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Webinar 3

“Waste Management Indicators and Policies”

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Joint UNECE-UNEP project on SEIS, environmental indicators & SDGs

'Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus'

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Ministry of National Economy Republic of Kazakhstan Committee on Statistics

MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS UNDER THE SDGs

UNEP environmental indicators vs UNECE environmental indicators

Gap analysis and actions needed to address them

Indicator	UNEP	UNEP/UNECE	UNECE
1.1.1	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.2	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.3	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.4	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.5	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.6	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.7	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.8	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.9	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.10	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.11	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.12	Yes	Yes	Yes
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1.1.14	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.15	Yes	Yes	Yes
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1.1.45	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.46	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.47	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.48	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.49	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.1.50	Yes	Yes	Yes

INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING SYSTEM 2019

SEIS

Why this is a good idea?

Strategic Framework

Environmental data to Support the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

Project led by UNECE and implemented together with UNEP - "WHAT IS IT ABOUT?"

Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) implementation - "WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?"

Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) in Kazakhstan - "WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?"

SEIS INDICATORS AND UNEP ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

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Gap Analysis on Reporting Environmental SDGs by Georgia

Main Challenges

- There is no official "nationalization" matrix for SDGs by the Government of Georgia
- SDGs, its targets and indicators are not adequately integrated in strategic environmental planning documents of Georgia
- Links between SDG targets are not identified adequately
- Not all environmental SDGs and its targets are nationalized by MEPA
- Baseline and target data are not identified for all nationalized indicators of MEPA
- No reporting or monitoring system is in place to disseminate information on SDGs implementation
- Insufficient financial, technical and human resources

Relevant Planned Actions

- Approval of official "nationalization" matrix for SDGs by the Government of Georgia
- Further integration of environmental SDGs in Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Strategic documents by MEPA
- Analysis of interlinkages between SDG targets is in the process
- Nationalization of further environmental SDGs and its targets by MEPA (esp. SDG6)
- Gradual definition of baseline and target data for all nationalized indicators of MEPA
- Launching of SDG Monitoring System (SDGMS) and SDG Toolkit by the Government of Georgia
- Capacity building of MEPA and GEOSTAT staff in cooperation with FAO and other int. organizations

Regional Conference on Environmental Data Geneva, Switzerland 8 May 2019

Improving environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in the Republic of Armenia

Nationalization of Agenda 2030

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA EXCHANGE AND INFORMATION FLOWS

Progress towards the expected results

Publication

GAP ANALYSIS

Self-assessment related to congruence of the definitions of indicators (preliminary)

Challenges

- Lack of methodology
- Lack of data and data sources
- Lack of disaggregation level
- Lack of representative expert panels
- Lack of institutional infrastructure

Roadmap on SDGs statistics

Publication

Weekly first session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Regional Conference on Environmental Data, 8 May 2019, Geneva, Switzerland



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Target countries



Duration

January 2018-
December
2021

Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia and Tajikistan

Main objectives

- To **strengthen capacities** of national environmental authorities and statistical agencies to collect, **produce data in accordance with SEIS**
- To improve accessibility and use of regularly updated and high-quality environmental indicators, within the framework of SEIS, to respond to international indicator-based reporting obligations, **including monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals**
- To **strengthen capacities** of target countries in producing environment- and health-related indicators and their use for **decision-making on environment and health topics**

Status of implementation - completed

- Development of 7 **gap analysis reviews** (1 per target country) on SEIS establishment, environmental data & information to cover the production of regional/international environmental indicators – **completed**
- Development of **national workplans or roadmaps** to enhance national SEIS establishment – **drafts available**
- 1 regional capacity development workshop – **organized in May 2019**
- 1st webinar on SDG 3 (16 December 2020) – **organized in December 2020**

Amendments to project due to COVID-19

- Strengthening of **environment and health aspects** (incl. through training material) during the capacity development activities
- **5 regional/sub-regional webinars instead** of 7 national training & capacity development sessions (1 per target country) on production of regionally & internationally agreed environmental data flows & indicators
- Development of an **e-learning course** on monitoring, production of environmental & health-related data & indicators & SDGs
- Development of a **SDGs/SEIS knowledge sharing platform**





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Other activities – to be confirmed or changed depending on COVID-19 situation in 2021

- Advisory missions by UNEP and UNECE to support in regular environmental monitoring and assessment as part of preparing national roadmaps to monitor SDGs – [depending on situation related to COVID-19](#)
- **7 national capacity-development workshops** (1 per target country) to improve the institutional knowledge base for data collection standards and the use of monitoring and assessment tools for regular indicator-based assessments to measure progress towards the environment-related SDGs – [instead maybe additional webinars](#)
- **1 regional capacity-development workshop** with participation of all 7 target countries – [back-to-back to next JTF meeting?](#)
- Development of **guidelines** on addressing specific human and institutional capacity needs
- Assessment of COVID-19 impacts on the state of the environment in the target countries
- Review of UNECE environment and health related indicators



Next steps and planned activities in the coming months

- 4 regional capacity development webinars

24 February 2021	Capacity building Webinar #2 on SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (7.2 and 7.3)
10 March 2021	Capacity building Webinar #3 on SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (12.2, 12.4 and 12.5) + 11.6.1 (municipal waste)
21 April 2021, tbc	Capacity building Webinar #4 on SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (6.1–6.4 and 6.6)
26 May 2021, tbc	Capacity building Webinar #5 on SDG 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (15.1, 15.4, 15.5)

- Development of training material incl. on environment & health aspects (2021)
- Developing a self-paced online course based on webinar materials (1st half 2021)
- Development of the knowledge sharing platform (2021)



Thank you!

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