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Workshop on Environment Statistics and Information for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region

Beirut, Lebanon

12-16 November 2018

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Monday, 12 November 2018

Opening of the Workshop

8:00-8:30 Registration of participants

8:30-10:30 Opening and Objectives of the workshop

- Central Administration Office (CAS) - Lebanon
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- United Nations Environment Programme
- European Environment Agency (EEA)
- Introduction of participants
- Presentation and adoption of agenda
- Presentation of the objectives (ESCWA)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break - Group Photo

Session 1: Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013)

11:00-12:30 Session 1.1: Status and needs of environment statistics for sustainable development

- Country situation (Lebanon)
- Regional situation (ESCWA)
- International situation (UNSD)
- Discussion

12:30-13:30 Session 1.2: The FDES 2013 and its tools

- Conceptual foundation and structure of the FDES (UNSD)
- Basic Set of Environment Statistics (UNSD)
- Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics (UNSD)
- Discussion

13:30-14:30 Coffee break

14:30-15:30 Session 1.3: Use of the FDES 2013 and links to Frameworks

- Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool (ESSAT) (UNSD)
- Implementation of the FDES 2013 (UNSD)
- From the FDES 2013 to the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) (ESCWA)
- Discussion



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- 15:30-16:30 Session 1.4: Country use of FDES
- Country example (United Arab Emirates)
 - Country example (Tanzania)
 - Discussion

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Session 2: Regional and National Work on Environmental Information

- 8:30-11:00 Session 2: Regional and National Work on Environmental Information
- League of Arab states briefing on CAMRE Decisions and the implementation of the sustainable development indicators for the Arab Region (LAS)
Data mapping in the Arab region, briefing on the Questionnaire (UN Environment & CEDARE)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

- 11:30-12:30 Session 2: Regional and National Work on Environmental Information
- Environment Live Data and Services (UN Environment)
 - The Indicator Reporting Information System (IRIS), UN Environment

Session 3: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators

- 12:30-13:30 Session 3.1: Review of the SDG Indicators
- Regional work on SDG Indicators (ESCWA)
 - From the FDES 2013 to the SDG Indicators (UNSD)

13:30-14:30 Coffee break

- 14:30-15:30 Session 3.1: Review of the SDG Indicators
- Country presentations on progress and experience in developing sustainable development indicators, and the use of indicators in reporting on state of environment and outlooks (member countries)

- 15:30-16:30 Session 3.2: Use of national data for the SDG Indicators
- UNDP
 - Group work



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8:30-10:00 Session 3.2: Use of national data for the SDG Indicators

- Group work
- Discussion

Session 4: Water Statistics

10:00-11:00 Session 4.1: Methodology on water statistics

- Application of the FDES to water statistics (UNSD)
- Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics: Water Resources (UNSD)
- Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS): Water Indicator Specification Factsheets (EEA)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:00 Session 4.1: Methodology on water statistics

- International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) (ESCWA)

12:00-13:30 Session 4.2: Data on water

- UNSD/UN Environment Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (water section) (UNSD)
- ESCWA Region
- Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS): Regional data on water statistics (EEA)
- Country example (Country A)

13:30-14:30 Coffee break

14:30-16:30 Session 4.3: Assessment of the state of water statistics in the region

- ESCWA
- Group work: Use of the ESSAT for Subcomponents on water statistics
- Discussion on the state of water statistics in the countries



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Session 5: Waste Statistics

08:30-10:00 Session 5.1: Methodology on waste statistics

- FDES 2013 Subcomponents 3.3: Generation and Management of Waste and 3.4: Release of Chemical Substances (UNSD)
- Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics: Generation and Management of Waste (UNSD)
- Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS): Waste and Industrial Emissions Indicator Specification Factsheets (EEA)
- Electronic waste (UNU)

10:00-11:00 Session 5.2: Data on waste

- UNSD/UN Environment Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (waste section) (UNSD)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Session 5.2: Data on waste

- Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS): Regional data on waste statistics (EEA)
- Country example (Country A)

12:30-13:30 Session 5.3 Panel discussion on the way forward to advance data and indicators work (Secretariat Panel: LAS, UN Environment, ESCWA, CEDARE, UNSD)

13:30-14:30 Coffee break

Session 6: Climate Change Statistics

14:30-16:30 Session 6.1: Current work in climate change statistics and indicators

- Latest development in climate change statistics (UNSD)
- FAOSTAT statistics for climate change in agriculture, forestry and other land use (FAO)
- Climate change statistics and relation to policies (UNFCCC)
- Climate change indicators and official statistics for the Arab Region (ESCWA)
- Climate change project (ESCWA Sustainable Development Division)
- Country example (Jordan)



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Friday, 16 November 2018

08:30-11:00 Session 6.2: Group work on climate change statistics and indicators

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

Session 7: Geospatial Information System (GIS)

11:15-12:30 Session 7.1: GIS and environment statistics

- Project Copernicus (EEA)
- European Topic Centre - University of Malaga
- FAO
- Regional work on GIS (ESCWA)
- Country example (Country A)

Closing of Workshop

12:30-12:45 Closing remarks

- ESCWA
- UNSD
- United Nations Environment Programme
- EEA

12:45-13:00 Evaluation