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# Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

## **WGEMA Vision Document and the road ahead...**

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# Eighteenth session of the WGEMA

## Creating a Vision for the Working Group

- Why the need for a Vision Document and Roadmap?
  - Presenting results
  - Country presentations
  - Round table discussion
  - Next steps



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Engaged the WGEMA in a systematic attempt to build a vision for the Working Group.

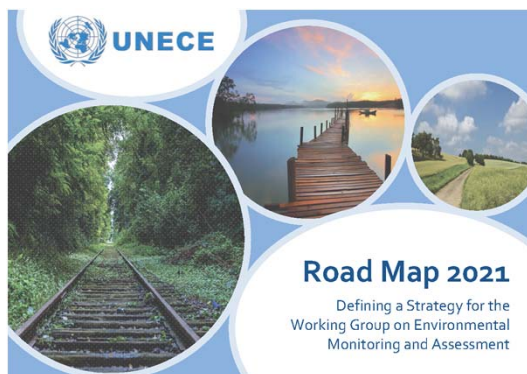


- Anticipate and manage change.
- Establish a participatory approach.
- Develop an effective strategy.

# WGEMA Vision Document and the road ahead...



**Sharing our Vision for 2030:**  
Setting strategic goals and objectives for the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA)



**Roadmap 2021:** Defining a strategy for the Working Group

# WGEMA Vision Document and the road ahead...

## Setting the stage for a renewed mandate for the WGEMA

- Cross-cutting goals and objectives
- Sustainable Development Goals and the Green Economy
- Reporting and Assessment
- Environmental Statistics

## Next steps...

- Presenting the ToR to the CEP.
- Regional network of networks to constitute the pan-European knowledge group to generate the pan-European assessment.
- Invite the WGEMA and JTF to a consultative process to consider how a network-or-network could be operationalised.
- Workshop to be held during the nineteenth session of the WGEMA in June 2017.

# Next steps...



## newsletter

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### Eighteenth Session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

The Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) opened its Eighteenth Session on Tuesday, 28 June 2016, in Palais des Nations in Geneva. The session started with a presentation by the Secretariat on outcomes from the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, in particular, noting the successful launch of the progress report on establishing a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) in support of regular reporting and the Sixth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6) for the pan-European Region (see below for more details). In the afternoon of the first day, interactive round-table discussions took place to address the need for a clear vision and road map for the Working Group. The purpose of the discussions was to jointly develop a vision and road map to define how WGEMA can contribute more effectively to enhancing environmental monitoring and assessment in the pan-European region, leading up to 2021. The results from these discussions will be shared with the Working Group in the coming weeks. Further, during the first day, representatives from Tajikistan and the Russian Federation presented ongoing work related to environmental monitoring and assessment.



During the second day, the continued review of SEIS establishment was discussed, more specifically, the session addressed how SEIS progress reporting could be improved. It was agreed that the annual SEIS progress reporting would need to be revisited, with the intent to integrate quality considerations as part of the assessment. It was also agreed that, following a presentation by a representative from Austria, the updated methodological approach would be piloted using air-quality indicators as part of developing the SEIS reporting application through UNEP live.

#### Content

- Eighteenth Session of the Working Group
- Eight Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference
- GEO-6 Assessment for the Pan-European Region
- The progress of OECD on developing Green Growth Indicators
- The European Union is funding a new phase of SEIS cooperation between the EEA and Eastern neighbours
- Strengthening capacity for an environmental information management and monitoring system in Tajikistan
- Second Subregional Workshop on the Protocol on PRTR
- Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on the Implementation of SEA
- Appointment of the Director of the Forests, Land and Housing Division
- CCCD Sub-Regional Workshop for Central Asian, Balkan and Caucasus countries
- Upcoming Events

The Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) was established in 2000 by the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) to serve as an instrument for UNECE Member States, to provide recommendations, propose action plans, and improve coordination of international initiatives concerned with environmental monitoring, assessment and reporting.

For more information on the areas of work of WGEMA visit:  
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Next issue will be finalised in mid-December.

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