

Session XI: Interactive Group Exercise: Bridging Data, Policy and Implementation Gaps

Western Africa Workshop on Waste Management and the Circular Economy: Bridging data gaps, enhancing technical capacity, and facilitating evidence-based policymaking to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals

Groupwork to discuss regional challenges and propose actionable solutions for improving policy support systems including how to develop and implement **National Data Task Forces** for coordination on data collection and reporting.



Prior examples shared by countries with UNSD on formation of task forces/ working groups/ committees, etc.

1. Nigeria. Successful implementation happened where:

- i. all relevant stakeholders were contacted
- ii. a forum and schedule was organized
- iii. the common agenda was to cooperatively work on the [Environment Statistics Self-Assessment Tool \(ESSAT\)](#) as one committee
- iv. frequency of meetings was established.
- v. the ESSAT in full was not completed, but it allowed for a focus on issues and statistics of greatest priority from within it. (NB adjustment to context of national circumstances). (Source: [EGES 2015](#))

2. Mexico:

- i. There was a need to complete a UN Economic Commission for Europe Survey (on pilot testing for real data production).
- ii. Mexico used an Inter-Agency Climate Change Committee, **already established by law** and responsible for reporting to the UNFCCC Secretariat and to other agreements, to complete the UNECE Survey.
- iii. The Committee includes, among others, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Climate Change Institute, the Ministry of Energy, the NSO and the Natural Center for Prevention of Disasters.
- iv. The committee analyzed the Survey with the different institutions of the Committee, and gave an opinion on each indicator.
- v. Then the NSO looked at how it could use the indicators as National SDG Indicators or Key National Indicators. (Source: [EGES 2018](#))



2. Brazil:

- i. The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) took steps to build an environment and climate change statistics agenda. Brazil was taking interest in the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics and the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators.
- ii. Brazil made an **intra-institutional** effort between the Geoscience Directorate and the Statistics Directorate of IBGE.
- iii. **Political Level:** Interministerial Committee on Climate Change – CIM is made up of 19 ministries, as well as the Federal Attorney General's Office, the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic and the Civil House of the Presidency, which chairs the group.
- iv. **Strategic Level:** The Executive Subcommittee within the CIM is made up of representatives from 11 ministries on a permanent basis, coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change + participation from society + COP 30 + Scientific Advisory and Rede Clima (Source: [EGES 2024](#))

The agenda and content of any of the above mentioned task forces/ working groups / committees could otherwise be:

1. The Waste Management and Circular Economy Policy Support System (WMPSS)
2. The UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics
3. Circular economy policy
4. Or any mix/ permeation/ fragmentation of the above.

Guiding Questions

1. What are the biggest **coordination challenges between data producers and policy implementers** in your national waste system?
 2. What would an effective **National Data Task Force** look like in your country — who needs to be involved, and how should it be structured? Is there involvement with the private sector?
 3. Are there **existing mechanisms** that could be built upon to improve coordination on data collection and reporting?
 4. What **prior successes** have you had in your country contributing toward a steering group? How was the buy-in of stakeholder secured?
 5. What kinds of **support** (technical, institutional, or financial) would be most useful to strengthen national waste data governance?
 6. How is **scope** of such a working group/task force defined? How is an agenda defined?
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1. *Quels sont les principaux **défis de coordination entre les producteurs de données et les responsables de la mise en œuvre des politiques** dans votre système national de gestion des déchets ?*
 2. *À quoi ressemblerait un **groupe de travail national efficace sur les données** dans votre pays : qui doit y participer et comment devrait-il être structuré ? Y a-t-il une implication du secteur privé ?*
 3. *Existe-t-il des **mécanismes existants** qui pourraient être utilisés pour améliorer la coordination de la collecte et de la communication des données ?*
 4. *Quels succès avez-vous **déjà remportés** dans votre pays en contribuant à un groupe de pilotage ? Comment l'adhésion des parties prenantes a-t-elle été obtenue ?*
 5. *Quels types de **soutien** (technique, institutionnel ou financier) seraient les plus utiles pour renforcer la gouvernance nationale des données sur les déchets ?*
 6. *Comment le **champ d'action** d'un tel groupe de travail/groupe de travail est-il défini ? Comment son ordre du jour est-il défini ?*