



UNECE and UN Environment capacity building mechanisms on Environment Statistics and Environmental-Economic Accounting

1. UN-Development Accounts, Environmental Pillar

- Target countries: Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)
- Main objective: Strengthen capacity to measure and monitor SDG indicators in environment statistics areas. Focus on SDGs 6,7,12,13,14 and 15
- Activities: Country sensitization and initiation workshops, regional workshops, targeted training, advisory missions and other capacity building activities

2. Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

- Target countries: EECCA and South-Eastern Europe
- Main objectives: Assist to a) implement SEIS data methodologies, b) implement SEEA, c) communicate environmental data, d) environmental indicators for SDGs and Green Economy

3. Joint OECD/UNECE Seminars on SEEA Implementation

- Capacity building component, back-to-back training workshops planned

4. Expert Fora on Climate Change-related Statistics

- Capacity building component



Coordination with other initiatives and actors in the region (examples)

1. UNESCAP:

- a) Disaster-related Statistics
- b) Capacity building on Environment Statistics and SEEA

2. World Bank:

- a) WAVES (Natural Capital Accounting, e.g. in Kyrgyzstan)
- b) Projects to strengthen the capacity of National Statistical Systems (e.g. KAZSTAT, TAJSTAT)

3. UNDP:

- a) UNDP/UN Environment Poverty-Environment Initiative
- b) UNDP MAPS missions and reports (e.g. Kazakhstan, Tajikistan)

4. European Environment Agency: ENI-SEIS II (2016-2020)

5. OECD: Green Economy and SEEA implementation

6. UN Environment:

- a) EU-funded SEIS Capacity Building project in Central Asia
- b) GEF-funded CCCD project in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- c) Technical support to Montenegro and Serbia on testing of IRIS tool



Main Activities in 2017

Regional training on SEEA (probably late 2017 / early 2018)

- Blended learning module of UNSD
- E-learning, webinars, workshop
- Material currently being translated into Russian

Joint UNECE/UN Environment National Training Workshop on Environment Statistics & SDGs in Astana (Kazakhstan) 25-28 April 2017

- Basic training on UN-FDES and SEEA
- Focus on waste and water
- Identification of further capacity building needs (action plan)

1-2 further country missions

- Initiation workshops to assess country needs and develop action plans

Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

- 13th Session: 29-30 June 2017
- 14th Session: planned for October 2017



Planned activities for 2018 - 2019

Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on SEEA Implementation

- Planned for March 2018 with a back-to-back training workshop
- Another seminar is foreseen to be held in 2019

Expert Forum on Climate Change-related Statistics

- 1 meeting per year

Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

- 2 meetings per year

Targeted country missions and regional activities under joint UNECE/UN Environment project (UNDA 10th tranche)

- As identified via country sensitization workshops

Targeted country missions + collection of lessons learned

- on sharing and using environmental data in reporting and assessment processes (under EU-funded SEIS Capacity Building project in Central Asia)



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1. Well coordinated approach for capacity building leveraging expertise, resources, and access to joint networks and national focal points
2. Activities based on concrete requests from countries
3. Good country examples which could be applied also in other countries (e.g. training on environment statistics in Kazakhstan)
4. Receivers of assistance gradually becoming deliverers of assistance (e.g. providing technical support in neighboring countries)
5. Concrete capacity building needs should be reported to: michael.nagy@unece.org & tomas.marques@unep.org

