

Participation of representative of the State Statistical Committee in the meeting of working group organized in Geneva on Assessment and Monitoring of Environment and Ecological indicators

Representative of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan head of sector on Environment, Forestry and Fishery Statistics of the Department of Agriculture and Environment Statistics - Rena Lazimova was participated in the 6th meeting of Working Group on Environmental Indicators and 13th meeting of Working Group on Assessment and Monitoring of Environment organized in Geneva from the 29th of October till 2nd of November of current year.



Representatives of statistical bodies of CIS Member Countries and Ministries of Ecology, as well as, representatives of Georgia, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Finland, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, European Agency on Environment, World Health Organization, International Energy Agency, CIS Statistical Committee, Regional Ecological Centers of Central Asia and Moldova and other international organizations were participated in the meetings.

In the 6th meeting of Working Group on Ecological Indicators following issues were discussed: six indicators from “Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators” prepared by Economic Commission for Europe, biodiversity and indicator on agriculture not covered by the “Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators”, carried out activities in the frame of project on creation of SEIS and future work plans.

Representatives of the countries were charged with assessment of six indicators (Air temperature; Atmospheric precipitation; Drinking water quality; Final energy consumption; Total energy consumption; Average age of road motor vehicle fleet) reflected in the “Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators”. In this regard following data were presented to the Secretary of the meeting by countries as well as, State Statistical Committee of Azerbaijan and Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources in September of current year: inter-departmental co-ordination mechanisms included to the assessment, data collection methods, quality assurance, dynamics of indicators on 1990, 1995, 2000-2011 and publication of indicators. There were prepared a comprehensive overview on these indicators by the expert and were presented to the members of working group.

Adviser of Secretary Vladislav Bizek presented a presentation on air temperature and atmospheric precipitation and he presented parameters on assessments and measuring levels in this field.

Expert of International Energy Agency Anna Ziznievski noted in her presentation that, final energy consumption should be presented as a whole and separately for the main areas (industry, transport, agriculture, service and household). Total energy consumption should be presented as a whole and separately for sources (types of fuel produced in a form of solid, liquid and gas, nuclear energy and types of renewable energy). Indicators on import and export of energy on countries should be separately.

Then, indicators on catches of fish and other aquatic animals and products on biodiversity not covered by the “Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators” were discussed.

During September of current year countries participated in the project uploaded 11 indicators and metadata to the webpage of European Agency on Environment. Consultant of Ecological network Elena Sander was analyzed metadata presented by the countries. Questions in the presentation were in a table form and compared on countries.

In the 13th meeting of working group on monitoring and assessment of the Environment followings were discussed: determination of main principles on monitoring of biodiversity, chemical contamination of soil, future implementation of environmental information system, recent studies on environmental monitoring, preparation of reports on assessment of environment on the base of ecological indicators, usage of modern technologies for effective dissemination of ecological information.

Representatives of the countries informed the meeting participants about the changes happened during last one year in the system of national monitoring, improvement of monitoring networks, modernization and management of data, usage from adoption of decisions and future plans on publication of ecological indicators.