

United Nations Statistics Division

UNSD priorities for energy statistics

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Overview

- UNSD is committed to the advancement of the global statistical system. We:
 - compile and disseminate global statistical information;
 - develop standards and norms for statistical activities; and
 - support countries' efforts to strengthen their national statistical systems.
- We facilitate the coordination of international statistical activities and support the functioning of the United Nations Statistical Commission as the apex entity of the global statistical system.

UNSD's main functions

- Data: collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information
 - So that we are familiar with the issues faced by countries
- Methodology: Standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions
 - Ex: IRES, SIEC
- Capacity Development: technical cooperation programme
 - Ex: Training workshops
- Coordination of international statistical programmes and activities
 - Main players in some areas, but not in energy stats

How does this translate to priorities in energy statistics?

- Priority #1: Strengthen and support countries energy data collection systems
 - To assist with their own development and policymaking
 - Country ownership
- Related functions:
 - Capacity Development: technical cooperation to help countries set up their data collection systems
 - Methodology: Standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions
 - Data: collection, processing and dissemination of official statistical information (as far as possible, to support countries efforts) 4

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- Priority #2: Increase international data comparability
 - So that best cases (or even good cases) can be identified and reused
 - So that global and regional indicators can be compiled

Related functions:

- Methodology: Standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions
- Capacity Development: technical cooperation programme to spread out international methodology
- Data: collection, processing and dissemination of comparable statistical information (making adjustments where necessary to ensure comparability)

How does this translate to priorities in energy statistics?

- Priority #3: Compile and disseminate global energy statistics
 - So that users and the international community have access to meaningful data
- Related functions:
 - Data: collection, processing and dissemination of complete statistical information (covering all countries & regions, making estimations where necessary to ensure global coverage)
 - Capacity Development: technical cooperation to help countries produce statistics





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