9th Meeting of SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics, Baku, Azerbaijan



9th meeting of SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics hosted by the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan held in Baku on 25-27 June, 2014. Representatives from 8 countries (Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Turkey, Mongolia, Norway, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan) and experts from 5 international organizations (Eurostat, EFTA, UNECE, UNESCAP) and Institute Cadaster of Russian Federation participated in the meeting. The objective of

the 9th meeting of the SPECA PWGS was to discuss the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) with special focus on water and energy. A special session on the last day of the meeting was dedicated to the coordination of statistical capacity building activities and programmes in SPECA counties.

During the meeting following presentations were presented by the representatives of the meeting: Post-2015 UN Development Agenda: monitoring progress, demand for environmental sustainability indicators: energy security & climate change resilience, demand for environmental statistics in the CIS region, Environment/Energy statistics: essential tools for monitoring national policies in Azerbaijan (TBC), Meeting statistical capacity needs for Environmental Sustainable Indicators, UNECE Environment for Europe (EfE) and Adapted Global Assessments (AGAs) of National Statistical Systems: main outcomes and recommendations, Environmental statistics initiatives in Europe, Environmental Statistics in Turkey, ARKS experience on forming environmental indicators, Energy statistics and energy balance in Mongolia, Biodiversity statistics: the experience of Kyrgyzstan, Water statistics in Tajikistan, Water Statistics in Azerbaijan, SEEA-Central Framework: concepts and definitions, SEEA: What is needed to get started, SEEA-CF and FDES Resources, Input-Output Tables in Mongolia, Implementation of SEEA in Norway and selected European countries, Implementation of SEEA (Perspectives of Azerbaijan), Implementation of SEEA in Russia, UN-ECE project: Enhance the national capacity of the most vulnerable ECE countries for sustainable development of statistics through the implementation of recommendations from the Adapted Global Assessments (AGAs), Self-assessment questionnaire for the implementation recommendations from AGAs and Survey on coordination of technical cooperation: tools for streamlining capacity building activities.

At the end of the meeting organizers of the meeting expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the leadership of the State Statistical Committee for supporting the implementation of the meeting in Baku.