C – Water

Proposed revision of metadata

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Water indicators in the Online Guidelines

See https://www.unece.org/env/indicators.html

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C1. Renewable freshwater resources (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C2. Freshwater abstraction (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C3. Total water use (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C4. Household water use per capita (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C5. Water supply industry and population connected to water supply industry (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	C1 – C8: Water quantity
C6. Connection of population to public water supply		Integrated into C5		
C7. Water losses (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C8. Reuse and recycling of freshwater (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C9. Drinking water quality (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C10. BOD and concentration of ammonium in rivers (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C11. Nutrients in freshwater (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	C9 – C13: Water quality
C12. Nutrients in coastal seawaters (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C13. Concentrations of pollutants in coastal seawater and sediments (except nutrients) (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C14. Population connected to wastewater treatment (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	
C15. Wastewater treatment facilities (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	C14 – C16: Wastewater
C16. Polluted (non-treated) wastewaters (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF	

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C1 – Renewable Freshwater Resources
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		Unit	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	Time series data on the indicators for 1990-2013, Table C-1:								
1	Precipitation	million m³							
2	Actual evapotranspiration	million m³							
3	Internal flow (Row 1 - row 2)	million m³	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	Inflow of surface and groundwaters from neighbouring countries	million m³							
5	Renewable freshwater resources (Row 3 + Row 4)	million m³	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
6	Outflow of surface and groundwaters to neighbouring countries	million m³							
7	Outflow of surface and groundwaters to the sea	million m³							

Recommended substantive changes:

- Adding **long-term annual average values** (20 years or more) for each item. Reason: This is needed for the calculation of the Water Exploitation Index and SDG indicator 6.4.2 (Level of water stress)

- Adding "**Outflow secured by treaties**" (in analogy with UNSD/UNEP questionnaire)

Adding **explanations** how this links to FAO Aquastat and SDG indicators

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C2 – Freshwater abstraction
C3 – Total water use
C4 – Household water use per capita
C5 - Water supply industry and population connected to water supply industry
C7 – Water losses

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Current data production templates include STATISTICS on:

- Abstraction from fresh surface and groundwaters by industries and households (C2)
- Freshwater available: abstractions + desalination + reuse + imports – exports
- Freshwater use: Freshwater available – losses during transport
- Freshwater use by industries and households
- Population connected to public water supply (PWS)
- Water used by households connected to PWS
- Water used by households not connected to PWS

Current breakdown of industries and households:

- Water supply industry (ISIC 36)
- Households
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing (ISIC 01-03)
- Manufacturing (ISIC 10-33)
- Electricity industry (ISIC 351)
- Other economic activities

Current data production templates include INDICATORS on:

- Water Exploitation Index
- Total freshwater use per unit of GDP
- Water use per capita
- Percentage of water losses during transport

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1. **Industry breakdown in alignment with 2018 version of UNSD/UNEP questionnaire on environment statistics – section water:**
   - Water supply industry (ISIC 36)
   - Households
   - Agriculture, forestry and fishing (ISIC 01-03)
     - of which for: Irrigation in agriculture
   - Mining and quarrying (ISIC 05-09)
   - Manufacturing (ISIC 10-33)
   - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (ISIC 35)
     - of which for: Electric power generation, transmission and distribution (ISIC 351)
   - Construction (ISIC 41-43)
   - Other economic activities
2. **Correcting methodology used for Water Exploitation Index (LTAA values for renewable water resources instead of annual values)**
3. **For the time being, NOT ADDING SDG indicator 6.4.2: Level of Water Stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources** (reason: environmental water requirements are calculated by FAO, not by countries)
4. **Adding SDG indicator 6.4.1: Change in water use efficiency over time (tier II)**
5. **Adding SDG indicator 6.1.1 Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services (tier II)**

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C8 – Reuse and recycling of freshwater

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		Unit	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
									Reused water
1	Total freshwater use (= Table C-3, row 9)	million m³							
2	Reused water (= Table C-3, row 3)	million m³							
3	Share of reused water in total freshwater use (Row 2 / row 1)	%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
								of which (from row 2) re	
4	Agriculture, forestry and fishing (ISIC 01-03)	million m³							
5	Agriculture, forestry and fishing (ISIC 01-03) (Row 4 / row 1)	%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
6	Manufacturing (ISIC 10-33)	million m³							
7	Manufacturing (ISIC 10-33) (Row 6 / row 1)	%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
8	Other economic activities	million m³							
9	Other economic activities (Row 8 / row 1)	%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Time series data on the indicators for 1990-2013, Table C-8 Re

1. **Name to be corrected to "Reuse of freshwater".** Reason: Recycling happens within an establishment and is not recorded in statistics.
2. **Update industry breakdown** (alignment with UNSD questionnaire)

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Next Steps

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Indicators C1 - C8:

1. Consideration of comments of JTF and update of database
2. Sharing of draft metadata with experts
3. Revised metadata sheets to all JTF members for comments or approval

Indicators C9-C16: Proposal to be discussed at next meeting of JTF

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