

Provisional Programme (version 09/10/2023)

Monday, 16 October 2023	
09:30 – 09:45	<p>Agenda item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening statements, Tiina Luige, Officer in Charge Statistics Division, and Marco Keiner, Director Environment Division, UNECE - Adoption of the Agenda (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2023/1)
09:45 – 10:15	<p>Agenda item 2. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Agenda item 3. Adoption of the report of the nineteenth session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the outcomes of the nineteenth session and status of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, Christine Kitzler, UNECE - Adoption of the report of the nineteenth session (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2022/2).
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Agenda item 4. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the proposed outline of activities for the period 2024-2028 of the Joint Working Group on Environmental Statistics and Indicators (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2023/5), Christine Kitzler and Michael Nagy, UNECE <p>Discussion on the outline of activities, conclusions and way forward</p>
11:00 – 11:15	<p>Comfort break</p>
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Agenda item 5. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of developments on the production and sharing of environmental statistics and indicators by international and regional organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview on activities to support the implementation of the main outcomes of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference with relevance for the Joint Task Force, Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE ○ Progress in the WHO European Region towards the SDGs in the context of the Ostrava Declaration on Environment and Health: mid-way to 2030, Sinaia Netanyahu, WHO Regional Office for Europe ○ Overview of main outcomes of the 25th session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, Christine Kitzler, UNECE ○ Overview on the outcomes of recent work of the UNECE Statistics Division, Michael Nagy, UNECE ○ UNEP’s work on plastic statistics, Ekaterina Poleshchuk, UNEP

	- Discussion
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 15:45	<p>Agenda item 5. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trade and biodiversity statistics, Diana Camerini, UNCTAD ○ Updates on Global Work on Environment and Statistics, Marcus Newbury, United Nations Statistics Division ○ Overview on OECD activities on Green Finance, Miguel Cardenas Rodriquez and Rodrigo Pizarro, OECD ○ GEP Sustainable Infrastructure Index: Application; Evaluating national progress towards a sustainable infrastructure, Rowan Palmer, UNEP <p>- Discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Comfort break
16:15 – 17:15	<p>Agenda item 5. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advanced findings of the Regional e-waste monitor for the Western Balkans, Kees Balde, UNITAR <p>- National developments in the production and sharing of environmental indicators and statistics with a focus on revised UNECE air related indicators, statistics on sustainable infrastructure, biodiversity, chemicals and waste and/or circular economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental Indicators of Life Quality and methodology for calculating a Composite Index characterizing the ecological condition of Yerevan city and RA regions, Naira Mandalyan, Armenia ○ Austrian Green Finance Agenda and the development of its monitoring and evaluation scheme, Sabine Kunesch and Karl Dobner, Austria ○ Development of environmental indicators and statistics in Azerbaijan in the past decade, main lessons learned and recommendations for the future, Rana Lazimova, Azerbaijan <p>- Discussion</p>
17:15 – 17:30	Conclusions of the first day

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09:30 – 10:45	<p>Agenda item 5: Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ireland’s Environmental Indicators, Kevin Hunt, Statistics Ireland ○ Ongoing developments related to air indicators and SEIS in Turkmenistan, Viktoria Akopova, Turkmenistan ○ Development of the waste management sector in the Republic of Moldova, Ludmilla Lungu and Silvia Nelipovschi, Moldova <p>- Discussion</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Comfort break
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 6: Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction and presentation of the final version of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators – Edition 2023 (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2023/4), and overview on the status of the development of the official publication of the Guidelines, Michael Nagy, UNECE - Recent developments concerning environmental indicators at the European Environment Agency, Roberta Pignatelli, EEA - Feedback on structure and content of indicator metadata sheets from individual experts - Conclusions and next steps, Michael Nagy, UNECE
12:30 – 14:30	<p>Informal lunch event on trade and biodiversity statistics (https://unctad.org/meeting/informal-lunch-event-trade-and-biodiversity-statistics), a light lunch will be offered to attendees.</p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Agenda item 7. Ongoing and planned capacity development activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU4Environment: Water and Environmental Data programme, Johannes Mayer, Environment Agency Austria and Christine Kitzler, UNECE - Sector review on Environment Statistics Armenia, Jana Tafi, consultant, and Nelli Baghdasaryan, Armenia - Planning of a Sector Review on Environment Statistics in Georgia: Motivation and main expectations, Irakli Apkhaidze, Georgia - Ongoing and planned capacity development activities by UNECE Statistics Division, Michael Nagy, UNECE - Discussion
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Comfort break</p>
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Agenda item 8. Data needs, statistics and indicators to manage environment-related human health issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DRR related data needs and statistics, Kanza Ahmed, UK Health Security Agency - Health-related targets and indicators within the Global Framework for Chemicals, Irina Zastenskaya, WHO Regional Office for Europe - Hazard Information Profiles, Kanza Ahmed, UK - Discussion and conclusions
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Agenda items 9 and 10: Other business and closure of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Other business Member States and partners are invited to inform the Secretariat of any other business prior to the meeting - Adoption of decisions and recommendations