Increasing national coordination for a more integrated production of statistics related to the environment

Workshop on sound institutional environment, cooperation, dialogue and partnerships for the production and utilization of SDG indicators

Elisabetta Bonotto / 3-5 July 2017 / Libreville, Gabon
NSOs have a strong history of expertise in social and economic data, but environment statistics is new and fragmented at the national level.

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REGIONAL MECHANISMS

UNSD DATABASE
UN Environment Initiatives (I)
Development Account Project

UN Environment Lead in the Environment Pillar

Objective:
build national and regional capacity to produce and use environment statistics for monitoring the SDGs and broader policy monitoring based on national priorities

Activities:
• Tailored training
• Guidance materials
• Facilitation of knowledge sharing
• Promotion of new tools for data collection
• Methodological support

Collaboration with UNSD and the 5 UN Regional Commissions, which will help to reach out to environment stakeholders in countries
IRIS - Indicator Reporting Information System: helps government ministries responsible for reporting to collect, analyze and publish quality assured environmental information in a timely manner, enabling evidence-based, timely decision-making

Key features:

• National tool: deployed on local servers
• Automation: reduces the burden of routine reporting by automation
• Data sharing: IRIS provides users the ability (with user approval) to transfer data
Some African Countries
Technical support visits to countries
Training on the production of environmental statistics

Cameroon
On-going internal discussions on IRIS Governance
Project review, June 2017

Montenegro
IRIS test results to be presented to UN Environment by the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro.

Bosnia and Herzegovina
After feedback and comments on the indicator framework, IRIS being populated with selected indicators.

Abu Dhabi Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI)
Final technical work completed before deployment in June 2017.

Regional IRIS for Latin America and the Caribbean
IRIS proposed as a tool to implement the indicator framework in Cape Verde, Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, and Seychelles.

DA Air Quality Project
GEF projects concepts developed in 2017 by the BRS secretariat include IRIS. Next steps will depend on the countries.

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
SPREP proposed as an IRIS technical hub for 14 countries in the sub region.

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS)
On 06 Jun 2017, training was conducted mostly for staff in Thailand, UN Environment. Participants yet to be identified for Thailand, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Benin, Botswana and Ethiopia.

African Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)
Community of Practice activated in April 2017. IRIS proposed as a tool to implement the regional indicator framework for the 13 countries in the region.
UN Environment Initiatives (III)
Environment Live

On-line knowledge management platform:

- Open access
- Data is collected once and shared for many purposes
- Supports national reporting processes (using IRIS)
- SDG Synergies Portal shows linkages between SDGs and MEAs
- Range of analytical, mapping, search, visualization and web intelligence tools
- Thriving Communities of Practice to share ideas, knowledge, data
Thank you