

UNECE Expert Forum for producers and users of climate change-related statistics

3-4 October 2019

Palais des Nations, conference room XI, Geneva, Switzerland

Note:

Some sessions will use a webtool for interaction with the audience. Participants are encouraged to bring with them one mobile device (e.g. laptop, tablet or cell phone) with internet connection. Free WIFI is available in the meeting room. Discussion time is planned after each presentation and, as indicated in the programme, as general discussion at the end of the substantive sessions.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 3 October 2019	
9:30 – 10:40	Session 1: Opening and setting the scene Chair: Olivier Thunus, Statistics Luxembourg, UNECE Steering Group Chair
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome and opening (Chair and UNECE Secretariat)
9:45 - 9:55	Adoption of the agenda and other practical information (Olivier Thunus, Statistics Luxembourg and Michael Nagy, UNECE)
9:55 - 10:20	Keynote speech: Impacts of climate change on biodiversity (Carlo Rondinini, Sapienza University of Rome)
10:20 – 10:40	Paris Agreement reporting requirements: outcomes from COP24 and outlook to COP25 (Livia Hollins and Lornaliza Kogler, UNFCCC)
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00 - 17:30	Session 2: Measuring climate change adaptation and hazardous events and disasters Session Chairs: Giovanna Tagliacozzo, National Institute of Statistics of Italy (ISTAT), and Rayen Quiroga, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
11:00 - 11:10	Introduction to the session (Session Chairs)
11:10 - 11:30	CES Recommendations on Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters and recommended follow-up work (Angela Ferruzza, ISTAT)
11:30 - 11:50	Operationalizing the Disaster-Related Statistics Framework: From concept to production (Gemma Van Halderen, Director of the Statistics Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP))
11:50 - 12:10	Review of the hazard terminology and classification (Virginia Murray, Public Health England)
12:10 - 12:30	Update on work of the European Environment Agency (EEA) on adaptation and monitoring, reporting and evaluation (MRE) indicators (Sergio Castellari, EEA)

12:30 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 14:50	German Monitoring System and Indicators on Climate Impacts and Adaptation (Petra van R�uth, German Environment Agency UBA)
14:50 - 15:10	Climate Change Adaption: Statistical Challenges (Arthur Denneman, Statistics Netherlands)
15:10 - 15:30	Disaster indicators and geospatial sources in Mexico (Jesarela L�pez and Francisco Jim�nez, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) Mexico, video connection)
15:30 - 15:50	Coffee/tea break
15:50 - 16:50	Panel discussion, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy information requirements • Choice of indicators • Use of new data sources (big data, geospatial information etc.) • Need for statistical operationalisation Panellists: Petra van R�uth (Environment Agency Germany), Arthur Denneman (Statistics Netherlands), Sergio Castellari (European Environment Agency), Subhra Bhattacharjee (UNDRR)
16:50 – 17:25	General discussion and feedback from panellists
17:25 – 17:30	Closing of the session

Friday, 4 October 2019	
09:30 – 12:30	Session 3: Set of climate change-related indicators Session Chair: Angelica Tudini, National Institute of Statistics of Italy (ISTAT), Task Force Chair
9:30 – 9:35	Introduction to the session (Session Chair)
9:35 – 9:55	Report on the status of work of the <i>Task Force on a Set of Core Climate Change-related Statistics and Indicators</i> and open questions (Olivier Thunus, Statistics Luxembourg, Task Force Vice-Chair)
9:55 – 10:15	Climate change-related indicators and System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden, video connection)
10:15 – 10:35	Draft guidelines for implementation of the set of indicators (Task Force member)
10:35 – 10:50	ECLAC set of indicators on climate change and disasters (Rayen Quiroga, ECLAC)
10:50 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break
11:10 - 12:00	Panel discussion, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with national, regional and global sets of climate change-related indicators • Use of new data sources (big data, geospatial information etc.) • Use of indicators in climate action • Recommendations for implementation of climate change-related indicators

	Panellists: Baktygul Ysabekova (National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic), Olivier Thunus (Statistics Luxembourg), Rayen Quiroga (ECLAC), Reena Shah (UNSD)
12:00 - 12:25	General discussion and feedback from panellists
12:25 – 12:30	Closing of the session (Session Chair)
12:30 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 16:30	Session 4: Role of the statistical community in climate action Session Chairs: Maaïke Bouwmeester, Eurostat, and Vlad Trusca, UNFCCC
14:30 - 14:35	Introduction to the session (Session Chairs)
14:35 – 14:55	Official statistics for climate change-related information requirements (Vlad Trusca, UNFCCC)
14:55 – 15:55	Panel discussion, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of NSOs in the implementation of the Paris Agreement • Establishing partnerships between policy makers, statisticians and scientists in the area of climate change • Strengthening the role of official statistics in climate action Panellists: Benoit Bourges (French Ministry of Environment), Gemma Van Halderen (ESCAP), Vlad Trusca (UNFCCC), Rob Smith (Midsummer Analytics)
15:55 - 16:25	General discussion and feedback from panellists
16:25 - 16:30	Closing of the session (Session Chairs)
16:30 - 16:45	Coffee/tea break
16:45 - 17:30	Session 5: Conclusions and recommendations Chair: Olivier Thunus, Statistics Luxembourg, UNECE Steering Group Chair
16:45 - 17:10	Conclusions and recommendations of each session (Session Chairs)
17:10 – 17:20	Adoption of the decisions
17:20 - 17:30	Next steps and closing of the Expert Forum (Chair and UNECE Secretariat)