

Directory of statistical services of international organisations



UNEP

Brief description of the organisation¹	<p>UNEP is the designated authority of the United Nations system in environmental issues at the global and regional level. It was established after the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm) proposed the creation of a global body to act as the environmental conscience of the UN system. UNEP has its headquarters in Nairobi and is represented across the globe by six regional offices: Nairobi (Africa), Bangkok (Asia and the Pacific), Europe (Geneva), Panama (Latin America and the Caribbean), Washington (North America), and Beirut (West Asia). The SDG and Environment Statistics unit, located in the Early Warning and Assessment Division (EWAD) is responsible for SDG monitoring, methodological development and capacity building for SDG indicators under UNEP's custodianship. This unit was established in 2016 and has expanded its work to cover SEEA, climate change and disaster-related statistics, as well as circular economy.</p>
Mission²	<p>To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.</p> <p>In the area of data and information, to keep the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action.</p>

<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>Main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess and analyse global, regional and national environmental conditions and trends, - Statistical analysis of interlinkages. - Support the development of international agreements and national environmental instruments, through environment statistics and assessments - Strengthening institutions for the wise management of the environment, including National Statistical Offices / Systems. - Support the integration of economic development and environmental protection, through monitoring of circular economy. - Facilitating the capacity development on environment statistics and the system of environmental-economic accounting, including SDG monitoring - Encouraging new partnerships and mind-sets within civil society and the private sector. <p>UNEP has eight Divisions to promote and facilitate sound environmental management for sustainable development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change Division - Early Warning and Assessment Division - Ecosystems Division - Industry and Economy Division - Law Division - Policy and Programme Division - Communication Division - Corporate Services Division -
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¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

² Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization

Mandate	To coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. In the area of environmental data, to provide the world community with improved access to meaningful environmental data and information, and to help increase the capacity of governments to use environmental information for decision making and action planning for sustainable human development.
Statistical work programme	<p>UNEP is the custodian agency for 25 environment-related indicators for Goals 6, 8, 12, 14, 15, and 17 in the global framework for the 2030 Agenda. As Custodian Agency, UNEP provides the methodologies used to harmonize country data for international comparability and produces estimates through transparent mechanisms. UNEP supports the strengthening of data collection and statistical capacity-building, including capacity-building that strengthens coordination among national statistical offices, as appropriate and within their mandates, in a coordinated manner that recognizes national priorities and reflects national ownership of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>UNEP supports high quality monitoring, reporting, and analysis on the environmental dimension of the SDGs at the international level and supports the use by Governments of high-quality open environmental data and analysis in policy making.</p> <p>UNEP provides multidisciplinary integrated analysis to inform policy.</p> <p>UNEP develops tools for capacity building and training to measure, monitor and report on the environment and SDGs.</p> <p>To achieve the objective, UNEP leverages expertise across and beyond the UN System, including the Secretariat entities, UNEP, UNSD, the Regional Commissions, and other UN Agencies. It also works in collaboration with other partners such as scientific institutes to improve synergies and maximize the impact.</p>
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	Over 2000 people, led by the Executive Director and Senior Management Team, are involved in the implementation of UNEP's Medium-Term Strategy. An estimated 100 employees work on statistical activities.
Flagship Publications	Global Environment Outlook
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