

Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the report of the Eighteenth Session

Key outcomes & adoption of the report of the 18th session of the Joint Task Force

Nineteenth session

3 – 4 November 2022

Palais des Nations, Geneva





- Issues considered during the 18th session of the Joint Task Force
- Decisions and recommendations of the 18th JTF session & status of implementation
- Comments and questions

Issues considered during the 18th session of the Joint Task Force



- Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the seventeenth session of the Joint Task Force (Geneva, 26 October 2020)
- Implementing the mandate and terms of reference
- Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force
- Review of the guidelines for the application of Environmental Indicators
- Data needs, statistics and indicators on environment and health in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

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I. Introduction and organizational matters – no decisions

II. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs

- Joint Task Force elected for a period of two years Ms. Korajčević as its Chair and Ms. Klevakina and Mr. Prokopenko as its Vice-Chairs

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- Joint Task Force adopted the agenda for its 18th session, as set out in document ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/1

IV. Adoption of the report of the seventeenth session

- Joint Task Force adopted the report of its 17th session and took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of its 17th session

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V. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference

- Joint Task endorsed the extension of its mandate and terms of reference until mid-2023 (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/3)
- Joint Task Force requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy of the Joint Task Force's wish to extend its current mandate and terms of reference until mid-2023 – [done](#)
- Joint Task Force decided to consider further whether it might best be converted into a standing body on environmental statistics and indicators, open to all ECE member States – [see agenda item 3](#)

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VI. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the JTF

- Joint Task Force welcomed the draft elements of the next pan-European environmental assessment set out in documents ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/5–8
- Joint Task Force took note of the progress made, timeline and next steps for the finalization of the assessment – [published](#)
- Joint Task Force agreed to provide further feedback by 30 November 2021 on the draft elements of the seventh pan-European environmental assessment set out in documents ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/5–8 – [done](#)
- Joint Task Force welcomed the presentations of thematic sections of the assessment by the authors
- Joint Task Force requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy and its Bureau of the outcomes of the agenda item – [done](#)

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VI. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued)

- Joint Task Force thanked the presenters for sharing their experience in implementing and sharing environmental statistics and indicators at the national and international levels, and encouraged its members to share that information further among national stakeholders – **ongoing**
- Joint Task Force took note of the progress made on developing training materials and agreed to provide further feedback by 30 November 2021 on their structure – **done**
- Joint Task Force took note of the information and recommendations presented in the nexus report entitled *Measuring and Monitoring Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals* and encouraged its members to review and possibly apply the recommendations of the report nationally – **done**

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VII. Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators

- Joint Task Force welcomed the progress made towards reviewing and finalizing the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators
- Joint Task Force pre-approved the finalized parts of the Guidelines and the proposed list of priority indicators, with final approval following after 21 days of silence procedure and taking into account comments received from members of the Joint Task Force – [done](#)
- Joint Task Force agreed that relevant indicators (e.g. those needed for the pan-European environmental assessment) might be added at a later stage, after consultation with the Joint Task Force – [see agenda item 5](#)

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VII. Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators

- Joint Task Force took note of the ongoing work to update and finalize the remaining parts of the Guidelines
- Joint Task Force decided that it would follow a silence procedure for lists of indicators – [done](#)
- Joint Task Force agreed that metadata would be completed in the English and Russian languages for all the approved indicators and provided to its members under a silence procedure – [ongoing](#)

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VIII. Ongoing and planned capacity development activities

- Joint Task Force took note of the information provided on ongoing developments with relevance for its work and invited its members and representatives of international organizations and other initiatives and projects to provide it with regular updates on recent developments in the implementation of their activities – [see agenda item 6](#)

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IX. Data needs, statistics and indicators on environment and health in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

- Joint Task Force welcomed the work of the secretariat and took note of the information provided on data needs, statistics and indicators on environment and health in response to the pandemic related to the activities of the Joint Task Force
- Joint Task Force thanked presenters for sharing their knowledge and experience in that field
- Joint Task Force invited its members, international organizations and partners to provide it with regular updates on recent developments related to environment and health statistics, indicators and data – [see agenda item 7](#)

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X. and XI. Other business and closure of the meeting

- Joint Task Force decided that the next session of the Joint Task Force to be held in Geneva on 3 and 4 November 2022
- Joint Task Force adopted the decisions taken during the session

Thank you for your attention!



Proposed Decision



Proposed Decision:

The Joint Task Force

- Takes note of the information provided by the secretariat on the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the 18th session of the Joint Task Force.
- Adopts the report of the 18th session of the Joint Task Force (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/2).