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Meeting room: Salle XVII

Provisional Programme

Monday, 26 October 2020	
09:30 – 09:40	Agenda item 1: Opening, and adoption of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening statements- Adoption of the Agenda (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2020/1)
09:40 – 09:50	Agenda item 2. Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the sixteenth session of the Joint Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the outcomes of the sixteenth session and status of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, Christine Kitzler, UNECE- Adoption of the report of the sixteenth session (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2019/2).
09:50 – 10:50	Agenda item 5. Data needs, statistics and indicators on environment and health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (moved to the morning because of availability of speakers) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) statistics relevant to COVID-19, WHO, Dr Richard Johnston- COVID-19 & the benefits of contact with nature for mental health: Early findings, Mathew White, University of Vienna- Experience from member States in producing and sharing information, data and statistics on COVID-19 and their use for policymaking:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Country presentations: Mr. Gerry Brady, Statistics Ireland, Mr. Mike Ackermans, Statistics Netherlands, Ms. Nassiba Baimatova, Kazakh National University- Overview of National Statistical Office responses to novel requests to inform policymaking during the COVID-19 pandemic, UNECE Statistical Division- Discussion and conclusions
10:50 – 11:30	Agenda item 4. Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the completed parts of the Revised Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators, Michael Nagy, UNECE<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Introduction to the work and revised structure of the guidelines and indicator metadatao Presentation of selected, illustrative indicators- Updates on ongoing and forthcoming activities related to the review of remaining indicators, Michael Nagy, UNECE- Questions and answers

11:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:20	<p>Continuation of Agenda item 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Joint Task Force will be invited to discuss in a panel discussion the revised guidelines and review process including for the remaining indicators <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ševala Korajčević (Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina) - Natalia Shashlova (Federal State Statistics Service (ROSSTAT)) - Oleh Prokopenko (State Statistics Service of Ukraine) - Ekaterina Poleshchuk (National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conclusions
14:20 – 15:00	<p>Agenda item 3. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the main outcomes of the Fifth Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on Implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (Geneva, 13 and 14 February 2020), Michael Nagy, UNECE - Report on the outcomes from the Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Climate Change-related Statistics (28 September - 1 October 2020, virtual), Malgorzata Cwiek, UNECE - Main outcomes of activities of other related expert groups, such as the Task Force on Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters, and the Conference of European Statisticians, with its in-depth review of measuring circular economy, Michael Nagy, UNECE - Update on related work of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire 2020 on Environment Statistics, work on climate change statistics, etc.), Xuan Che, UNSD - Updates from UNECE/UNEP joint capacity development activities and projects, Tomas Marques, UNEP, Michael Nagy & Christine Kitzler, UNECE - Other capacity development activities, tbc <p>Questions & answers</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Agenda items 6 and 7: Other business and closure of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Other business <i>Member States and partners are invited to inform the Secretariat of any other business prior to the meeting</i> - Adoption of decisions and recommendations