Climate change-related statistics
Report on the work of the Steering Group

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Main activities of Steering Group

Questionnaire 2023 results

Past and future; renewed mandate for Steering Group
CES Steering Group on Climate Change-Related Statistics

Active Members (± 15)

- National statistical offices: Netherlands (Chair 2021-2023), Luxembourg (Chair 2018-2020), Norway (Chair 2015-2017), Canada, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, …
- International organizations: UNECE, UNFCCC, ECLAC, FAO, IEA, EEA, Eurostat, OECD, …
- Other (like academia/experts): Midsummer Analytics, …

Main activities

- Guiding climate change-related statistics activities under Conference of European Statisticians
- Improving coherence between GHG inventories and official statistics (including Paris Agreement)
- Sharing good practices, overseeing methodological work, and identifying areas for further work
- Organizing annual Expert Fora (and webinars) and making proposals to set up Task Forces

All the resources available on the web
Expert Fora (and webinar)

More involvement of National Statistical Organizations in the climate change domain

- In 2023, the 11th annual meeting (8 Geneva, 1 Rome, and 2 virtual)
- A rich collection of papers and presentations available on UNECE meeting pages
- Questionnaire at the start and Evaluation at the end (and review of TF guidelines)

2023 Expert Forum
2012-2022 Expert Fora

Joint UNECE/IEA/Eurostat Webinar (30 March 2023) on Administrative Microdata for Climate Change, Energy and Environment Statistics
Activities in UNECE region – keywords

UNECE Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Climate Change-Related Statistics (August 28-30, 2023)

Day 1
- Setting the scene
- Informing the public

Day 2
- Mitigation policies
- Adaptation policies

Day 3
- Just transition
- Climate finance
Climate Change-Related Statistics in Practice 2023

Obstacles

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<th>Obstacle</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Insufficient human or financial resources</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Data quality and availability</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>Need to use multiple and new data sources</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Methodological challenges</td>
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<td>Cooperation with stakeholders</td>
<td>39% → 27%</td>
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<td>Lack of knowledge about climate change and its</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Rising burden to respondents</td>
<td>12% → 27%</td>
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<td>Lack of experience</td>
<td>9%</td>
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Report also contains:
- Country achievements and plans
- International updates

Also social and socio-economic dimension in CCRS outputs?
- Yes 56%
- No 44%

Examples micro-data linkage
- Yes 17%
- No 83%

UNFCCC reviewers from NSOs
- Yes 14%
- Not yet 10%
- No 76%

Full Questionnaire Results Expert Forum 2023
The past 12 years

2011  Mandate for **Task Force** by Conference of European Statistics (CES)

2014  **Recommendations on Climate Change-Related Statistics**
      CES Mandate for **Steering Group**; renewed in 2018; to be renewed in 2023

      **Task Force** on Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters (continuation)
      **New Terms of Reference 2020–2024**

      **Task Force** on Key Climate Change-Related Statistics and Indicators
      CES set of core climate change-related indicators (August 2021)

2020  **In-depth review of the role of the statistical community in climate action**

2022  CES Mandate for a **Task Force** on Role of National Statistical Offices
      in achieving **Climate Objectives**: **Terms of Reference (2022–2024)**
CES Mandate for Steering Group to be renewed in 2023

Planned activities and outputs in draft Terms of Reference (2018-2023) for the Steering Group

a. Steer CES activities on climate change-related statistics and coordinate with other relevant groups, bodies and international organizations working on related topics;

b. Act as an organizing committee to the annual UNECE Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Climate Change-Related Statistics, and other related expert events that may be organised;

c. Oversee any CES task forces on climate change-related statistics;

d. Identify areas of climate change-related statistics that require further methodological work or where practical guidance would need to be developed;

e. Provide advice on methodological work on climate change-related statistics, including new areas, methods or data sources;

f. Promote and enable multiple avenues of sharing ideas and good practices and peer-to-peer learning;

g. Follow up on countries’ progress in implementing the CES guidelines and recommendations on climate change-related statistics;

h. Advise on and identify options for capacity development on climate change-related statistics, including strengthening of underlying data;

i. Collaborate closely with international organisations active in this domain, discuss the roles and responsibilities of the statistical community and support exchange of experience and knowledge between the statistical community and other producers and users of climate change-related data.

Report SG work (2018-2023) and draft Terms of Reference (2023-2028)
Thank you!

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