Updates on the progress made since the 12th Session of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

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1. Inform about the progress of work of the new UNECE Task Force on waste statistics.

2. Prepare a proposal for simple data validation tools.

3. Prepare a proposal for revised production templates:
   a) Energy indicators
   b) Biodiversity indicators

4. Review on how to incorporate revised energy templates into the SEIS reporting application.

5. Member countries to establish a national process of coordination and data sharing for energy data

6. Discuss the nexus energy / climate change / agriculture and forestry
7. Explore the link between biodiversity indicators, ecosystem accounting and ecosystem services.

8. Consider the work on modernisation of statistics and the role of non-official data sources for production of environmental statistics and indicators, including
   a) Using non-official data sources
   b) Role of big data and geospatial information

9. Investigate how the WGEMA network of networks can be utilised for streamlining of SEIS-related activities.

10. Present examples of environmental information systems and their products and services, and how these feed into environmental assessment and policy making.
2. Actions to address decisions and recommendations of the 12\textsuperscript{th} Session of the JTF
Actions already taken to address decisions and recommendations of the 12th Session of the JTF

a) 13th Session of the JTF addresses the following issues:

- Session 3 will discuss simple data validation tools
- Session 4 will present a proposal for revised biodiversity indicators
- Session 5 will present a proposal for revised energy templates
- Session 6 is on the nexus approach energy – water – agriculture
- Session 8 will inform about progress of the CES Task Force
- Session 11 includes a presentation on modernisation of statistics

b) WGEMA addressed:

- Streamlining of monitoring and reporting obligations
- Environmental information and assessment network of networks
- SEIS reporting application
Actions in progress to address decisions and recommendations of the 12th Session of the JTF

- Countries to continue with their efforts to establish a national process of coordination and data sharing for energy data.
- Further explore the link between biodiversity indicators, ecosystem accounting and ecosystem services.
- Present examples of environmental information systems and their products and services, and how these feed into environmental assessment and policy making (partly addressed by WGEMA, but more country examples to be presented and discussed in the future).
3. Questions, comments?