

Strategic Framework 2006-2007 (Biennial programme plan)

Subprogramme 3: Statistics

The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Statistical Division and steered by the Conference of European Statisticians under the joint auspices of ECE and the United Nations Statistical Commission. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing upon subprogramme 3 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the biennium 2006-2007. The work of the subprogramme will focus on strengthening statistical systems with respect to their ability to be in full harmony with the UN Fundamental Principles; promoting the coordinating role of the Conference using the enhanced integrated statistical programme; facilitating and participating in selected methodological activities to establish statistical concepts methods and standards improving international comparability of data; and providing statistical support for the monitoring and analysis of socio-economic factors of society.

Objective: To improve the reliability of national official statistics and ensure their comparability at the international level

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat Indicators of achievement

(a) Further developed national institutional frameworks and corresponding implementation practices of member countries, in line with the ECE Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

(a) (i) Number of countries ensuring better compliance with the Fundamental Principles through revisions of their national statistical legislations

Performance measures

2002-2003: 3 countries with economies in transition having passed new legislation in the reporting period

Estimate 2004-2005: 3 countries with economies in transition having passed new legislation in the reporting period

Target 2006-2007: 5 countries with economies in transition having passed new legislation in the reporting period

(ii) Number of ECE recommendations implemented to improve national institutional frameworks for official statistics

Performance measures

2002-2003: 2 countries reviewed that have accepted ECE sets of recommendations

Estimate 2004-2005: 3 countries reviewed that have accepted ECE sets of recommendations

Target 2006-2007: 3 countries reviewed that have accepted ECE sets of recommendations

(b) Increased implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to ensure comparable statistics, particularly by the less advanced countries in the region

(b) (i) Number of new or revised statistical standards endorsed by a statistical authority to which the ECE has contributed in substance

Performance measures

2002-2003: 2 new or revised standards endorsed within the reporting period

Estimate 2004-2005: 2 new or revised standards endorsed within the reporting period

Target 2006-2007: 5 new or revised standards endorsed within the reporting period

(ii) Number of countries in CIS and south-east Europe having implemented essential internationally recommended standards and practices in macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics

Performance measures

2002-2003: 7 additional countries in CIS and south-east Europe having reached the requirements of the Special Data Dissemination Standard in the reporting period

Estimate 2004-2005: 7 additional countries in CIS and south-east Europe having reached the requirements of the Special Data Dissemination Standard in the reporting period

Target 2006-2007: 6 additional countries in CIS and south-east Europe having reached the requirements of the Special Data Dissemination Standard in the reporting period

(c) Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work between international organizations through elimination of overlaps and gaps

(c) (i) Percentage of joint activities in the ECE statistical programme undertaken in cooperation with OECD, the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) and other international organizations

Performance measures

2002-2003: 75 % of meetings sponsored jointly by the UNECE and other international statistical agencies

Estimate 2004-2005: 75 % of meetings sponsored jointly by the UNECE and other international statistical agencies

Target 2006-2007: 75 % of meetings sponsored jointly by the UNECE and other international statistical agencies

(ii) Number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities in the Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work programmes

Performance measures

2002-2003: 26 organizations contributing to the current year's edition of the Integrated Presentation

Estimate 2004-2005: 26 organizations contributing to the current year's edition of the Integrated Presentation

Target 2006-2007: 25 organizations contributing to the current year's edition of the Integrated Presentation

(d) Increased access by users to reliable, timely and comparable macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics

(d) Percentage of users that express satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data delivered

Performance measures

2002-2003: 70 % of users

Estimate 2004-2005: 70 % of users

Target 2006-2007: 70 % of users
