

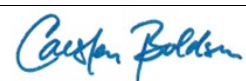


MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Evaluation Title:	Evaluation of UNECE Project E264 “Enhancing coherence and integration of economic and social statistics in support of the implementation of 2008 System of National Accounts”		
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Recommendation 1:

The global pandemic forced the UNECE to rethink the way it conducted business to ensure continuity of the project. These innovative solutions introduced good practices that should be continued. **The UNECE is encouraged to use a hybrid model when organizing its workshops and regional sessions in the future.** The introduction of short webinars and the video capture of in person sessions provided additional learning opportunities. A combination of face-to-face activities and virtual offerings reaches a broader group of people. Using appropriate and tested technologies that accommodates everyone’s participation is encouraged.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

When helpful and possible, we will provide online access to workshops, expert group meetings and special sessions. When suitable, meetings/sessions/workshops may be organised as online events.

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Recommendation 2:

To properly assess the degree to which the knowledge and expertise of the staff in the national statistical offices of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia countries improved and/or their capacity to implement standards and recommendations increased, an **in-depth country peer review or update to the Global Assessments should be conducted.**

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In cooperation with partners, the UNECE Statistical Division will continue to undertake global assessment of the statistical system in EECCA countries. The global assessments are carried out based on requests from countries.

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Recommendation 3:

Continued sharing of experience and lessons learned is critical to the ongoing improvement of the statistical system in the beneficiary countries. **Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia participation in the Expert Group meetings is encouraged and where possible regional workshops or special sessions would continue to offer continuous growth and learning.**

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

UNECE Statistics Division will continue to work with the EECCA countries to increase their statistical capacity. We encourage their participation in expert group meetings and workshops. For many countries, their participation in in-person meetings is subject to the availability of funding.

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Recommendation 4:

To ensure sustainability, future activities should be linked to the work programme of the UNECE Statistical Division. Although the budget of the UNECE Statistical Division is limited, it is encouraged to use its exceptional collaboration and outreach skills to **secure additional funding from key project stakeholders, be it in-kind or financial resources.**

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The Statistical Division will continue to work closely with partner organisations and reach out to potential donor organisations to support statistical capacity development activities in the EECCA countries.

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Recommendation 5:

For gender and human rights perspectives to be better included in future projects, there should be an explicit objective built into the project design that can be monitored and evaluated during and at the end of the project. Expertise in gender quality, disability inclusion, environment and or human rights should be sought in the development of these objectives and with the evaluation process.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation.

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In future, we will seek advice on how to reflect issues related to gender quality, disability inclusion, environment and/or human rights in project designs and objectives.

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