

Outcomes of the

☐ **1st Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics**

and

☐ **The Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on SEEA Implementation**

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Objectives, Target Audience, Organisers and Format

Objective: Set-up a series of annual Expert Fora to:

- Support the establishment of a community of practice of producers and users of disaster-related statistics
- Provide a platform for exchange of experience and knowledge
- Inform about normative work of international expert groups
- Identify important areas of work – possible research agenda

Audience: Experts from NSOs, DRAs, International Organisations, Academia, NGOs

Organisers:

- Members of the UNECE Task Force on Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters (established by CES)
- + Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics (IAEG, established by UNSC)

Format:

- Online meeting with repeating sessions each day to accommodate different time zones
- Sessions included moderated panel discussions and interaction with participants

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Session 1 (7 June) – Disaster Risk Reduction: The Role of Official Statistics

- Opening by Directors of all 5 UN Regional Commissions, Director of UNSD and the Chief of UNDRR Risk Knowledge, Monitoring and Capacity-Development Branch
- Keynote Speaker Amb. Wayne McCook (former Chair of OIEWG on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction)
- Presentation of normative work: CES Recommendations, DRSF, Hazard Classification and Terminology
- Panels with experts from Central America, Colombia, Indonesia, Ireland, Mongolia, Netherlands, Turkey, UK, UNDRR

Session 2 (8 June) – Managing Health and Climate Change-related Hazards with Official Statistics

- Presentations and panels: Arab Region, Austria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Suriname, UK, USA, WHO, WMO

Session 3 (10 June) – The Geospatial Dimension

- Activities of international expert groups: UN-GGIM, GEO
- Presentations and panels: Colombia, Ireland, Jamaica, Lebanon, Philippines, Spain, GEO, UNSD, World Bank

Session 4 (10 June) – Informing Disaster Risk Reduction Policy with Official Statistics: Need for Action

- Wrap-up previous sessions, identify areas of research and priority topics to be addressed by IAEG

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Main outcomes of the Expert Forum

- More than 300 participants were connected
- A global community of practice has been established
- There is a need to match DRM information demand with available official statistics
- DRM experts often are not aware of the benefits of using official statistics, and official statistics often is not fit for purpose
- Most important areas of work:
 - Maintain a community of practice (statisticians, DRM experts, researchers, NGOs)
 - Establish needed partnerships on national level
 - Improve quality of key statistics (demographic, social, business etc.), in particular timeliness of data
 - Develop methods to fill data gaps
 - Review existing statistical classifications
- Next Expert Forum will be hosted by ESCWA in Beirut in 2022
- Presentations and recordings are available at <https://unece.org/info/events/event/354927>

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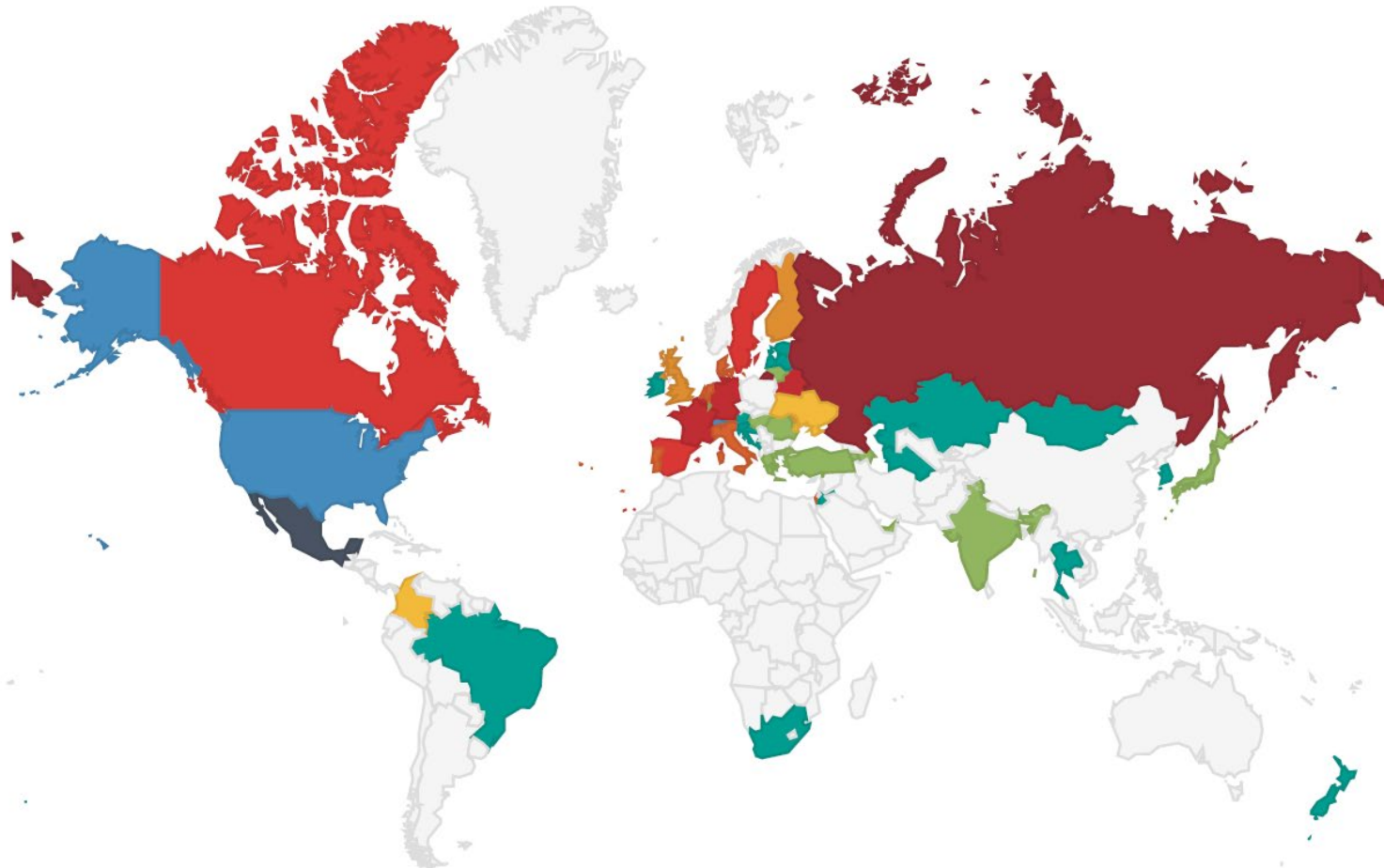


- Format: Online
- Sessions:
 1. Opening and introduction
 2. SEEA Ecosystem Accounts (SEEA-EA) and its relevance in policy and decision making
 3. Measuring circular economy with SEEA, and the role of waste accounts
 4. Using SEEA for policies on climate change and sustainable finance
 5. Conclusions and recommendations

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170-180 participants connected each day.



Map: countries connected on 10 March

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Session 4 - Using SEEA for policies on climate change and sustainable finance

Presentations (discussion facilitated by Viveka Palm, Eurostat):

- **Luxembourg** (Olivier Thunus, Statistics Luxembourg): national set of SEEA-based CC-related indicators to inform important policy questions (e.g. impact of CO2 taxes)
- **Mexico** (Luis Miguel Galindo Paliza, UNAM): monetary evaluation of carbon storage and sequestration
- **New Zealand** (Adam Tipper, Statistics NZ): Produces quarterly GHG emissions reports to show the connection between environmental and economic development

Panel discussion (moderated by Greg Peterson, Statistics Canada):

- **IMF** (James Tebrake): Climate Change Indicators Dashboard
- **Central Bank of the Netherlands** (Fabienne Fortanier): Risks for the financial sector; risks and financial implications of the move to a low-carbon economy
- **Ambuja Cement India** (Sanjay Singh): Pilot project on Natural Capital Accounting of ecosystem services.

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Session 4 - Using SEEA for policies on climate change and sustainable finance - main conclusions:

- Many good national case studies how **SEEA can meet policy information needs** in the area of CC
- SEEA provides the right framework - **business community and central bankers often need data in higher granularity**
- SEEA-based CC statistics and indicators allow for **analytics and integration with other statistics** on economy and social factors
- **Users are often not aware** of the benefits that SEEA can bring for policymaking and managing CC
- **Particularly useful when** developing indicators on CC and the financial sector are:
 - Indicators on energy use, efficiency and emissions available at a detailed ISIC level
 - Production of indicators on the energy use and efficiency of residential and commercial real estate
- It could be beneficial to:
 - **Increase the frequency and timeliness** of key SEEA outputs
 - **Improve coverage** – especially among developing economies
 - Develop and elaborate a **“sustainable finance” conceptual and methodological framework** coherent with the SEEA-CF and SNA.

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Next SEEA Seminar (title probably to be changed to “Expert Meeting”) will be held 15-16 March 2022



Thank you very much for your attention!

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