

EFTA/UNECE Webinars on Climate Change-related Statistics for EECCA countries

in collaboration with

the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic, UNDP Kyrgyzstan, FAO Kyrgyzstan, UNEP, UNEP/CBD, UNESCAP and Statistics Luxembourg

CONCEPT NOTE

Date and languages

Three webinars will be organized in three consecutive weeks starting second part of November 2020. Each webinar will last for 2-3 hours and start at 08:00 UTC (09:00 Geneva, 14:00 Bishkek).

English – Russian interpretation will be provided.

Background and link with other initiatives

In June 2020, the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) endorsed an updated set of 44 core climate change-related indicators, recommended to be implemented by all National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the CES region. The purposes of the set of these indicators are to measure the main phenomena of climate change in an internationally comparable way and to address the most important climate change-related policy questions in the region. These indicators cover five main areas of climate change, which are climate change drivers, greenhouse gas emissions, impacts of climate change, climate change mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

Kyrgyzstan was among the countries which conducted testing of the initial set of core climate change-related indicators in 2017. One conclusion from the testing of the indicator set was the need for strengthening the capacity of NSOs to produce the underlying statistics and environmental-economic accounts in sufficient quality.

In June 2019, Kyrgyzstan offered to host a sub-regional training workshop for EECCA countries to share its experience with other countries of the region, and to provide a platform for producers and users of these indicators to identify practical steps for implementation. agreed to financially support this training.

Taking into account the global situation related to COVID-19 and the importance of climate change-related statistics, the in-person training workshop is converted into series of virtual webinars. If travel restrictions are lifted, the webinars will be complemented by an in-person training in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) in 2021.

The ESCAP Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) is currently developing an online training course on climate change-related statistics which is based on the CES indicators. The training course is planned to be launched in September 2020. The participants of the webinars are encouraged to also take that SIAP course which focuses on selected indicators which can be produced from the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).

Participants are also encouraged to attend the UNECE Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Climate Change-related Statistics, which will be held as virtual meeting from 28 September

to 1 October 2020. More information will be made available at <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53848>.

Target audience and main objectives

The target audience of the webinars are experts from national statistical offices and line ministries in charge of environmental issues.

The series of webinars will show the links between climate change policies and statistics, with a particular focus on the set of CES core climate change-related indicators. Participants will learn about the main statistics needed for implementing them.

Priority will be given to the use of existing data collections, such as for example from Eurostat on energy statistics and accounts as well as air emission accounts.

Links between the set of core climate change-related indicators and data needed to inform global policy agendas, such as the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster-Risk Reduction will be presented.

One webinar will specifically deal with the role of official statistics to inform the Paris Agreement and its Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF).

The main objectives of the series of webinars are:

1. Participants increase their knowledge on producing and using of climate change-related statistics and indicators;
2. Participants share practical experience in producing and using of climate change-related statistics and indicators;
3. NSOs increase their capacity to implement climate change-related statistics and indicators;
4. Further action points, including capacity development needs, are identified.

Structure and dates of webinars

Three webinars will be organized in three consecutive weeks. Each webinar will last for 2-3 hours.

Participants have an opportunity to interact with the presenters (e.g. by raising questions already during the registration process or later with the chat function).

Minor changes of the currently proposed webinar structure, including dates, may be possible at a later stage.

Webinar 1 - Setting the scene: Climate change-related statistics and its role in national and international climate change policies (18 November 2020)

Organisers: National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic, ECE and ESCAP

This first webinar will focus on climate change-related indicators and their alignment with global policy frameworks as SDG, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework.

The webinar will present the CES core set of climate change-related indicators and how it can help to establish a national set of indicators which measures the main climate change-related phenomena in an internationally comparable way. It will also show links with important indicator frameworks (e.g. SDG indicators, Sendai Framework Indicators, UNECE environmental indicators) and statistical frameworks (SEEA and FDES).

Experts from selected countries will be invited to present their national experiences in implementing and using sets of climate change-related indicators.

Webinar 2 – Using climate change-related statistics in the context of the Paris Agreement (25 November 2020)

Organisers: UNDP Kyrgyzstan and ECE

The second webinar will focus on information requirements resulting from the Paris Agreement and its Work Programme, in particular the enhanced transparency framework (ETF), the process of preparing, implementing and tracking of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and the process of preparing national adaptation plans (NAPs).

The webinar will examine how climate change-related statistics should or can be used throughout these processes and what the country experience has been so far in this regard.

Webinar 3 – Statistics and accounts needed for producing selected climate change-related indicators (2 December 2020)

Organisers: National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic, Statistics Luxembourg, ECE and ESCAP

The third webinar will discuss statistics and accounts needed for producing selected climate change-related indicators which are of priority for the EECCA region.

Methodologies and data sources for production of indicators will be presented and countries will be invited to share their national experiences in producing these indicators. Main stumbling blocks and possible solutions will be discussed.

It is planned to present the production and generation of indicators which are most relevant for the EECCA region, such as indicators related energy use, GHG emissions, expenditures for climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as land cover and land use.

Nomination of participants

Maximum of 300 devices can be connected to each webinar at a time. Several participants can share one connection by gathering around one computer. However, to not exceed the maximum number of possible connections it is important that all participants are registered in advance.

Each participant is required to complete the [electronic registration form](#) not later than **15 October 2020**.

Further information

Registered participants will be given more details nearer to the dates of the webinars, including the timetable, and other relevant information.

All meeting documents will be made available at the meeting website <https://www.efta.int/Statistics/Climate-Change-related-Statistics>.

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