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*Joint Intersectoral Task Force on Environmental
Indicators*

Results and a way forward

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The mandate of the JTF

- Assist national statistical agencies and SoE reporting authorities in the EECCA and SEE countries in producing environmental indicators
- Strengthen environmental reporting
- Promote comparability of environmental statistics and indicators throughout the UNECE region



Goals of the joint meeting

- Discuss priorities and modalities of cooperation
- Review in details 10 indicators
- Exchange information on international developments
- Initiate discussions on modern presentation formats

Results of the 1st meeting

- Review of national papers
- Discussion of general issues (principles for producing indicators, terminology, methodologies, data quality international cooperation etc)
- Review of 10 selected indicators
- Consideration of additional indicators (e.g. environmental expenditures) and indicator developments elsewhere
- Consideration of presentation formats and indicator dissemination

"New" indicators for review at the 2nd meeting

7. Renewable freshwater resources
8. Freshwater abstraction
17. Protected areas
28. Renewable energy consumption
29. Passenger transport demand
30. Freight transport demand

"Old" indicators for an in-depth review at the 2nd meeting: clarification of purpose and/or methodology

1. Emissions of pollutants into the atmospheric air:
emissions from mobile sources
6. GHG emissions:
biomass emissions and sinks
9. Household water use per capita:
purpose, targets, pressure, use by individual users,
self-supply
21. Land uptake:
definitions, classifications and nomenclatures
35. Waste reuse and recycling:
definitions, classifications and nomenclatures

Additional indicators for presentation at the 2nd meeting

1. Environmental expenditures
2. Agri-environmental indicators
3. Energy and environment indicators

General issues for discussion at the 3rd meeting

1. Professionalism and independence
2. Confidentiality
3. Indicator reporting to the international community
4. Financing
5. Training

+ Final report to CEP and CES

Method of work

1. E-mail communications
2. Submission of country papers
by 1 February 2009
3. 2nd Meeting 22-23 April in 2010
4. 3rd Meeting back-to-back with WGEMA 31
August-1 September 2010 back-to-back
with WGEMA-11 in Geneva

Report to CES and CEP

- Meetings held
- Joint Task Force members inputs
- Indicators reviewed
- Revisions to indicators recommended
- Additional indicators proposed
- General recommendations on:
 - data quality
 - confidentiality
 - inter-agency cooperation
 - etc
- Proposals for a follow-up

***Thank you for your
attention!***

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