

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This is the second issue of the *World Statistics on Mining and Utilities*. Following its first release in 2010 the publication was distributed to the National Statistical Offices (NSOs), international organizations and other data users. UNIDO also informed the forty-second session of the United Nations Statistics Commission about the publication with a brief note on its sources and methods and periodicity. Several NSOs sent their feedback and comments, which were taken into account in the preparation of the current issue. UNIDO sincerely appreciates the cooperation with NSOs, OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), UNSD (United Nations Statistics Division) and other international organizations in providing data for this publication.

Wide interest expressed by international data users, especially knowledge institutions and development partners, in mining and utilities statistics confirms the relevance of this publication. Particular interest was shown in statistics on energy related sectors such as production of coal, crude petroleum, natural gas as well as the production and distribution of electricity and gas.

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