicators on climate change pertinent in principle, and that it be promoted by the countries.

In our case, the country has spent some years implementing the State Plan for confronting climate change known as the Life Task and in the current context for the execution of the National Economic and Social Development Plan to 2030, through macroprograms, programs and projects, a Climate Change Project is identified in the Natural Resources and Environment Macroprogram. To achieve the measurement of its objectives, it will be necessary to have a set of indicators and for this reason we will be paying special attention to this framework of indicators.

In a first evaluation, a series of statistics is already available that, without implying an additional compilation could be used.

The Office supports what is stated in the report with respect to the capacity development needs of the countries, the need to develop specialized surveys, the development of metadata, for which it is necessary to strengthen the structures dedicated to the subject. It recognizes the contribution of ECLAC in strengthening the capacities of the countries of the region.

However, the limitations those national statistical offices (NSO) may face when establishing data collection and exchange processes must be taken into account due to the wide range of issues that are directly or indirectly related to climate change and that require specialized multidisciplinary knowledge, as well as the current coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. So another issue to consider is rationality in the construction, production and compilation of statistics and indicators related to climate change due to the wide variety of international organizations linked to the issue of climate change that demand information and that would lead to an unsustainable burden for the countries and in particular for the NSO.

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