

## **National workshop for Namibia on the Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts (EW-MFA) to inform the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

23 – 24 July 2025

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

#### **1. Introduction**

A *National workshop on the Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts (EW-MFA) to inform the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* will be organised in Windhoek, Namibia. The workshop will take place over one and a half days from 23 to 24 July 2025. It is organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA). The event forms part of the Statistics and Data Project “Resilient and agile National Statistical Systems to meet post-COVID-19 data needs to recover better” under the 14th tranche of the United Nations Development Account (DA14 project).

The goal of the national workshop is to present the results of the national work on Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts (EW-MFA) to various stakeholders. It also aims to discuss how EW-MFA inform policies on responsible consumption and production and support reporting on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The target audience for the national workshop includes national agencies that are responsible for the collection and dissemination of environmental and economic data. It also includes agencies involved in the development of policy documents. The participants are expected from the NSA, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Forestry, the Ministry of Industrialisation, Mines and Energy, National Planning Commission, Environment Investment Fund as well as other relevant agencies, including non-governmental organizations, academia and international organisations.

#### **2. Content of the workshop**

The national workshop will cover the environment-related SDG indicators of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts as a statistical tool to produce indicators on responsible consumption and production and inform relevant policies.

During the national workshop, the following topics will be presented and discussed:

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and national reporting on environment-related SDG indicators.
- Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts (EW-MFA) to inform policies on responsible consumption and production and EW-MFA development in Namibia.
- The Global Footprint Tool to calculate footprint indicators, including the Material Footprint (SDG indicator 8.4.1/12.2.1) at the national level.

Expected Outcomes of the National Workshop on EW-MFA:

- 1. Presentation of National EW-MFA Results**  
Stakeholders will be informed of the findings and progress made in compiling Economy-Wide Material Flow Accounts for Namibia.
- 2. Increased Awareness and Understanding**  
Participants will gain a clearer understanding of how EW-MFA supports evidence-based policymaking for sustainable resource use and responsible consumption and production.
- 3. Policy Linkages and Integration**  
The workshop will explore how EW-MFA data can inform national policies, contribute to SDG reporting—especially SDG 8 (Decent work and Economic Growth) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)—and guide sustainable development strategies.
- 4. Capacity Building and Stakeholder Engagement**  
National institutions and stakeholders will strengthen their technical knowledge and institutional capacity to apply EW-MFA in their work.
- 5. Enhanced Coordination Among Agencies**  
Improved collaboration is expected among the National Statistical System (NSS) - national agencies involved in environmental and economic data collection, policy planning, and sustainable development monitoring.
- 6. Inputs for Future Policy Development and Reporting**  
Insights from the workshop will help shape future strategies, reporting mechanisms, and policy frameworks aligned with the 2030 Agenda.
- 7. Support for the DA14 Project Goals**  
The outcomes will contribute to the broader objectives of the DA14 project, particularly enhancing the resilience and agility of national statistical systems in the post-COVID-19 recovery phase.

Most of the presentations will be delivered by experts from UNEP and NSA. Participants will be invited to attend in open discussions on the state of environment-related SDG indicators in Namibia, data challenges and solutions for EW-MFA and the importance of EW-MFA in Namibia.

### **3. Organisation of the Workshop**

The national workshop will be held in person in Windhoek, Namibia, for one and a half days from 23 to 24 July 2025. NSA will inform all nominated participants about the exact venue of the workshop closer to the dates.

In addition, towards the start of the national workshop, all nominated participants will be invited by UNEP to complete a short pre-workshop survey.