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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway welcomes and appreciates the substantial work carried out by UNSD, EGES and UNFCCC in preparing the report and the core set of global climate change statistics and indicators. The overview in the report will provide a useful support for countries in their work to strengthen and further develop a robust set of indicators and statistics to monitor climate-change related parameters. It is particularly useful that the scope of the overview is broad, including a number of topics such as environmental quality and biodiversity, and that the overview provides the link between indicators and the underlying available statistics and metadata description. An update the indicator set in three to five years will ensure that this indicator set will be an up to date and useful tool for countries to use in their work. On indicators and statistics for vulnerability and adaptation: Under point 21 (p.8) in the report it is stated that “The global set of climate change statistics and indicators will support the implementation of the enhanced transparency framework and the global stocktake of the Paris Agreement.”. This can be easily misunderstood to imply that the proposed list of indicators and statistics for vulnerability and adaptation would serve appropriately also the ongoing work on preparations for the global stocktake of the Paris agreement. Though it is specified under paragraph 23 (p. 8) that methodological development is needed for vulnerability and adaptation, we recommend including this element also as precondition when adopting the proposed global set of indicators and statistics. On the workplan for implementation (section V): Norway considers the three priorities for further work reasonable. It is however important to further stress and better integrate in the activities of the workplan that cooperation between NSOs and other national authorities such as national environment agencies is paramount for the further development of climate-change related statistics and indicators. This is even more crucial given that the report and overview here presented has a broad thematic scope. Enhanced cooperation between NSOs and other national authorities in the future work will be necessary to also increase harmonization among the relevant frameworks (CBD, SDG, SEEA) in an efficient way.	
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