



National Workshop for the Republic of Cameroon on Strengthening the Measure of Progress in Disaster Risk Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa through the Sendai Framework Monitoring Process and Enhanced Disaster Loss Data

12 – 13 March 2025

CONCEPT NOTE

1. Introduction

A National Workshop on Strengthening the Measure of Progress in Disaster Risk Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa through the Sendai Framework Monitoring Process and Enhanced Disaster Loss Data will be organized in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 12 to 13 March 2025 by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in close collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics and the Direction de la Protection Civile. The workshop is funded under the 11th European Development Fund's (EDF11) programme titled "Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance and Recovery Capacities."

The main goal of the national workshop is to enhance the capacity to understand and map disaster-related and climate change statistics at the national level, inform and tailor policies to prioritize resources, and build community resilience, taking into consideration previous national capacity building activities in this area. This will be achieved by bringing together various stakeholders for hands-on training on priority topics related to disasters and climate change.

The target audience includes representatives from national agencies responsible for the collection and dissemination of disaster-related and climate change statistics, as well as the development of policy documents in relevant areas. Participants could come from the National Institute of Statistics, the Direction de la Protection Civile, and other relevant government ministries, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions.

The workshop aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Enhanced technical capacity of national stakeholders in disaster-related and climate change statistics.
- Improved understanding of international statistical frameworks and guidelines.
- Strengthened data governance and inter-agency collaboration.
- Increased awareness and use of scientific information sources.

2. Content of the Workshop

The national workshop will consist of seven sessions:

Session 1: Opening and Introduction. Country representatives and UN experts will introduce themselves and share information about the scope and goals of the workshop.

Session 2: International requirements and national experience in Disaster-related and Climate Change Statistics and Policy. UN experts will present updates in regarding frameworks related to environment and disaster-related statistics and policy, including the 2030 Agenda for SDGs, the Sendai Framework and the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators. National agency representatives will share their updates on disaster-related and climate change statistics through presentations.

Session 3: Disaster-related Statistics: Diving into international frameworks and guidelines, and steps to follow. Experts from UNDRR and UNEP will present international statistical frameworks and guidelines to support the development of disaster-related statistics, including the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) and national reporting. The session will focus on understanding DRR and resilience in the national context, highlighting the connections between the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as well as disaggregated data elements. Participants will be introduced to a self-assessment tool to assist in identifying available data for monitoring the Sendai Framework.

Session 4: Climate Change Statistics: Diving into the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators. Taking into consideration the results of the National Workshop on Climate Change and Disaster-related Statistics, organised in Cameroon in November 2023, UNEP experts will focus on the indicators and statistics of the [Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators](#) that are based on the System of Environmental-Economic Accountings (SEEA), an international statistical framework that integrates economic and environmental data to provide a more comprehensive and multipurpose view of the interrelationships between the economy and the environment and the stocks and changes in stocks of environmental assets.

Session 5: Data Sources. UNEP experts will introduce various data sources to provide disaster-related and climate change statistics, particularly focusing on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Earth Observation.

Session 6: Supporting national stakeholders in developing disaster-related data and information. UNDRR and UNEP experts and participants will analyse and update the roadmap for the Sendai Framework monitoring and reporting at the national level, filling in the necessary information in order to add post-2019 data to the SFM and desInventar platforms.

Session 7: Conclusions and Recommendations. The workshop will conclude with recommendations, a summary of lessons learned, and feedback from participants. Each session will include time for questions, answers, and open discussions to facilitate comprehensive learning and engagement.

3. Organisation of the Workshop

The national workshop will be held in Yaoundé from 9:00 to 17:00 on March 12-13, 2025, with English-French interpretation. The workshop organisers will inform all nominated participants by e-mail of the exact venue of the workshop closer to the workshop.

In addition, all nominated participants will be invited by UNEP to complete short pre- and post-workshop surveys.