



Session 1: Updates on Cross Cutting Work Oslo Group

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About the UN Oslo Group

- **Established 2006**
- **Purpose**
 - To establish a forum for countries to address challenges related to the collection and dissemination of complete, comparable and quality energy statistics at the international level, and to contribute to improved international standards and improved methods for official energy statistics by pooling expertise in the energy community.
- **Members**
 - More than 30 countries
 - Number of international organizations (UN, IEA, IAEA, IRENA, Eurostat, etc.)
- **10th meeting is to be held at Mexico at May 2016**

Contributions (1)

- **The International Recommendations for Energy Statistics – IRES**
 - The United Nations Statistical Commission, at its forty-second session held in New York, 22-25 February 2011, adopted the [International Recommendations for Energy Statistics](#) (IRES).
- **Energy Statistics Compilers Manual – ESCM**
 - The Oslo Group has been working on the development of ESCM. This document is intended to serve as a practical guide to assist countries in the implementation of the IRES.
 - Draft is available at website and official version is under finalisation

Contributions (2)

- **Template for Country Practices in Energy Statistics**
 - As part of the preparation of the Energy Statistics Compilers Manual (ESCM), a country practice template has been developed by the Oslo Group in cooperation with UNSD
 - The template is available at the [Oslo Group Website](#) as well as the [UNSD Website](#)
- Presentations, manuals and other materials are available at **Oslo Group Website** www.oslogroup.org (we are planning to move this under the UN website)

Planned Activities

- New working platform under UN Unite Connections
- Five working groups to work on following areas
 - Energy prices
 - Use of Administrative Data Sources for Energy Data Collection and Validation
 - Use of Electronic Data Collection and SDMX (Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange)
 - Energy Data Dissemination Practices
 - Quality Reviews of Energy Data

WG on Use of Electronic Data Collection and SDMX

- Internet Data Collection
 - Working group will contribute and collect more country practices to the Energy Statistics Compilers Manual, ESCM
- *Automated data reporting*
 - This working group will follow few volunteering countries work on this field. If necessary we will scan/plot how many and who are the software vendors in different countries in order to make able to use synergies between their customers
- *Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange, SDMX*
 - *In SDMX the start is not in our hands...*

Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange, SDMX

- SDMX initiative is sponsored by seven institutions (BIS, ECB, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, UN and World Bank)
- This initiative (<http://www.sdmx.org>) sets technical standards and statistical guidelines to facilitate the exchange of statistical data and metadata
- **Oslo Groups WG for Electronic Data Collection and SDMX**
 - Among other work this WG will follow the work of international organizations in SDMX
 - We are requesting that progress would be reported at OG meetings
 - When SDMX reporting is possible Working Group should find a country that would pilot or has successfully moved to the use of SDMX, then profile their experience to demonstrate the benefits, work required to implement, the costs, etc.

**Next Oslo Group Meeting is at Mexico
May 2016**

See you there!