



**Sixteenth session**  
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## Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

Agenda Item 3: Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the fifteenth session of the Joint Task Force.

### Key outcomes of the 15<sup>th</sup> session of Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators



- Decisions and recommendations of 15<sup>th</sup> session of Joint Task Force
- Status of implementation of decisions and recommendations
- Comments and questions

## Issues considered during the 15th session of the Joint Task Force:

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- SEIS mid-term review and the SEIS assessment framework
- ECE Statistical Database
- National platforms for reporting on SDGs
- Amendments to ECE Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators
- Draft report of CES Task Force on Waste Statistics
- UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics

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## Decisions and recommendations of the 15th session of the JTF

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#### ***Progress in establishing a Shared Environmental Information System to support a regular process of environmental assessment***

- Joint Task Force requested secretariat to share a draft of forthcoming ECE publication on SEIS for commenting prior to its publication
- Joint Task Force requested secretariat to make relevant environmental information available in the database of ECE Statistical Division
- Secretariat should explore how SEIS could be considered in the recommendations for establishment of national reporting platforms for Sustainable Development Goals.

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***Amendment of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators***

- Joint Task Force requested secretariat to address comments made when amending the guidelines and report on progress made at next meeting.

***Progress of the Task Force on Waste Statistics***

- Joint Task Force recommended specifically the consideration of mineral wastes in further work of international organizations related to waste statistics.

***Ongoing and planned capacity-development activities***

- Joint Task Force suggested that national capacity-building activities should consider involvement of Aarhus Centres.

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***Training session on the status of production, sharing and use of the regional set of environmental indicators and environmental statistics***

- Joint Task Force requested secretariat to draft a workplan for review of the *ECE Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators* and invite experts from Joint Task Force and other expert communities to participate in the review. Progress should be reported at next meeting of Joint Task Force
- Joint Task Force also requested secretariat to continue to review the SEIS assessment framework
- Joint Task Force further agreed that the online reporting tool would be piloted again once the SEIS assessment framework had been revised. Progress should be reported at next meeting of Joint Task Force.

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## Decisions and recommendations of the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Working Group

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#### ***21<sup>st</sup> session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment***

- Finalization of the SEIS assessment framework:
  - The secretariat would prepare a draft outline of the final review of progress, to be considered by the Joint Task Force at its sixteenth session.
- Working Group requested UNEP, in close coordination with secretariat, to finalize the online reporting tool in time for sixteenth session of Joint Task Force.
- Working Group agreed to stop using the environmental indicator production templates once revision of the guidelines had been completed and proposed that Joint Task Force discuss process of phasing out use of production templates during its next session.

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## Questions & Comments

## Thank you!

