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**INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN AGRICULTURE STATISTICS (INCLUDING
FORESTRY AND FISHERIES), 2008**

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2.4.1.	Title	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries (edition 2008)
2.4.1.	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eurostat : Rural development indicators (Luxembourg, 28 - 29 January 2008) • Eurostat : Structure of agricultural holdings (Luxembourg, 20 - 21 February 2008) • Eurostat : Statistics of animal production (Luxembourg, 4 - 4 March 2008) • Eurostat : Statistics of crop production (Luxembourg, 5 - 5 March 2008) • Eurostat : Collection and validation of agricultural statistics (Luxembourg, 12 - 13 March 2008) • Eurostat : Fishery statistics (Luxembourg, 29 - 30 April 2008) • Eurostat : Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics (CPSA) (Luxembourg, 22 - 23 May 2008) • Eurostat : Agriculture/environment statistics (Luxembourg, 26 - 27 June 2008) • Eurostat : Structure of agricultural holdings (Luxembourg, 22 - 23 September 2008) • Eurostat : Collection and validation of agricultural statistics (Luxembourg, 22 - 23 October 2008) • Eurostat : Statistics of animal production (Luxembourg, 23 - 23 October 2008) • Eurostat : Statistics of crop production (Luxembourg, 24 - 24 October 2008) • Eurostat : Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics (Luxembourg, 20 - 21 November 2008) • Eurostat : Forestry (Luxembourg, 26 - 27 November 2008) • Eurostat : Agricultural Accounts (Luxembourg, 3 - 4 December 2008) • Eurostat : Agriculture/environment statistics (Luxembourg, 11 - 12 December 2008) • Eurostat : Food safety statistics (Luxembourg, 15 - 16 December 2008)

2.4.1: Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.01 Agricultural production</u></p> <p>1. Description Crop production statistics cover (on the basis of existing legislation) the field of cereal production and the other productions resulting from field crops, the production of fruits and vegetables, the supply balance sheets of wine (on a legal basis) and of other crop products. Animal statistics cover (on the basis of existing legislation) livestock surveys as well as meat, milk and eggs statistics. The crop and animal statistics not only play a key role in the design, implementation and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (CAP) but also contribute to ensuring food and feed safety in the European Union.</p> <p>These statistics (mainly short-term statistics) and the derived production forecasts provide key information for day-to-day market management. The Agricultural Information System (AGRIS) plays an important role in validating the consistency and coherence of these statistics.</p> <p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008 The collection, validation and dissemination of crop and animal statistics will be modernised and simplified. New legislation for crop products statistics will be finalised and the work programme for wine, fruit and vegetable statistics will be reviewed in the light of the reformed common market organisations.</p> <p>The implementation of a new Regulation integrating the three former "meat and livestock" directives dating back to 1993 is scheduled for January 2008.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and validation of agricultural production statistics. Dissemination within one month after the agreed transmission deadline • Submission to the EP and the Council of a draft Regulation integrating the existing two Regulations on crop statistics and possibly some data which are now being collected under a gentlemen's agreement • Implementation of a new Regulation integrating three former directives and covering poultry meat production <p>2.2.2. New work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the new system (e-DAMIS/webforms) for the collection of agricultural production statistics • Validation of agricultural production statistics
2.4.1: Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.02 Agricultural structures</u></p> <p>1. Description Statistics on agricultural structures include the Farm Structure Survey (FSS) as well as the Survey on Agricultural Production Methods (SAPM), the orchards and vineyards surveys and the information required for processing these data. This statistical information plays a key role in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the common agricultural policy (CAP). The EU farm structure surveys are the backbone of the agricultural statistical system. They provide micro-data on the agricultural labour force, land use, livestock, equipment and non-agricultural activities and they are the statistical basis for sample surveys</p>

	<p>on land use, livestock and agricultural income. The farm typology processed on the FSS is the key used in the farm accountancy data network. The implementation of the new NUTS enables Eurostat to manage regional time series without putting an additional burden on Member States.</p> <p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008 Collection, validation and dissemination of the FSS 2007 data and of the 2007 orchards survey will be carried out. Pilot surveys will be launched on fertilisers. The methodology (concepts and definitions) needs to be developed for the future FSS and the SAPM.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and update the Eurofarm database for FSS 2007 • Collect and validate FSS 2007 data for EU-27 and EFTA • Collect standard gross margin (SGM) and standard output (SO) coefficients (reference 2004) • Process data for the Eurofarm domain, including farm typology calculation; data therefrom will be re-disseminated in derived domains (regional statistics, rural development, agri-environment, food safety) and in response to ad hoc requests • Maintain and adapt the Eurofarm domain in the free dissemination environment (data loading, methodological information updating, adaptation of the table programme, user support) • Collect, validate and disseminate fruit trees survey 2007 results and update the fruit trees metadata database for 2007 <p>2.2.2. New work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the Eurofarm system for adaptation to new statistical approaches
2.4.1: Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.03 Land use and land cover</u></p> <p>1. Description Land cover and land use are of high importance in the definition and evaluation of common agricultural and environment policies. The Lucas project was launched by Decision No 1445/2000/EC dealing with the application of area frame techniques. The objective was to set up area frame surveys for the provision of (a) coherent and harmonised statistics on land use and land cover, (b) early crop area estimates, (c) information on the environment, landscapes and sustainable development, (d) ground evidence for calibration of satellite images, and (e) a register of points for specific surveys.</p> <p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008 The report on the Lucas project submitted to the European Parliament and the Council in July 2007 will determine the future development of the area frame surveys. The Lucas survey will be carried out in Bulgaria and Romania in 2008.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out the Lucas survey in BG and RO (PHARE project) • Preparation of a 2009 LUCAS survey
2.4.1:	Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.04 Agricultural accounts and prices</u></p> <p>1. Description Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA) and prices play a key role in the design, implementation and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (CAP) as well as in the evaluation of the impact of the CAP on the economic and financial situation of the agricultural community. Quarterly price indices will continue to be collected and disseminated. The Agricultural Information System (AGRIS) plays an important role in validating the consistency and coherence of agri-monetary statistics.</p> <p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008 Collection, validation and dissemination of agricultural accounts and prices will continue and be further modernised. Particular attention will be given to the implementation of a target methodology for land prices and rents. The outcome of the survey on the income of agricultural households (IAHS) feasibility study will be analysed and the next steps will be decided upon.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and validation of agri-monetary statistics. Dissemination within one month after the transmission deadline • Data collection and validation of quarterly price indices. Dissemination within one month after the transmission deadline <p>2.2.2. New work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the new system (e-Collect/e-Damis) for collection of agri-monetary statistics • Validation of agri-monetary statistics • Implementation of a target methodology for land prices and rents • Modification of Regulation 138/2004/EC on EAA taking into account the revised NACE (NACE Rev 2)
2.4.1:	Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.05 Forestry statistics</u></p> <p>1. Description For this theme Eurostat will continue to cooperate extensively with international bodies (FAO, UNECE and ITTO) in the use and development of the Joint FAO/ECE/Eurostat/ITTO Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ), with which annual data on wood and wood-derived products are collected worldwide, thus avoiding any duplication of effort. The responsibility for collection and management of the data is shared; Eurostat is responsible for the replies of the EU Member States and the EFTA countries. This data is the basis for international comparisons and is provided on request to the Commission departments, in particular DG Enterprise, DG Environment and DG Agriculture, to officials working on the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 and to the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE). It also provides some of the indicators needed for the sustainable management of forests and primary wood-based industries, work which needs to be further developed in the future.</p>

		<p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008</p> <p>The data provided through the free dissemination (NewCronos) database should be made more user-friendly and attractive. Agreements should be reached with some of the other bodies to establish active links to their databases. However, a key element is the improvement of the timeliness of the data and therefore at least some sub-parts of the JFSQ (i.e. those that are easier to provide data for) should have tighter deadlines than others. In order to achieve this, a reform of the timing and the whole procedure of data collection with the JFSQ may become necessary and must be discussed and agreed between the Commission departments and the international partners that make up the Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (IWGFS).</p> <p>A strategic policy review of the theme will be ready by the end of 2007. 2008 should see the beginning of work in new areas not yet covered by other data providers. Other priorities are to produce attractive short publications and to contribute data to projects under the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 and for the indicators of sustainable forest management.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect data and update the dissemination database with forest and forest product statistics (annual statistics, reference year 2007) by 30 November 2008 • Disseminate statistics for 2006 and 2007 in Data in focus and Statistics in focus • Provide data for projects under the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011 (lead: DG Agriculture) • Discuss the strategic policy review with Member States • Negotiate with international (UNECE, FAO, ITTO, etc.) and Commission partners concerning links to their databases in Eurostat's free dissemination (NewCronos) database • Negotiate with Commission departments and UNECE, FAO, ITTO concerning changes in timetable for JFSQ and meetings <p>2.2.2. New work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the strategic policy review for forestry statistics • Undertake feasibility study on the capture of data on regional trade in wood not covered by official trade statistics because of existing value thresholds
2.4.1:	Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.07 Reform of agriculture, forestry and fisheries statistics</u></p> <p>1. Description</p> <p>Planning and implementing the development and better integration of agricultural statistics with the aim of meeting the needs of the new CAP (common agricultural policy), in particular rural development and agri-environment. The PHARE instruments are used to assist in the development of comparable data in acceding and candidate countries. In the framework of MEDSTAT a contribution is made to capacity building for the production of harmonised international agricultural statistics.</p>

	<p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008</p> <p>The main priorities will be to establish a sustainable arrangement required for the long-term functioning of the agri-environmental indicator system in line with the Commission's communication COM(2006)508 final; and to follow up the Technical Action Plan for Agricultural Statistics (TAPAS) actions 2007.</p> <p>Technical assistance will be provided through PHARE and MEDSTAT-Agri projects. Further work (methodological work, data collection and data management) will be devoted to rural development and agri-environmental indicators.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up of the TAPAS actions 2007 • Production of rural development indicators derived from the FSS • Agri-environment: coordination of meetings with EU departments and Member States, organised according to the Memorandum of Understanding <p>2.2.2. New work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of exhaustive DIF publication programme • Collection, validation and dissemination of agri-environmental data and creation of a framework for the compilation of the nutrient balances
2.4.1: Eurostat	<p><u>Theme 4.06 Fisheries statistics</u></p> <p>1. Description</p> <p>The work programme in fisheries statistics will concentrate on adaptations necessary to meet the data requirements of the recent revisions of the common fisheries policy (CFP). The further integration of the various aspects of the CFP (resource management, sustainability of fisheries, structural policy, socio-economic impact and market policy) will extend the range of data required, placing greater emphasis on data which have until recently received relatively little attention.</p> <p>2. Work Programme for 2008</p> <p>2.1 KEY PRIORITIES 2008</p> <p>Collection and dissemination of fishery statistics will continue. Data validation techniques will be further developed. New legislation on landings statistics and aquaculture statistics will be implemented. The existing legislation will be scrutinised with a view to ensuring that it is used more efficiently.</p> <p>2.2 OBJECTIVES 2008</p> <p>2.2.1. Ongoing work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine processing of submissions of catch, landings and aquaculture statistics submitted under the terms of EU legislation • Regular updates of the NewCronos domain FISH • By October, preparation of manuscript of Pocketbook on Fisheries • Updating of the Statistical Register of Fishing Vessels (April) • Cooperation in development of sustainability indicators for fisheries • Preparation of a series of Data in Focus and Statistics in Focus reports on

		<p>fishery topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multilateral and bilateral cooperation with member international agencies of the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics • Continued development of data on employment in the fisheries sector • Development of data on Supply Balance Sheets for the fisheries sector <p>2.2.2. New work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of revised Regulations on landing statistics and on aquaculture statistics • Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding FISH/ESTAT • Coordination with DG FISH on maritime policy
2.4.1:	OECD	<p><u>Producer and Consumer Support Estimates in Non-OECD Countries</u></p> <p>Purpose To provide data for estimation of support to agriculture (based on indicators of Producer and Consumer Support Estimates, PSE/CSE) and for key macroeconomic and agricultural indicators, for papers, publications, meetings of the Global Forum on Agriculture and for various technical meetings.</p> <p>Objectives and outputs To update basic agricultural data for non OECD countries for which there has been an OECD review of agricultural policies. To provide a set of internationally comparable estimates of support to agriculture (the PSE/CSE database) for these countries applying the same methodology used for OECD members. The PSE database is used by the governments of both OECD member and non-member countries, international organisations, such as IMF and WTO, as well as researchers and universities. It is of particular interest in the context of OECD accession and enhanced engagement initiative.</p> <p>Non-member countries involved in the activity: Brazil, Chile, China, Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine</p> <p>Databases Measuring support to agriculture in non-OECD countries</p> <p>Main Developments for 2008</p> <p>General aspects: Following the release of the Reviews of Agricultural Policies in Brazil, China, South Africa and Chile, PSE databases have been created for these countries. These databases are updated regularly, together with the existing databases for Russia and Ukraine and made available in a Monitoring publication every other year and through the OECD internet web site. A new statistical annex, containing key agricultural indicators, will also be made available in 2008. We also envisage including a descriptive section on India, Indonesia and Israel.</p> <p>Data collection: Coverage of new countries</p>

2.4.1: OECD	<p>Producer and Consumer Support Estimates in OECD Countries</p> <p>Purpose To collect, process, evaluate and publish data on support to agriculture in OECD countries. The activity also provides staff with a database for various research and analysis activities of the Directorate. This is a joint activity between the "Agricultural Policies and Environment" and the "Policies and Trade in Agriculture" Divisions of the Trade and Agriculture Directorate.</p> <p>Objectives and outputs To update the Producer and Consumer Support Estimate annual database and to calculate the various indicators of support to agriculture. The data are used to evaluate agricultural and other policies in OECD countries, mainly in the annual Monitoring and Evaluation Report, which is reviewed and approved by the Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets. The data collected and the method used to calculate the indicators of support are reviewed both internally and externally by the Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets on an annual basis. These review processes improve the data quality as well as the methodology used in the calculations.</p> <p>In this context, a new classification of the component parts of the support estimates, to reflect changing policy priorities and policy measures implemented in OECD countries, has been agreed and will be implemented in the 2007 Monitoring and Evaluation report.</p> <p>Non-member countries involved in the activity: Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovenia</p> <p>Main Developments for 2008</p> <p>General aspects: The new classification of the component parts of the support estimates, to reflect changing policy priorities and policy measures implemented in OECD countries, will be implemented in the 2007 Monitoring and Evaluation report. The database will be remodelled to account for this change in the classification of agricultural policies as agreed with OECD countries.</p>
2.4.1: OECD	<p>Review of Fisheries in OECD Countries</p> <p>Purpose To collect and present data for the publication Review of Fisheries. To provide staff, and other potential users, with a database for research and analysis purposes. The latter applies to the Policy Reviews as well as other activities of the Division. To provide other Directorates data on fisheries resources.</p> <p>Objectives and outputs The principal purpose is to collect and make available data on a consistent basis among member countries (and observers) of statistics relevant to fisheries i.e. landings (harvest) and processing, fleet, fishers, employment, trade (via the ITS database), aquaculture and government financial transfers. The data are used nationally, principally for reporting purposes and internationally (e.g. OECD), for analytical purposes. Data also serve as reference for other international organisations and as a means for cross-checking and reconciling information from national sources.</p> <p>Questionnaires and tables are sent (annually) to national correspondents following discussion and approval by the Committee for Fisheries. Data are collected and disseminated in the Review of Fisheries Statistics. Data published are also accessible via the public fisheries web site and more</p>

		<p>recent series through the Committee Web Site. At the international level co-ordination takes place among agencies involved in fisheries statistical programmes through the Co-ordinated Working Party (CWP) on Fisheries Statistics. The OECD is in close co-operation with the FAO and EUROSTAT in the collection of fisheries data. This is done, inter alia, with a view to avoid overlapping activities.</p> <p>The data collected (and the procedures) are reviewed by the Committee for Fisheries on an annual basis. Internationally, improvements are carried out through the CWP.</p> <p>Non-member countries involved in the activity: Argentina, Chinese Taipei, Russian Federation, Thailand</p> <p>Databases Review of Fisheries in OECD Countries</p> <p>Main Developments for 2008</p> <p>General aspects: Continued improvements in metadata and comparison possibilities across member countries. The Government Financial Transfer (GFT) data are now included in the database. Data are now available to the public via the fisheries web site. Chinese Taipei and Thailand have been included since 2006. A major overhaul of the database took place in 2005.</p>
2.4.1:	OECD	<p><u>Agricultural Outlook</u></p> <p>Purpose To provide an annual update of statistical information and projections by country for OECD members, the OECD area, selected non-member countries and regional and world aggregates, of supply and use balances for cereals, oilseeds, meats, dairy products and sugar to 2016.</p> <p>Objectives and outputs To maintain a database with detailed supply and use information for most temperate zone agricultural commodities. The tables provide detailed information for production, consumption, trade, stocks and prices in OECD countries and a large number of other countries including China, Argentina, Brazil, India, South Africa, Russia and other CIS independent states and many smaller countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Most series cover the period from 1970 to the most current year and include updated annual projections for up to ten years in the future.</p> <p>Non-member countries involved in the activity: Argentina, Brazil, China, Other, Russian Federation</p> <p>Databases The Agricultural Commodities Database</p> <p>Main Developments for 2008</p> <p>General aspects: The main change in the modelling framework underlying the outlook is the integration of the world sugar model into Aglink, a complete revision of the EU model and the integration of an endogenised biofuel market in the model. This work has started in 2007 and will be finalised in early 2008.</p>
2.4.1:	CIS-STAT	<p><u>Agricultural Statistics</u></p> <p>Ongoing work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection, processing, analysis and publication of data on agriculture in the Commonwealth countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly: output of selected types of livestock products. - Area under agricultural crops for the yield of the current year (3 times a year); progress of agricultural crops harvesting (5 times a year);

		<p>- Quarterly: agricultural output (in current prices) and indices of agricultural output (in constant prices) , numbers of livestock;</p> <p>- Yearly: availability and distribution of agricultural lands by categories of land users; sales of principal agricultural products; gross harvests and crop yields (calculated in accordance with FAO recommendations); products source and use tables; per capita consumption of main food products; number of peasant (individual farmers') holdings and associated land and their output of principal agricultural products; forecasts of cereals production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of analytical reports on the situation and development of agriculture.
2.4.1:	UNECE	<p>Collection, processing and dissemination of forest sector statistics (<i>Activity 1.1 of the 2008 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p>Summary description Collection and dissemination of data on forest resources, production and trade of forest products, and indicators of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM).</p> <p>Purpose Timely and relevant forest statistics, including data on forest resources, production and trade of forest products, forest fires, indicators of SFM.</p> <p>Outputs expected at the end of 2008 Four organizations - FAO, UNECE, Eurostat and International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) - work together to collect and disseminate data on production and trade of forest products, through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ). Additionally, UNECE and FAO work together with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), in particular the Liaison Unit Warsaw, on the quantitative and qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management.</p> <p><u>Data collection/data management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Resource Assessment data; • Qualitative and quantitative indicators on sustainable forest management; • Forest Products Statistics, including prices of forest products; • Forest Products Trade Flow Data; • Forest Fire Statistics. <p><u>Dissemination of statistical products</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber Committee's website: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/welcome.htm; • CD-ROMs; • "State of Forest and Sustainable Forest Management in Europe 2007" report. • Publications, e.g. the Forest Products Annual Market Review; • Reports. <p>See also: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/Welcome.html</p>
2.4.1:	UNECE	<p>Analytical and methodological work on forest sector statistics (<i>Activity 1.2 of the 2008 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p>Summary description Analytical and methodological studies on different issues in the area of forest sector statistics.</p> <p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodological improvements in areas such as forest resource assessment and forest fire. • Analysis of forest resources, sustainability of forest management, and

	<p>forest products markets.</p> <p>Outputs expected at the end of 2008</p> <p>The UNECE Timber Section carries out various analytical and methodological studies on different issues in the area of forest statistics, including Forest Sector Country Profiles.</p> <p><u>Analytical products</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE regional input to the global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) 2010 (to be published by FAO). • Long-term historical changes in the forest resource. • Forest Products Annual Market Review, published as a Study Paper. • Series of publications under the European Forest Sector Outlook Studies (EFSOS). • “State of Forests and SFM in Europe” report (to be published together with MCPFE). • Forest Sector Country profiles, published as Discussion Papers. • Report /Study on Private Forest ownership in Europe. <p><u>Methodological work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities by the teams of specialists on forest resources and sustainable forest management, on forest products markets and marketing, on policies and institutions (Team of Specialists on Eastern Europe) and on forest fire. • Discussions with Member States at the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics on methodological issues. • Creation and maintenance of terms and definitions, specifications and classifications in consultation with partners and stakeholders, in particular for the FRA. <p><u>Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics (membership: UNECE, FAO, Eurostat, ITTO, OECD, EEA, CEC). Meetings about twice a year. • Inter-Secretariat Working on Forest Policies and Institutions (membership: UNECE, FAO, MCPFE). Meetings about once - twice a year. • Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (annual sessions, usually in March). • Meetings of the Teams of Specialists. <p>See also: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/Welcome.html</p>
2.4.1: UNECE	<p>Technical cooperation on forest sector statistics (<i>Activity 1.3 of the 2008 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p>Summary description</p> <p>Capacity building in member countries through workshops and meetings of national correspondents, and through the guidelines for the implementation of international projects, like Forest Resource Assessment (FRA).</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>Improved capacity of countries in forest sector statistics and dissemination of information.</p> <p>Outputs expected at the end of 2008</p> <p>A series of workshops aimed at improving country’s capacities to collect and use information on forest sector statistics and provide relevant information to the international community, FRA-2010 country reporting guidelines (in cooperation with FAO).</p> <p>See also: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/Welcome.html</p>

2.4.1:FAO	<p><u>Agricultural Statistics</u></p> <p>Ongoing methodological work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO will continue to concentrate on the roll out of the revamped FAOSTAT during 2007. It uses new estimation techniques for food balance sheets and estimates of the numbers of undernourished (see 1.5). New methods for estimating missing observations, reconciling different domains and calibrating the integrated statistics are being introduced. <p>Priority objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional subject specific statistical modules of data, expanded coverage, improve the quality and timeliness of disseminated statistics. • Revision of the major items included in the Agricultural Resources Domain has been undertaken. 2007 will see population of the various sub-domains of land, water, machinery, fertilizer, pesticides, capital labour and other inputs. <p>Dissemination and coordination of data collection</p> <p>On-going work:</p> <p>Through the database available on FAOSTAT (http://faostat.fao.org), now maintained by the Statistics Division, work is continuing to revitalize its dissemination programme of food and agriculture statistics. In 2007, FAO is again publishing a trade matrix of agricultural products (WATM/WATF) on CD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work will continue on the development of metadata on crops and livestock as well as prices and resources, which underlies the data disseminated by FAOSTAT. • Major work continues on upgrading and developing the Statistics Division's webpage www.fao.org/statistics/ <p>Priority objectives:</p> <p>Publication of new undernourished estimates.</p>
2.4.1:FAO	<p><u>Fishery statistics</u></p> <p>Ongoing work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection, evaluation, analyses and dissemination fishery related information -- capture fisheries production, aquaculture production, commodities and trade, disposition, food-consumption of fishery products, fishers and fleets. • Annual release of FAO Yearbook-Fishery Statistics for Capture Fisheries production, Aquaculture Production, and Commodities. • On-line dissemination of statistics through FIGIS (Fisheries Global Information System, http://www.fao.org/fi/figis/) together with various software for database handling, data collection and analyses. Data and software are also available as complementary CD version. • On-line dissemination of statistical guidelines, standards, and classifications relevant to fisheries and aquaculture, together with fisheries and stock status information provided from international and regional fisheries bodies through partnership arrangement of FIRMS (Fisheries Resources Monitoring System). • Technical assistance for fishery data collection and monitoring system development through the FishCode-STF project along the line with the Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries (Strategy-STF). <p>Priority objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued improvement of the quality and timeliness of FAO-collated

		<p>fishery statistics and information. Specific emphasis of this year includes re-construction of fleet statistics, review the requirements to capture fisheries data and development of plan to accommodate the recent emerging needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination to develop global standards for terminology, data requirement, and guideline for aquaculture survey and enhanced analysis of available data. • Promotion of the implementation of Strategy-STF and capacity building especially in Africa, Asia, and to a lesser extent in the Caribbean and South America, and some countries in East Europe.
2.4.1:	FAO	<p>Forestry Statistics</p> <p>Ongoing work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual release of forest products on-line statistical databases – production, trade and bilateral trade matrices, available at: http://faostat.fao.org/site/381/default.aspx http://faostat.fao.org/site/382/default.aspx • Yearbook of Forest Products (1 volume), hardcopy and on-line version • Complementary CD-Rom version, the database containing all FAOSTAT-Forestry statistics. <p>New activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (FRA 2010) <p>Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010, 3-7 March • A series of regional workshops to review draft reports from countries for FRA 2010
2.4.1:	FAO	<p>Government expenditure on agriculture & Official Development Assistance to Agriculture (ODA)</p> <p>A new activity which will be part of the regular programme of work is the compilation of government expenditure on agriculture by sub-sectors of main purpose activities, subsidies or taxes on agriculture, total government expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and maintain data regularly with details that relate to concepts and methodology. • Classify by different purpose activities. • Collect data on subsidies and taxes by activities. • Derive share of agriculture on total expenditures. • Monitor and track by reporting regularly on reports and publications. • Data on ODA is maintained in collaboration with OECD/World Bank and Regional Banks • Data on ODA is published • Data on ODA is regularly provided to the Office of the Director-General and many other users.
2.4.1:	See also:	<p><i>FAO: Food Consumption and Security Statistics Derived from Household Surveys in 1.5</i></p> <p><i>UNECE: Agriculture statistics in 3.2</i></p> <p><i>OECD: Agricultural market access in 2.6</i></p> <p><i>FAO: Agricultural producer prices in 2.7</i></p> <p><i>Eurostat: Food safety in 1.5</i></p> <p><i>FAO: Food consumption and security in 1.5</i></p>