

Update on the work of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics

**relevant for building capacity for regular production and sharing of
environment statistics in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus
and Central Asia**

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Environment Statistics Section

What is the Expert Group on Environment Statistics (EGES)?

- Following the UN Statistical Commission's endorsement of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (44th session, 2013), the EGES has met six times annually since 2014.
- UN Statistics Division serves as Secretariat; a UN member state colleague serves as chair; typically about 35 attendants for three full days.
- Objectives:
 1. Standardization of methods, classifications and definitions in environment statistics.
 2. Discussion of data collection, processing and dissemination of environment statistics, in particular water and waste statistics, as well as supporting work on environmentally-related SDG indicators.
 3. Technical cooperation, training and capacity development in environment statistics.
 4. Coordination and harmonization of environment statistics and indicator programmes and activities.

Source: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/fdes/fdes_eges.cshtml

EGES conclusions of interest to the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

- Addendum to be made to the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013) prior to any comprehensive revision.
- Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics is continuing to grow; experts continue to provide contributions

 MS 1.1.4 Soils **new**

 MS 1.2.2 Ecosystems and Biodiversity Statistics

 MS 1.2.1 & 2.3.1 Land Cover and Land Use

 MS 1.2.3, 2.3.2, 2.5.1 & 2.5.5 Forests

 MS 1.3.1 Air Quality **new**

 MS 2.1 Mineral Resources

 MS 2.2 Energy Resources

 MS 2.5 Crops and Livestock Statistics

 MS 2.6 Water Resources

 MS 3.3.1 & 3.3.2 Generation and Management of Waste **new**

 MS 5.1 Human Settlements

 MS 6.1.1 Environmental Protection Expenditures

Source: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/fdes/manual_bses.cshtml

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- Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool and National Action Plan are being tested by countries

A. Identification of institutions

A1. Name and title of person and institution responsible for the completion of the ESSAT

Name	
Position	
Institution	
Email	
Website	
Phone	

B. Existing national policies relevant to the environment

B1. Are there specific environmentally-relevant policies or strategies in place, such as on environmental protection/sustainability, sustainable development (national sustainable development strategy), green economy/green growth, climate change etc.?

A. Идентификация учреждений

A1. Имя и должность лица и учреждение, ответственное за заполнение ИССОС

Имя	
Должность	
Учреждение	
Эл.почта	
Интернет-сайт	
Телефон	
Город	

В. Существующие направления национальной политики, относящиеся к окружающей среде

В1. Существуют ли в стране конкретные направления политики или стратегии, относящиеся к окружающей среде, например, по охране окружающей среды/экологичности, устойчивому развитию (национальная стратегия устойчивого развития), зеленой экономике/зеленому росту, изменению климата и т.д.?

Source: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/fdes/essat.cshtml>

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- Encouragement of coordination of data collections by international and regional agencies particularly with collections for SDG reporting.
- UNSD to update an inventory of data collection activities to collectively construct a synthesis of environment statistics data collection processes at the international level. (to be reported to the UN Statistical Commission, March 2020); partners are being encouraged to contribute.
- Countries may consider applying the e-waste tool provided by United Nations University.

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- On water statistics: UNSD and Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) sharing focal points of their data collections to minimize respondent burden.
- UNSD, FAO, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and Eurostat compiling a correspondence table comparing like terms among questionnaires.
- UNSD, FAO, OECD, Eurostat working toward harmonized data collections while working toward an integrated questionnaire.
- Countries informing UNSD of how inter-institutional stakeholder meetings (at the national level) are being used to coordinate compilation of environment statistics.

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- EGES colleagues noted that based on the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework there will be increased demands for information to National Statistical Offices (NSOs) from national climate change reporting institutions.
- Reemphasized that data used for reporting under the climate change process (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) should come mostly from official sources (NSOs).
- UNSD to show more global climate change statistics and indicators (e.g. CO₂ trends) via its website.
- UNSD and UNFCCC will continue to undertake joint initiatives to develop climate change statistics and indicators, as well as collaborate on capacity development with support from other partners.

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- A global consultation (on climate change statistics and indicators) will take place in 2020 in preparation for the Report of the Secretary-General to the the UN Statistical Commission, March, 2021. A pilot testing will take place in 2019 prior to the global consultation.
- Given limited resources and in the interest of improving coordination of capacity development efforts, UNSD will develop an inventory of capacity development activities by agencies. It will be submitted to the Statistical Commission in 2020 as part of the Background Report on Environment statistics to the Report of the Secretary-General on Environment Statistics.
- Countries that also provide bilateral assistance will also be asked about their current and planned activities which will be shared.

Thank you

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