

**Draft concept note for a  
National Workshop on “Environment Statistics and sustainable development  
goals” under the Development Account Programme 10<sup>th</sup> tranche on Statistics  
and Data (environmental pillar)**

**Country: Jordan**

**25 March 2018**

## **Introduction**

ESCWA statistical committee in its 12<sup>th</sup> session held in April 2017 and the Consultative meeting on the Implementation Framework for the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region held in September 2017 recommended to support member countries on SDGs reporting in environment related SDGs, Accordingly, and in response to the recommendations, UNESCWA, UNSD and UN Environment (UNEP), are planning to organise a national workshop on environmental statistics and sustainable development goals (SDGs) for Jordan as part of the Development Account Programme on Statistics and Data under which Jordan is identified as a beneficiary country of the project.

The national workshop will be carried out within activity A1.1 of the environment pillar (country sensitization and initiation workshops). In addition, UNE will be presenting the latest environmental status in the Arab region (including highlights from the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Global Environment Outlook Report (GEO-6)).

## **Objectives**

The primary objective of the beneficiary country of the DA programme on Data and Statistics is assess the status of the production of environmental statistics in general and for the SDGs environmental Goals in particular, the statistical frameworks applied, and the institutional arrangements between national stakeholders to enhance their capability to regularly produce environment statistics in support of SDGs -Environment Dimension mainly:

**SDG 6.** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

**SDG 7.** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

**SDG 12.** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

**SDG13.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

**Goal 14.** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

**SDG 15.** Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss.

The workshop will present a good opportunity to review the indicators for the national goals on the SDGs environmental Goals and the core set of proposed sustainable development indicators for Arab countries in the context of internationally in environment statistics (including the UN Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) and the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).

Another objective is to develop an action plan on national priorities for environment statistics, including the identification of priority areas, information needed and the identification of further possible capacity building activities under the UNDA 10<sup>th</sup> tranche project.

The workshop will showcase the advantage of geospatial information system GIS to obtain environmental and statistical data, that helps achieve the national goals on sustainable development and the core set of proposed sustainable development indicators for Arab countries. A technical assistance mission on use of geospatial is planned to assist Jordan on reporting and monitoring SDGs Environment related indicators.

Furthermore, this workshop will also be an opportunity to strengthen the link with ESCWA, UNEP, UNDP and other UN entities and Academia working on sustainable development in the country.

## Workshop dates and venue

25 March 2018 at Geneva Hotel Amman

## Mission participants (international organizations)

- ESCWA
- UNSD
- UNEP
- UNDP
- World Bank
- Others

## National organisations/agencies to be involved

- Department of Statistics (DOS)
- Ministry of Planning External and International Affairs
- Ministry of Environment (environmental legislation and control, waste management, environmental monitoring and information)
- Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) - Entities with mandate on geospatial data
- Ministry of Energy (Depts. on climate change, renewable energy, green economy,)
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Environmental Associations

## Material needed and facilities

From Jordan:

- National Pan for SDG for Jordan, and Indicators compiled and to be compiled
- SDG Environmental Indicators compiled and Metadata
- Other material reports that relate to SDG Environmental Dimension

Form ESCWA and UNE

- SEEA-CF is already available in Arabic language
- ESSAT parts I and II are already available in Arabic language.
- Basic set of statistics available in EN and Arabic
- General FDES training material (available in English) to be translated



- Specific training material (e.g. on water)
- Methodologies for sustainable development indicators for the Arab region (UNE- ESCWA- LAS)
- Data related to Environment Statistics

Material to be translated into English: National presentations

## National Workshop on “Environment Statistics and sustainable development goals” for Jordan

Proposed Agenda  
25 March 2018

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening DOS ESCWA UNSD UNDP UNEP</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 1: SDG National and Regional Agendas for Sustainable Development- Environment Dimension</b> 9:00 to 11:00</p>
<p><b>I. National Agenda for Sustainable Development- Environment Dimension</b> DOS, Ministries</p> <p><b>II. Arab SDGs - Environment Dimension -ESCWA and UNEP</b></p> <p><b>III. Data Sources: Surveys and Census, Geospatial, Monitoring, Other Data</b> ESCWA University of Malaga</p> <p><b>IV. Water and Energy - SDG 6 and 7-Indicators Tiers I and II</b> Assessment of status and needs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Availability, Data gaps and needs</li> <li>Statistical Frameworks SEEA and FDES: UNSD and DOS</li> <li>Reports</li> <li>Main recommendations</li> </ol>
<p><b>Break 11:00 -11:30</b></p>
<p><b>Session 2:Sustainable Consumption and Production and Climate Change-Indicators SDG12 and 13 -Tiers I and II</b> 11:30-13:30</p>
<p><b>V. Material Consumption, Waste management and SEEA</b></p> <p><b>VI. Proposed set for Climate Change indicators for Arab Countries: ESCWA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistical Frameworks SEEA Energy Balance: UNSD ESCWA</li> <li>Reports DOS</li> <li>Main recommendations</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lunch Break 13:30 -14:00</b></p>
<p><b>Session 3: Sea and Land</b> 14:00-15:00</p>
<p><b>VII. Coastal and marine area, related indicators, protected areas, forests and land degradation and Geospatial tools for the following</b> <b>Ministry of Environment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14.4.1 Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels</li> <li>14.5.1 Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas protected areas</li> <li>15.1.1 Forest area as a percentage of total land area</li> <li>15.1.2 Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type</li> <li>15.2.1 Progress towards sustainable forest management</li> <li>15.3.1 Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area</li> <li>15.4.1 Coverage by protected areas of important sites for mountain biodiversity</li> </ol>



**Session 4: Priorities Proposed Action Plan and Wrap up**  
**15:00 -16:30**

**Conclusions**