

Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

Agenda item 4: Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force

Overview of main outcomes of the 24th session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Nineteenth session

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Palais des Nations, Geneva





- 24th session of the Working Group took place on 11-12 April 2022
- Main focus of session with relevance for the JTF was to discuss:
 - The draft new mandate and ToR for the Working Group
 - Key messages and recommendations on SEIS establishment and from the pan-European environmental assessment forwarded to the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference
 - Sharing and integration of economic, social and environmental data with regard to the implementation of SDGs
 - Progress in environmental monitoring and assessment at national level

Relevant decisions made at the 24th WGEMA session



WGEMA agenda item 3: Implementing the mandate and terms of reference

The Working Group:

- **Expressed appreciation to those countries at present supporting financially the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment programme – Austria, Switzerland and the European Union**
- Requested its members and the secretariat to continue their fundraising efforts to enable the full implementation of activities planned for 2022–2023, **including the holding of the next sessions of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators** and the Working Group

Relevant decisions made at the 24th WGEMA session



WGEMA agenda item 4: Reporting on the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) to support a regular process of environmental assessment

The Working Group:

- Requested the secretariat to inform the CEP on the outcomes of this agenda item and to forward the key messages and recommendations to the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference together with the SEIS final review report and the pan-European environmental assessment → both launched at the Ministerial Conference in Nicosia

Relevant decisions made at the 24th WGEMA session



WGEMA agenda item 4: Reporting on the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) to support a regular process of environmental assessment

The Working Group:

- Suggested to review the environmental theme air in 2023, by using the Shared Environmental Information System assessment framework and possibly the online reporting tool, while employing the revised UNECE environmental Indicators.
- Requested the secretariat to assess the possibility of organizing a regional training event on the revised indicators, particularly those related to the air theme, possibly within the framework of the new EU-funded programme “EU4Environment Water Resources and Environmental Data”.

Relevant decisions made at the 24th WGEMA session



WGEMA agenda item 5: Regular pan-European environmental assessment supported by the Shared Environmental Information System

The Working Group:

- Welcomed the full draft of the next pan-European environmental assessment and its summary for policymakers
- Took note of the final steps needed and the timeline for completion
- Welcomed the presentations of thematic sections of the assessment by the authors
- Requested the secretariat to forward the summary for policymakers to the Committee on Environmental Policy once all comments are incorporated
- Requested an update on the outcomes of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference related to the assessment at its next session

Thank you for your attention!



Proposed Decision



Proposed Decision:

The Joint Task Force

- Takes note of the information provided by the secretariat on the outcomes of the 24th session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment.
- Invites the Working Group to regularly inform the Joint Task Force on relevant outcomes of its sessions and activities