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Frequently used abbreviations

CES – Conference of European Statisticians

CIS-STAT – Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States

DISA – Database of International Statistical Activities

ECLAC – Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

EECCA countries – Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

ESCAP – Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

EU – European Union

EXCOM – UNECE Executive Committee

FAO – Food and agriculture organization

ICT – information and communication technologies

ILO – International Labour Office

IMF – International Monetary Fund

MDGs – Millennium Development Goals

NSO – national statistical organization/office

OECD – Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

SDMX – Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange

SEE countries – South-East European countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia

SPECA – UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

UN DESA – United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

UNECE – United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

UNSC – United Nations Statistical Commission

UNSD – United Nations Statistical Division (New York)

WHO – World health Organization

Introduction

1.   The Conference of European Statisticians decided at its 2003 plenary session that an Annual Statistical Programme of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) be regularly compiled.

2.   The main purpose of the Statistical Programme is to give an overview of all statistical activities carried out by the various Divisions and Units of the UNECE. The compilation of the Statistical Programme facilitates the work of the UNECE Statistical Division in fulfilling its mandate of coordinating the statistical activities of the UNECE, and of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau in providing guidance to other Sectoral Committees on statistically related activities. It also serves as the basis for reporting the work undertaken by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) to the Executive Committee of the UNECE.

3.   The Statistical Programme is prepared by the UNECE Statistical Division. It is compiled for a calendar year.

4.   The presentation of the statistical activities conforms to the following structure:

I.   Statistical activities undertaken by the UNECE Statistical Division: 38 statistical activities by the Statistical Division are identified and grouped into nine clusters:

  - Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region.
  - Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic statistics.
  - Collection, processing and dissemination of social and demographic statistics.
  - Support for processing and dissemination of statistics.
  - Methodological work in economic statistics.
  - Methodological work in social and demographic statistics.
  - Methodological work in environment and sustainable development statistics.
  - Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics.
  - Technical assistance to UNECE member countries.

II.   Statistical activities undertaken by other UNECE Divisions, including 7 activities.

5.   A short summary description of the overall objective and main actions of the cluster is provided in the beginning of each cluster. The description of statistical activities has the following structure:

  - Description and objectives.
  - Activities and output.
  - Organizations and groups involved.

6.   Annex I provides a list of meetings planned to take place in 2010. Some of the meeting dates are still preliminary and subject to change. The up-to-date list of meetings is available at the Statistical Division's website at http://www.unece.org/stats/.

7.   Annex II includes a list of outputs planned to be finalised or made available during 2010.

8.   Annex III lists the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement as defined in the UN Programme Budget Plan for the 2010-2011 biennium. The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement are used as a basis for planning the budget and for evaluating

the work of the UNECE Statistical Division within the UN biennial planning and reporting system.

9.   A shorter, summary version of the work programme of the UNECE Statistical Division is prepared as a separate document to be submitted to the UNECE Executive Committee for approval. The short version will include the following information extracted from the current document:

- Summary descriptions of the clusters;
- List of meetings to take place in 2010:
- List of outputs to be prepared in 2010;
- List of technical cooperation activities;
- Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the 2010-2011 biennium.

Part I. Activities undertaken by the UNECE Statistical Division

1. Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:

Ensure coordination of international statistical activities in the UNECE region and provide a forum for Heads of national and international statistical organizations to address issues of current interest, exchange experience, and develop standards and recommendations to improve national statistics and their international comparability. Promote the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics within the region and the international statistical community.

Actions:

1) Act as the Secretariat of the UNECE Sectoral Committee on statistics, the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) and its Bureau,
2) maintain a database of international statistical activities in the region (DISA),
3) coordinate the work of the Teams of Specialists (Steering Groups, Task Forces, Groups of Experts, etc.) working under the umbrella of the CES;
4) as a custodian organization of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, promote their implementation in the region and carry out global assessments of national statistical systems;
5) coordinate the technical cooperation activities in statistics in Central Asia.

1. Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

Activity 1.1: Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA)

Description and objectives

Maintain an online database providing information on statistical work of about 30 international agencies. The Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA) is an important tool to assist the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) in fulfilling its primary role – to coordinate the statistical work undertaken by the various international agencies in the UNECE region.

Activities and output

♦ Prepare and publish the 2010 issue of the database.
♦ Start the preparations for the 2011 issue of the database.
♦ Provide input to the in-depth reviews of the CES Bureau in specific statistical areas where significant developments have taken place, coordinated action is needed or there is a lack of activities at the international level.
♦ Monitor the use of the database and ask for feedback in order to improve presentation and functionality of the database.

1. Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

Activity 1.2: Secretariat support for the work of the CES and its Bureau

Description and objectives

Provide secretariat support for the work of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), the Sectoral Committee of the UNECE Statistical Division and its Bureau that steers the work of the Conference. The CES coordinates the statistical activities of the three main international organizations working in the UNECE region, Eurostat, OECD and UNECE, as well as the statistical activities of other organizations, such as CIS-STAT, UNSD, IMF, ILO, WHO and the World Bank. The CES provides a forum for Heads of national and international statistical agencies to address issues of current interest, discuss the region's common statistical problems, exchange experience, and formulate common solutions and recommendations.

Activities and output

- Organize and service the CES Bureau meetings (February 2010 (a short meeting during the UNSC session), June 2010, and October 2010).
- Organize and service the annual plenary session of the CES (Paris, the week of 7-11 June 2010), which includes three modules: a session on formal business and two seminar sessions.
- Provide secretariat support in the preparation of the CES seminars on "*The impact of the global crises on statistical systems*" and "*Spatial statistics/Role of a spatial dimension in official statistics*" during the CES 2010 plenary session.
- Coordinate the implementation of follow-up activities of the CES 2009 and 2010 plenary sessions.
- Prepare the UNECE Statistical Programme 2011.
- Report on the work of the CES to the EXCOM.
- Coordinate the Teams of Specialists that work under the auspices of the CES in various statistical areas and report on their activities to the Conference and its Bureau.

1. Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

Activity 1.3: Monitoring the implementation of principles for official statistics

Description and objectives

Monitor the adherence to, and advocate for, the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in UNECE Member countries, with special focus on the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-East Europe (SEE). Ensure adherence to the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities within UNECE Secretariat.

Activities and output

♦ Follow-up on the survey on implementation of Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the EECCA and SEE countries.
♦ Support the implementation of Fundamental Principles in EECCA and SEE countries, by providing advice for legislation on official statistics.
♦ Promote the full implementation of the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities in the UNECE Secretariat.
♦ Carry out global assessments of national statistical systems, at the request from countries.

1. Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

Activity 1.4: Coordination of technical cooperation in Central Asia

Description and objectives

Coordinate the technical cooperation in statistics carried out by international and national organizations in Central Asian countries, contribute to the Partner Reporting System on Statistical Development (PRESS), maintained by PARIS21 (Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century). This reporting system is developed by a Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities Task Team in cooperation with the UNECE Statistical Division.

Activities and output

♦ Coordinate technical cooperation in statistics in Central Asian countries.
♦ Provide timely and comprehensive information on all UNECE technical cooperation projects in statistics as a contribution to the global Report on donor activities in the field of statistics produced annually by PARIS21.
♦ Organize the Annual SPECA Project Working Group Meeting on Statistics (June 2010) to discuss the technical cooperation activities in Central Asia.

Organizations and groups involved

CIS-STAT
Eurostat
PARIS21

2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic statistics

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:
Make available reliable, timely and comparable data on core indicators on short-term and structural economic statistics for all the countries of the UNECE region, and a number of different regional aggregates within the UNECE area.

Actions:
Maintain an online macroeconomic database in the following areas: national accounts main aggregates, industrial production, labour force, wages, price indices, purchasing power parities, exchange rates, interest rates, balance of payments and external debt.

2. Collection, processing and dissemination of macroeconomic statistics

Activity 2.1: Economic data collection, analysis and advice (Economic database)

Description and objectives

Collect, process and publish economic statistics for the UNECE Member Countries in a publicly available database with online access via English and Russian interfaces. The database provides comparable data on core indicators on short-term and structural economic statistics for all the countries of the UNECE region and a number of different regional aggregates within the UNECE area.

Activities and output

♦ Maintain an online database providing macroeconomic data in the following areas: national accounts main aggregates, industrial production, labour force, population, wages, price indices, Purchasing Power Parities, exchange rates, interest rates, and balance of payments, external debt.
♦ Improve quality of published data, focusing on better coverage, timeliness, relevance and comparability, in line with the UNECE data quality framework.
♦ Improve coverage of seasonally adjusted data for selected macro-economic series.

3. Collection, processing and dissemination of social and demographic statistics

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:
Make available reliable, timely and comparable social and demographic statistics with gender breakdown, and data relevant to the achievement of the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration (MDGs)

Actions:
1) Maintain an online database providing data with gender breakdown in the following areas: population, fertility, families and households, work and the economy, education, public life and decision making, health and mortality, crime and violence, science and information and communication technologies, and life balance;
2) Maintain a regional repository of data to monitor the achievement of MDGs.

3. Collection, processing and dissemination of social and demographic statistics

Activity 3.1: Gender statistics database

Description and objectives

Collect, process and publish gender statistics for the UNECE Member Countries in a publicly available database with online access via English and Russian interfaces. The database provides a comprehensive framework of statistical indicators on gender-relevant issues, and is geared to guide countries in establishing national frameworks for monitoring gender equality.

Activities and output

♦ Maintain the database in the following areas: population, fertility, families and households, work and the economy, education, public life and decision making, health and mortality, crime and violence, science and ICT, and life balance.

♦ Improve quality of published data, focusing on better coverage, timeliness and comparability, in line with the UNECE data quality framework.

♦ Prepare a plan for further development/consolidation of database topics following input from the 2010 Work Session on Gender Statistics.

♦ Make available timely sex-disaggregated statistical data relevant to gender policy analysis. Introduce data on selected small UNECE countries in areas where data are readily available.

♦ Implement a marketing strategy and disseminate materials to promote the database.

3. Collection, processing and dissemination of social and demographic statistics

Activity 3.2: MDG database

Description and objectives

Maintain a user-friendly regional repository of data to facilitate regional and national monitoring of the progress towards the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in countries of Central Asia and East and South-East Europe. Provide data that are not currently available from international sources and include: i) additional indicators relevant for the region and ii) additional disaggregations by sex, geographical level and ethnic groups, where possible. This activity will be carried out in conjunction with other UNECE activities on MDG monitoring and reporting.

Activities and output

♦ Collect and publish relevant, timely and harmonized statistics for monitoring the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in countries of Central Asia and East and South-East Europe.
♦ Establish a publicly available Regional MDG Database in cooperation with UNICEF, UNDP, and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
♦ Establish MDG focal points in each of the NSOs and make available online networking tools to facilitate communication at national, regional and international levels.
♦ Develop a marketing strategy and materials to promote the database.

Organizations and groups involved

UNDP
UNFPA
UNICEF

4. Support for processing and dissemination of statistics

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:
Provide information on the activities of UNECE Statistical Division and maintain the necessary tools to support the processing and dissemination of data.

Actions:
1) Maintain and develop the database infrastructure for processing and dissemination of data;
2) Prepare publications, articles and promotional materials to publicize the work of the UNECE Statistical Division.

4. Support for processing and dissemination of statistics

Activity 4.1: Infrastructure for processing and disseminating statistical data

Description and objectives

Maintain and develop the necessary database infrastructure to support the processing and dissemination of statistical data. Coordinate UNECE data production regarding the consistency of statistical data and terminology, and the use of data collection, storage and dissemination methods.

Activities and output

♦ Ensure a database system to meet the needs of users, allowing the collection, processing and dissemination of UNECE statistical data (Statistical Division, Transport Division, Trade and Timber Division).
♦ Progress towards full implementation of the internal quality framework for the collection, processing and dissemination of data by the UNECE.
♦ Improve data quality, consistency of time series and consistency across different databases.
♦ Provide an infrastructure for free of charge Internet dissemination of UNECE statistical data, in English and Russian, to all interested users.

4. Support for processing and dissemination of statistics

Activity 4.2: Dissemination of information, promotion of statistical activities and support to clients

Description and objectives

Provide statistical data and information about the activities of the UNECE Statistical Division. Improve awareness about UNECE statistics and the Conference of European Statisticians. Maintain a good perception of UNECE statistics among the external users.

Activities and output

♦ Prepare up-to-date, relevant and well-presented statistical information and analytical notes for the "Facts and Figures" of "UNECE Weekly", as well as short articles on an ad-hoc basis, reflecting important statistical events or news.
♦ Provide press releases for events and outputs that may attract the attention of the media, for distribution through the UNECE Information Office.
♦ Publish promotional materials (in hard-copy or through the website) for various purposes, notably "What UNECE does for you" and "Understanding Statistics".
♦ Produce promotional announcements for exceptional events and new outputs via the UNECE Statistics website and targeted mailing lists.
♦ Provide up-to-date information on the UNECE Statistics website about statistical activities of the UNECE and the CES in accordance to the needs of various target groups of users, as identified through usability testing.
♦ Actively participate in the implementation of the UNECE Web Content Management System and other activities of the UNECE Web Working Group. Improve the web communication of the UNECE, and ensure that statistical needs are reflected.
♦ Support external users of the information disseminated by the UNECE Statistical Division via the Internet, including timely replies to user requests.
♦ Improve further the IT tools for external user support.
♦ Produce quarterly analysis of access to individual data cubes, and web site traffic measured using Google Analytics.
♦ Conduct an annual satisfaction survey of database users.
♦ Manage and coordinate the Statistical Division's publications programme.

4. Support for processing and dissemination of statistics

Activity 4.3: Statistical profiles of UNECE member countries

Description and objectives

Prepare the 2011 issue of "UNECE Countries in Figures" based on data from the UNECE statistical database. This publication is aimed to increase awareness about the UNECE region, and to promote official statistics and the UNECE in general.

Activities and output

♦ Provide a statistical overview of the socio-economic situation in countries of the region to non-expert users.
♦ Make available in paper and electronic format, key data for countries and territories in the UNECE region (subject to availability of official data).
♦ Update electronic data in the "Countries Overview" data cube, reflecting the proposed content of the 2011 paper version of "UNECE Countries in Figures".
♦ Finalise and submit for publishing the paper version of the 2011 issue (to be published by March 2011).

5. Methodological work in economic statistics

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:
Development and implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to improve the quality and comparability of economic statistics, particularly in the areas of national accounts, globalisation, price statistics, business registers and short-term economic statistics.

Actions:
1) prepare manuals, guidelines, recommendations and compilations of best practices to help countries in implementing internationally recommended standards, classifications and good practices;
2) carry out research and surveys of country practices to analyse the status of implementation of standards and guidelines, and to develop recommendations;
3) provide a forum for exchange of experience, identification of best practices and developing common solutions to improve the quality and comparability of economic statistics;
4) provide technical assistance and advice to South-East European and EECCA countries to promote the implementation of standards and best practices.

5. Methodological work in economic statistics

Activity 5.1: National accounts

Description and objectives

Promote the implementation of the methodology of the System of National Accounts (SNA) in the UNECE region with an emphasis on SEE and EECCA countries. Carry out research work and surveys of country practices. Contribute to the development of the global implementation strategy for the 2008 SNA and the formulation and implementation of the regional action plan focusing on the SEE and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

- Contribute to the development of global implementation strategy and international methodological standards, guidelines and manuals for the implementation of 2008 SNA.
- Provide technical assistance to the SEE and EECCA countries in the development of the implementation strategies for 2008 SNA at country level, improvement of the availability and quality of national accounts data, and implementation of other international standards related to national accounts (e.g. economic classifications) in close cooperation with Eurostat, OECD and CIS-STAT.
- Contribute to the follow up work on the research agenda of the 2008 SNA, led by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA).
- Provide technical assistance to the statistical office of Albania within the project of the UN Delivering as One Pilot, subject to the provision of financial resources. Organise a seminar and provide consultancies on implementation of 2008 SNA and improvement of related macroeconomic statistics.
- Organise the meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts (in cooperation with Eurostat and OECD) in April 2010 in Geneva.
- Organise a special session for EECCA and SEE countries in April 2010 in Geneva, back-to-back with the Meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts.
- Organise a seminar on 2008 SNA and related economic statistics in a selected EECCA country.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat
OECD
ISWGNA (composed of UN Statistics Division, UN Regional Commissions, CIS-STAT, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, and the World Bank.).

5. Methodological work in economic statistics

Activity 5.2: Impact of globalisation on national accounts

Description and objectives

Provide a forum to review the main distortions in national accounts caused by the globalization of economies. Develop guidelines/best practices on how to deal with these distortions in the compilation and reconciliation of data for national accounts and their source statistics.

Activities and output

♦ Service the Group of Experts on the impact of globalisation on national accounts (GGNA), organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD. The Group coordinates its activities with other international initiatives undertaken in this area.
♦ Service the leadership sub-group of GGNA.
♦ Coordinate the preparation of and contribute to the document *Impact of globalisation on national accounts: practical guidance*. The draft document will be discussed at the 2010 meeting of GGNA and the final version submitted to the 2011 Conference of European Statisticians for approval.
♦ Draft operational guidelines on the implementation of the new treatment for recording of goods for processing and merchanting as requested by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) in support of the implementation of 2008 SNA.
♦ Organise the meeting of the Group of Experts on the impact of globalisation on national accounts (May-April 2010).
♦ Organise the meeting of the Leadership Group of the GGNA (Spring 2010).

Organizations and groups involved

CES Group of Experts on impact of globalisation on national accounts
Eurostat
OECD
ISWGNA

5. Methodological work in economic statistics

Activity 5.3: Price indices

Description and objectives

Support development and implementation of internationally accepted standards and best practices in price statistics through international cooperation, methodological work and technical assistance, particularly in the South-East European and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

♦ Provide methodological and technical assistance on price statistics to SEE and EECCA countries to support implementation of internationally recommended practices.
♦ Serve as chair and secretariat of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS).
♦ Contribute actively to the international work on price indices and international price index manuals, such as the CPI and PPI Manuals.
♦ Promote the *Practical Guide to Producing Consumer Price Indices. A Supplementary Handbook to the Consumer Price Index Manual*.
♦ Participate in the Organising Committee of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices.
♦ Organise a regional Workshop on price indices for Central Asian and possibly other EECCA countries, in September 2010, in Kyrgyzstan (see also activity 9.1).
♦ Organise a Meeting of the Group of Experts on CPI, jointly with ILO, in May 2010.
♦ Organise an IWGPS meeting in May 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Organising Committee of the meetings on Consumer Price Indices
Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics
Organising Committee of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices
ILO

5. Methodological work in economic statistics

Activity 5.4: Business registers

Description and objectives

Support development and implementation of internationally accepted standards and best practices in the area of statistical business registers through international cooperation, methodological work and technical assistance, particularly in the South-East European and EECCA countries. The aim is to improve the quality and international comparability of statistical business registers in the region and reduce existing gaps between western and eastern countries, in particular in respect of the use of administrative data and other sources.

Activities and output

♦ Organise a workshop/training session in one or two EECCA countries on practical and legal issues related to development, maintenance and use of business registers in statistics.
♦ Conduct the survey on business registers in the UNECE countries, coordinated with the corresponding Eurostat inquiry.
♦ Prepare and disseminate an analytical report based on the results of the UNECE survey on business registers and supporting dataset.
♦ Initiate preparation of the meeting of the Group of Experts on Business Registers in 2011 in cooperation with Eurostat and OECD.
♦ Comparison of existing practices and NSOs preparedness of South-East European and EECCA countries for including enterprise groups in the statistical business registers and for producing business demography statistics based on business registers.
♦ Survey on the needs for guidelines on business registers in terms of a manual or handbook targeted at the South-East European and EECCA countries.
♦ Follow-up on the implementation of the revisions of NACE and ISIC classifications into business registers in South-East European and EECCA countries.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat
OECD
Steering Group of the Wiesbaden City Group on Business registers
Friends of the Chair Group on Integrated Economic Statistics

5. Methodological work in economic statistics

Activity 5.5: Short-term economic statistics (STS)

Description and objectives

Support development and implementation of internationally accepted standards, norms and best practices in the field of STS through international cooperation, methodological work and technical assistance, with special focus on the South-East European and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

♦ Assist South-East European and EECCA countries in improving international comparability of STS and in the implementation of seasonal adjustment techniques and methods for de-cumulation of statistical time series.
♦ Prepare practical guidelines on seasonal adjustment in English and Russian. The guidelines will be based on the experiences from regional workshops and broader international work on seasonal adjustment.
♦ Promote the new Index of Industrial Production Manual (UNSD) among South-East European and EECCA countries and, if requested by NSO, help in reviewing the consistency and international comparability of published Industrial Production Indices.
♦ Evaluate the need for preparing guidelines for on-line dissemination of STS in South-East European and EECCA countries.
♦ Support initiatives to align STS with National Accounts standards and NACE and ISIC revisions.
♦ Organise a regional Workshop on seasonal adjustment methods for Central Asian and other EECCA countries, February 2010.

6. Methodological work in social and demographic statistics

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:
Development and implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to improve the quality and comparability of social and demographic statistics, particularly in the areas of population and housing censuses, migration statistics, gender statistics, health statistics, crime and justice statistics, measurement of the quality of employment, indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration, and statistics on income, living conditions and poverty.

Actions:
1) prepare manuals, guidelines, recommendations and compilations of best practices to help countries in implementing internationally recommended standards, classifications and practices;
2) carry out research and surveys of country practices to analyse the status of implementation of standards and guidelines, and to develop recommendations;
3) provide a forum for exchange of experience, identification of best practices and developing common solutions to improve the quality and comparability of social and demographic statistics;
4) provide technical assistance and advice to South-East European and EECCA countries to promote the implementation of standards and best practices.

6 Methodological work in social and demographics statistics

Activity 6.1: Population and housing censuses

Description and objectives

Promote the implementation of the new *CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses* and support countries in preparations for the next population and housing census taking into account the different methodological approaches adopted, including register-based censuses and other innovative approaches. Together with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the European Commission, UNECE Secretariat leads assistance on population and housing census in South Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Activities and output

♦ Provide support to member countries for the planning and successful implementation of a population and housing census in the 2010 census round, based on the *CES Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses.*
♦ Provide training and technical assistance to EECCA and SEE countries in the field of population and housing censuses, based on their expressed needs and in compliance with the CES Census Recommendations (see activity 9.1 Statistical capacity building in SEE and EECCA countries).
♦ Report on countries' preparations and plans for the population and housing censuses of the 2010 round (in cooperation with UNSD and Eurostat).
♦ Organise a meeting of the Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses, in cooperation with Eurostat, to provide a forum for exchange of experiences among census experts in member countries and international organisations (dates and venue to be confirmed at the October 2009 meeting).
♦ Contribute actively to the International Monitoring and Observation missions in Kosovo and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, aimed at ensuring that the next population and housing censuses are planned and conducted in accordance with the internationally agreed standards (in particular the CES Census Recommendations and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics) and that the enumeration is fair and impartial.
♦ Contribute to the Regional Commissions Inter Regional Cooperation for Disaster Evaluation and Risk Management, by helping Central Asian countries to use data from the next census for activities related to disaster management and preparedness (to be confirmed and subject to availability of resources).
♦ Develop a work plan, in cooperation with UNSD, Eurostat and possibly other organisations, to prepare and disseminate methodological material on census quality evaluation.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses
United Nations Population Fund
UNSD
Eurostat

6 Methodological work in social and demographics statistics

Activity 6.2: Demographic projections

Summary description

Facilitate the exchange of experiences among UNECE member countries and discussion on methodologies in the field of demographic projections to allow EECCA and SEE countries to produce demographic projections according to methodologies developed at international level.

Activities and outputs

♦ Co-organise a Work Session on Demographic Projections, with Eurostat, on 28-30 April 2010 in Lisbon.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat

6 Methodological work in social and demographics statistics

Activity 6.3: Migration statistics

Description and objectives

Contribute to the improvement of the quality and availability of statistics on international migration by developing common definitions, methods and practices, and promoting them across the UNECE region.

Activities and output

♦ Provide technical assistance to EECCA and SEE countries to develop further their migration data, by improving existing sources and increasing data exchange within and between countries.
♦ Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on migration statistics and related task forces.
♦ Contribute to research projects by the Task Force on improving migration and migrant data using household surveys and other sources (also called "Suitland Working Group") (subject to approval by the CES Bureau in October 2009).
♦ Report on definitions and main sources used by countries to produce statistics on international migration.
♦ Report on practices used to define and measure "difficult-to-measure" migrants in the UNECE region.
♦ Report on the impact of different residency rules on migration statistics.
♦ Organise the Work Session on Migration Statistics, in cooperation with Eurostat, on 14-16 April 2010.
♦ Organise a workshop on migration statistics in Central Asia, in the framework of the global UN Development Account project of the 6th Tranche (2009-2011) "Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration" (see activity 9.1).

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on migration statistics
CES Task Force on analysing migration using different length of stay definitions
CES Task Force on improving migration and migrant data using household surveys and other sources (TOR to be approved by the Bureau)
Eurostat
UNSD
United Nations Population Division

6 Methodological work in social and demographics statistics

Activity 6.4: Gender statistics

Description and objectives

UNECE provides an institutional framework for the work on gender statistics in the region aiming to improve the quality of information on gender equality in particular in the EECCA and SEE countries.

Activities and output

- Support the capacity building in UNECE countries to collect, produce, disseminate and use statistics on the role of women and men in society.
- Provide technical assistance to countries to define relevant official statistics on emerging gender related issues and to facilitate the integration of gender issues in countries' statistical systems (see also activity 9.1 on technical assistance).
- Prepare and disseminate methodological guidelines on the measurement of violence against women.
- Develop and test a short module on gender-based violence against women to be included in surveys. This work will be coordinated through the Task Force on Gender-based violence in cooperation with other Regional Commissions as part of a global development account project led by ECLAC.
- Further develop the training tools (multimedia presentations and training modules) on gender statistics.
- Provide secretariat support to the CES Steering Group on gender statistics and the related task forces.
- Maintain the UNECE/World Bank Institute Gender statistics website.
- Contribute to the Inter-Agency Working Group on gender statistics.
- Organise the Work Session on Gender Statistics on 26-28 April 2010 and the Workshop on Gender Statistics on 29-30 April 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on gender statistics
CES Task Force on gender-based violence
ILO
UNDP Regional Office in Bratislava
UNECLAC
United Nations Population Fund
World Bank
World Bank Institute
WHO
Inter-Agency Working Group on gender statistics.

6 Methodological work in social and demographics statistics

Activity 6.5: Health statistics

Description and objectives

Work towards the improvement of the comparability of health status statistics in the UNECE region, in cooperation with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, the World Health Organization and Eurostat.

Activities and output

♦ Develop guidelines for statistics on measuring health status to assist UNECE member countries in designing surveys on measuring health status and to promote the utilization of common terminology and methodology. The work is done in collaboration with Eurostat and the Washington Group.
♦ Explore the possibility of creating a common forum on health statistics together with WHO and Eurostat.
♦ Finalize the survey module on measuring health status (Budapest Initiative Mark 2), in coordination with the existing groups, such as the Washington Group and the Eurostat Group on Health Interview Survey (HIS).
♦ Prepare a report on the outcome of the work of the Budapest Initiative.
♦ Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on Health Statistics and the Task Force on Measurement of Health Status.
♦ Organise the Work Session on the Measurement of Health Status, in cooperation with WHO and Eurostat, on 20-22 January 2010.
♦ Organise the Meeting of CES Task Force on Measurement of Health Status in May 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on health statistics (TOR to be approved by the Bureau)
CES Task Force on measurement of health status (so-called Budapest Initiative)
Eurostat
WHO
Washington Group on Disability Statistics
Eurostat Group on Health Interview Survey.

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Activity 6.6: Crime and justice statistics

Description and objectives

Work towards the development of comparable crime and justice statistics; contribute to the development of manuals, classifications and principles to improve consistency and comparability of crime statistics.

Activities and output

- Publish the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)/UNECE Manual on victimization surveys in English and possibly in Russian and/or other languages.
- Provide secretariat services to the UNECE/UNODC Task Force on Crime Classification (ToR to be approved by the CES Bureau in October 2009).
- Develop a case study of selected offences in terms of terminology, concepts, definitions, classifications, etc. adopted in different countries.
- Develop a set of principles for statistical use of international crime classification systems.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on crime classification (TOR to be approved by the Bureau)
UNODC
Eurostat

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Activity 6.7: Measurement of quality of employment

Description and objectives

Support international work on the statistical framework for measurement of quality of employment in the UNECE region. Promote the application of the framework and identify good practices on the measurement of various aspects related to labour conditions.

Activities and output

♦ Promote the implementation of the framework for the statistical measurement of quality of employment in the region on a test basis.
♦ Seek feedback from countries to identify potential needs for further improvements of the statistical indicators for measuring the quality aspects of employment.
♦ Identify country priorities and practices in the area of measurement of quality of employment in the South-East European and EECCA regions.
♦ Prepare the final report of the Task Force on the conceptual framework and validation study results.
♦ Publish the *Framework on Measurement of Quality of Employment*, pending on the CES endorsement.
♦ Provide secretariat support to the work of the Task Force on quality of employment
♦ Start preparatory work for a possible Seminar on quality of employment in 2011, organised jointly with ILO.
♦ Organise a Task Force meeting on quality of employment.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on quality of employment (subject to approval of the CES Bureau)
ILO
Eurostat

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Activity 6.8: Social Statistics

Description and objectives

Identify emerging issues in social statistics that require the international methodological work, for instance on measurement issues, concepts, definitions and classifications, common questions/modules and modalities to achieve them.

Activities and outputs

- Develop project proposals, steer and provide advice on related work in the area of social statistics.
- Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on emerging issues in social statistics (subject to approval by the CES Bureau)

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on emerging issues in social statistics (subject to approval by the CES Bureau)

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Activity 6.9: Families and households

Description and objectives

Contribute to the adoption of standard methods and definitions in the field of social statistics by identifying new emerging forms of families and households, discussing issues related to their measurement and assessing the feasibility of developing common survey modules/questions to measure new forms of families and households.

Activities and output

♦   Finalise and publish the report on the measurement of new emerging forms of families and households
♦   Provide secretariat support to the CES Task Force on families and households.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on families and households

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Activity 6.10: Indicators related to the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration

Description and objectives

Contribute to the monitoring of progress towards achievement of the goals specified in the Millennium Declaration in South-East European and EECCA countries. Contribute to the Annual Secretary General's Report on the progress towards achievement of the Goals worldwide.

Activities and output

- Enhance capacity of SEE and EECCA countries to monitor progress towards achievement of MDGs by improving coverage and comparability of relevant statistics.
- Provide a regional perspective to UN activities on global monitoring of MDGs, both in substantive and methodological terms.
- Contribute to the UNECE/UNICEF/UNDP/UNFPA Joint Regional MDG Monitoring Initiative to develop a common approach to support countries in monitoring the achievement of MDGs in EECCA/SEE countries.
- Recommend additional relevant indicators and disaggregations for monitoring progress on development in EECCA/SEE countries.
- Improve communication between NSOs and other stakeholders involved in monitoring progress towards MDGs.
- Contribute to the Inter-Agency Expert Group on MDG indicators.
- Organise a Regional meeting on MDG indicators in October 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

UNDP
UNICEF
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Inter-Agency Expert Group Meeting on MDG indicators.

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Activity 6.11: Statistics on income, living conditions and poverty

Description and objectives

Update the *Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics* taking into account recent country experiences and advancements in income measurement in specific areas such as imputed rent, in-kind benefits, capital gains and losses, and own consumption and country.

Activities and output

♦ Provide secretariat support to the work of the CES Task Force to update the Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics.
♦ Contribute to the review of the Canberra Group Handbook.
♦ Draft revised version of the Handbook, expected to be ready at the end of 2010.
♦ Organise a Meeting of the Task Force in August 2010, Switzerland, in conjunction with the IARIW (The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth) conference.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force to update the *Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics*.

7. Methodological work in environment and sustainable development statistics

Summary description of the cluster

Objective:
Promote development of statistics in new areas like sustainable development and climate change, further strengthen environmental data collection, enhance the production of environmental indicators, and promote comparability of environmental statistics in the UNECE region.

Actions:
1) prepare manuals, guidelines, recommendations and compilations of best practices to help countries in implementing internationally recommended standards, classifications and practices;
2) carry out research and surveys of country practices to analyse the status of implementation of standards and guidelines, and to develop recommendations;
3) provide a forum for exchange of experience, identification of best practices and developing common solutions to improve the quality and comparability of social and demographic statistics;
4) provide technical assistance and advice to South-East European and EECCA countries to promote the implementation of standards and best practices.

7. Methodological work in environment and sustainable development statistics

Activity 7.1: Sustainable development statistics

Description and objectives

Develop a broad conceptual framework for measuring sustainable development responding to the demand for greater harmonisation and comparability in this area. Ensure that the work on measuring sustainable development remains within the framework of official statistics and is coordinated with other international organisations.

Activities and output

♦ Further pursue the conceptual development of the capital approach in identifying indicators to present the long-term dimension of sustainable development. Special attention is to be paid to indicators in the area of social and human capital.
♦ Explore possibilities to develop indicators that link the capital approach concept to policy-oriented indicators.
♦ Provide secretariat support to the new Task Force on measuring sustainable development – a joint initiative of the UNECE, Eurostat, and OECD.
♦ Organise the second meeting of the Task Force on measuring sustainable development, scheduled in spring 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on measuring sustainable development
UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA)
Eurostat
OECD

7. Methodological work in environment and sustainable development statistics

Activity 7.2: Environmental indicators
(Joint activity with the UNECE Environment, Housing and Land Management Division)

Description and objectives

Work on methodological issues of environmental indicators in cooperation with the UNECE Environment, Housing and Land Management Division and UNSD, New York, in order to further strengthen environmental data collection, enhance the production of pan-European environmental indicators, and promote comparability of environmental statistics in EECCA and SEE countries.

Activities and output

♦ Provide practical recommendations on the use of statistical classifications, data collection methods and procedures for the production of indicators.
♦ Reinforce the cooperation between environmental experts and statisticians on methodological issues of environmental indicators.
♦ Exchange information on international developments related to environmental indicators.
♦ Strengthen the capacity of countries' national statistical offices in launching regular publication of environmental statistics compendiums and in modernizing the existing ones.
♦ Evaluate the *Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia* prepared by the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) from the point of view of official statistics.
♦ Organise a joint meeting on environmental indicators for EECCA and SEE countries together with the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division and UNSD, New York in spring 2010 (see also activity 9.3).

Organizations and groups involved

CES Task Force on environmental indicators
UNSD
European Environment Agency
Eurostat
FAO
OECD
WHO
Black Sea Strategic Action Plan
Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA)

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Activity 7.3: Statistics related to climate change

Description and objectives

Promote the development of official climate change statistics in the region taking into account the activities of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and other institutions dealing with related data.

Activities and output

- Survey the degree to which the national statistical offices are involved in climate change related work and in compiling the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories.
- Identify the common concerns to be dealt with at international level.
- Explore the possibilities to contribute to the UNECE climate change activities in areas like transport, energy, forestry and housing in cooperation with other UNECE Sectoral Committees.
- Develop a project proposal related to the use of statistical classifications in the compilation of emission inventories, in line with the recommendations of the UN Roadmap for the development of official climate change statistics.

Organizations and groups involved

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC)
UNSD
Eurostat
OECD
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Objective:
Development and implementation of internationally recommended standards and practices to improve the methods and tools for processing and dissemination of data in statistical organizations, particularly in the areas of management of statistical information systems, data editing, confidentiality protection, metadata, and statistical dissemination. Development of good practices in human resources management in statistical organizations.

Actions:
1) prepare manuals, guidelines, recommendations and compilations of best practices to help countries in implementing internationally recommended standards, classifications and practices;
2) carry out research and surveys of country practices to analyse the status of implementation of standards and guidelines, and to develop recommendations;
3) provide a forum and tools for exchange of experience, identification of best practices and developing common solutions to harmonize the methods and concepts in statistical data processing and dissemination, and human resources management.

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Activity 8.1: Management of statistical information systems

Description and objectives

Coordinate the work of the Steering Group on the Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS) to: (i) provide a forum for exchange of experiences; (ii) make recommendations on the coordination of the activities of different international organizations in this area; (iii) collect, discuss and make available good practices; (iv) facilitate and encourage implementation of standards and recommendations in the field of statistical data processing in the UNECE region.

Activities and output

- Support the improvement of statistical information systems in national and international statistical organizations.
- Improve harmonisation of data models, concepts, etc. in the field of statistical information processing.
- Provide a platform for data and knowledge sharing among statistical organisations in this area.
- Provide a technological and organizational set-up to facilitate sharing of statistical software, modules and solutions.
- Prepare recommendations for the governance and practice of sharing statistical software.
- Standardize electronic data interchange, in particular, develop and promote the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) content oriented guidelines and other SDMX standards in cooperation with other international organizations.
- Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on Management of Statistical Information Systems.
- Organise the Meeting on Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS April 2010).

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on Management of Statistical Information Systems
Sharing Advisory Board (subject to approval of the Bureau)
Eurostat
OECD

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Activity 8.2: Statistical data editing

Description and objectives

Enhance the harmonization of methods and concepts, and facilitate the exchange of experience and practices in issues related to statistical data editing.

Activities and output

- Contribute to the improvement of the quality of statistical data produced by official statistical organisations in the region.
- Strengthen the cooperation among experts on issues related to data editing and imputation, exchange of experience, harmonization of methods and concepts and development of new methods and techniques.
- Develop methodological guides on data quality control, data editing and imputation.
- Update and expand the Internet Knowledge Base (K-base) on statistical data editing.
- Develop proposals for future concrete outputs of the work sessions on statistical data editing.

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Activity 8.3: Statistical confidentiality and access to microdata

Description and objectives

Enhance international cooperation, harmonization of methods and exchange of experience in the area of statistical confidentiality. The work covers managerial, statistical and organizational issues related to statistical confidentiality protection and disclosure control for both microdata and tabular data. Particular attention is paid to issues related to use of administrative registers and records for statistical purposes, for example linking and matching of records, legal and technical aspects, use of combined sources, etc.

Activities and output

♦ Identify leading practices in national and international statistical organizations in statistical confidentiality protection and disclosure control.
♦ Implement and further explain applicable standards and recommendations.
♦ Consider specific issues related to use of administrative registers and records, as well as linking, matching and integrating data sets.
♦ Follow-up to the 2009 work session on statistical disclosure control, focussing on the identification of future concrete outputs from this work.
♦ Collect information on the implementation of the CES Principles and guidelines on confidentiality and data integration in preparation for the review of these principles by the CES in 2011.

Organizations and groups involved

Eurostat

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Activity 8.4: Statistical metadata

Description and objectives

Facilitate harmonisation of data models and structures for statistical metadata. Provide a forum for discussing metadata issues relevant to statistical offices. Complement other international initiatives dealing with data collection needs of international statistical organizations.

Activities and output

- Advocate for statistical metadata issues and the role of metadata in the management of statistical processes.
- Further develop and improve the Common Metadata Framework (CMF), a guide for statistical organisations to existing metadata standards, guidelines and recommendations.
- Develop parts B "Metadata Concepts, Standards, Models and Registries" and C "Metadata and the Statistical Business Process" of the Common Metadata Framework in cooperation with the METIS Steering Group.
- Add more case studies on the implementation of metadata systems in statistical organizations (Part D "Implementation").
- Provide secretariat support to the CES Steering Group on Statistical Metadata
- Organise a Work Session on Statistical Metadata in March 2010.
- Cooperate actively with other organizations on the standardisation of electronic data interchange, including the SDMX content oriented guidelines and other SDMX standards.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on statistical metadata
Eurostat
OECD
SDMX Secretariat.

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Activity 8.5: Dissemination of statistical information

Description and objectives

Promote good practices in the dissemination and communication of statistical information.

Activities and output

♦ Prepare for publishing a new issue of the series *Making Data Meaningful*. These series present a compilation of good practices in the dissemination and communication of statistical information. Continue work on further issues to ensure continuation of the series.
♦ Exchange information and experiences through regular meetings of the Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication.
♦ Provide secretariat support to the Steering Group on statistical dissemination and communication.
♦ Organise a Work Session on statistical dissemination and communication in May 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Steering Group on statistical dissemination and communication

8. Methodological work on cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Activity 8.6: Human resources development in statistical offices

Description and objectives

Facilitate exchange of experience and development of good practices in the area of human resources management and training in statistical offices.

Activities and output

♦ Provide secretariat support to the Organising Committee to follow-up on work on human resources management and training in statistical offices.
♦ Organise a seminar for human resources managers from statistical offices on staff management and training in September 2010, Geneva.

Organizations and groups involved

CES Organising Committee on human resources management and training in statistical offices
Eurostat
IMF

9. Technical assistance to UNECE member countries

Objective

Progress in implementation of international standards and good practices by statistical systems, particularly in countries of South-East Europe (SEE) and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA).

Actions

Carry out technical assistance to build the statistical capacity of SEE and EECCA countries in various areas, such as national accounts, short-term economic statistics, MDG indicators, population and housing censuses, gender statistics, migration statistics, measuring violence against women, Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, organization of statistical systems, communication and dissemination of statistics, etc.

9. Technical assistance to UNECE member countries

Activity 9.1: Statistical capacity building in countries of South-East Europe and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Description and objectives

Improve the statistical capacity in countries of South-East Europe (SEE) and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) by enhancing their ability to meet the needs of data users at the national and international level. Increase substantially the production and publication of gender relevant statistical information aiming to provide better basis for knowledge-based policy formulation on equal opportunities for women and men.

Activities and output

♦ Technical assistance on developing **Millennium Development Goals indicators**, in support of statistical capacity building in member countries of the UN Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECA): Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The following technical assistance projects are in implementation stage in 2010:

  ▪ The inter-regional UN Development Account Project of the 6th Tranche (2009-2011) *"Supporting MDG-based development strategies through integrated regional action"* implemented jointly in 2009-2011 with UNESCAP. UNECE is focusing on disaggregation of selected MDG indicators for improved monitoring of development needs in the target countries.

  ▪ The global UN Development Account Project of the 7th Tranche (2010-2012) *"Strengthening statistical and inter-institutional capacities for monitoring the MDGs and reducing indicators' discrepancies between national and international sources"*. UNECE is focusing on better reconciliation of national and international MDG indicators in the framework of this project and in the UNECE Statistical Division's work on building up a regional MDG Database (see activity 3.2 of this Programme).

♦ Technical assistance on developing **short-term economic statistics**, in support of Statistical capacity building in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The following technical assistance project is in implementation stage in 2010:

  ▪ The project *"Challenges in Short-term Economic Statistics"*, funded by the World Bank (2009-2011). The project focuses on short-term economic statistics, seasonal adjustments and price statistics. Two training workshops are planned to be organised in 2010: on seasonal adjustments and on Consumer Price Indices.

♦ Technical assistance on developing **migration statistics**, in support of statistical capacity building in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation and Tajikistan. Other countries that may also be involved include: Armenia, Georgia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The following technical assistance project is in implementation stage in 2010:

- The global UN Development Account project of the 6th Tranche (2009-2011) *"Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration"*. The UNECE components of the project are focusing on two aspects (1) strengthening evidence-based policy making by promoting the use of statistics on international migration, and (2) developing the statistical capacity of data producers and promoting the exchange of data between countries.

♦ Technical assistance on **engendering statistical information and providing statistical information on violence against women** in support of statistical capacity building in selected countries in the EECCA and SEE countries. The following technical assistance projects are in implementation stage in 2010:

- The *"Capacity Building program on Engendering National Statistical Systems for a Knowledge-Based Policy Formulation in EECCA and SEE countries"*, funded by the World Bank in 2006-2010, implemented in collaboration with the World Bank Institute. The following activities will be carried out in 2010:
  - o Organization of regional, sub-regional and national training workshops.
  - o Finalization of training materials.
  - o Assistance to NSOs in developing methodology, performing surveys, and making use of registries for production and dissemination of engendered statistical information.
  The beneficiary countries are Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and Uzbekistan.

- The global UN Development Account Project of the 6th Tranche (2009-2011) *"Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities"*. In this global project, the role of UNECE is to facilitate interregional exchange of experience, and to develop and test a short statistical module on violence against women based on a core set of indicators approved at the 40th session of the UN Statistical Commission.

♦ Technical assistance in the field of **national accounts** in Albania (*One UN Pilot project* 2009-2011). Raising awareness of the main users on the importance of internationally comparable statistics in the context of EU pre-accession. Advisory services on the implementation of the revised system of national accounts (SNA 2008), measurement of Gross Domestic Product and key national accounts indicators, and development of a system of quarterly accounts.

♦ Technical assistance in support of the preparations for the first **Population and Housing Census** in **Bosnia-Herzegovina** and in the internationally administered territory of **Kosovo**, planned to take place in 2011, in cooperation with UNFPA, Eurostat and other involved international organizations. This includes participation in the International Monitoring and Observation missions in Kosovo and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, aimed at ensuring that the next population and housing censuses are planned and conducted in accordance with the internationally agreed standards (in particular the CES Census Recommendations and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics) and that the enumeration is fair and impartial.

♦ Joint Training Workshops with the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) for **strengthening the statistical capacity** in countries which are members in both UNECE

and UNESCAP. Beneficiary countries are Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, possibly also Armenia and Georgia.

♦ Joint workshop(s) on **improving communication and dissemination** of key statistics with UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in the framework of the UN Development Account Project of the 7th Tranche (2010-2012) *"Improving the dissemination and communication of key statistics and indicators, especially those needed to monitor progress toward the MDGs and internationally agreed development goals"*. Activities within the framework of this DESA-led project in the UNECE region are still to be defined.

9. Technical assistance to UNECE member countries

Activity 9.2: Short-term technical cooperation

Description and objectives

Provide specific advisory services in statistics to South-East European (SEE) and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) countries in areas where the Statistical Division of UNECE has a recognised expertise, upon request.

Activities and output

♦ Provide short-term assistance to UNECE countries, upon request by national authorities or international organizations, with special emphasis on SEE and EECCA countries. Technical assistance is provided in a wide range of areas as required, such as: general organization of the national statistical system, national strategy for the development of statistics, statistical legislation, dissemination and marketing of statistical information, population census, migration, gender statistics, short-term economic indicators, national accounts, etc.
♦ Participate as facilitators, lecturers and discussants in seminars, training workshops, conferences and meetings on topics mentioned above.
♦ Carry out Global Assessments of statistical systems in UNECE member countries in cooperation with other international organisations and specialists.

9. Technical assistance to UNECE member countries

Activity 9.3: Planned technical assistance projects subject to availability of external funding

Description and objectives

Providing technical assistance to meet country requests in areas where external funding is being negotiated or sought (status of June 2009).

♦ Support for analytic, cartographic and dissemination activities related to the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in SEE and EECCA countries.
♦ Support for improved statistical literacy and evidence-based decision making in SEE and EECCA countries by improved dissemination of official statistics.
♦ Support for improved statistical business registers in the SEE and EECCA countries.
♦ Support for the establishment of dissemination databases in selected SEE and EECCA countries.
♦ Support for improved price indices in the SEE and EECCA countries.
♦ Support for producing environmental indicators to SEE and EECCA countries.

Activities and output

♦ Provide advisory services on analysis, dissemination and other skills as part of making efficient use of the census results of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in SEE and EECCA countries.
♦ Promote understanding and use of statistical information by government officials, NGOs, business, research and educational institutions by providing assistance to NSOs in developing improved interaction and communication techniques for different categories of users of statistical information. Enhanced use of statistical information in evaluating and analysing economic and socio-economic phenomena, as well as in policy- and decision-making in targeted countries. Increasing the knowledge of sources of statistical information among existing and potential users of statistical information.
♦ Organize a workshop focusing on the legal and practical issues related to developing the business registers (BRs) in selected National Statistical Offices in SEE and EECCA countries. More specific themes would be the use of administrative sources for updating BRs, linkages between administrative and statistical units maintained in the BR, and ways to improve the quality of statistical BRs for better use in the compilation of business statistics.
♦ Support for selected countries to build up dissemination databases for selected SEE and EECCA countries, making use of the expertise and know-how accumulated in UNECE on dissemination systems of aggregated statistical information.
♦ Support for the development of price statistics in SEE and EECCA countries, including, inter alia, improved calculation methods, population and regional coverage and coverage of goods and services, inclusion of owner occupied housing, methodologies for replacements and quality adjustments, updating of the sample and methods for data collection and validation, calculation of long, fixed based time series of price indices and Purchasing Power Parities.

♦ Support to the EECCA and interested SEE countries to further strengthen and harmonize environmental data collection, producing pan-European environmental indicators and promoting comparability of environmental statistics.

Part II. Activities undertaken by other UNECE Divisions

10. Subprogramme on Environment, Housing and Land Management

10. Subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population - Population Activities Unit (PAU)

Activity 10.1: Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)

Description and objectives

The Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) is a system of national Generations and Gender Surveys (GGS) and contextual databases, which aims at improving the knowledge base for population related policy-making in UNECE countries. The Programme is developed and maintained by the GGP Consortium of research and statistical organizations. Data collection is carried out by member States whereas the data harmonisation and dissemination by the institutions of the Consortium. Coordination of the Programme at the UNECE is subject to availability of extra-budgetary funds, which are partially secured for 2010.

Activities and output

♦ Improve understanding of demographic and social development and of the factors that influence these developments, with a particular attention towards relationships between children and parents (generations) and relationships between partners (gender).
♦ Increase availability of harmonised micro-data of Generations and Gender Surveys from more countries
♦ Add new countries in the GGP contextual databases.

Organizations and groups involved

Generations and Gender Programme Consortium

10. Subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population - Population Activities Unit (PAU)

Activity 10.2: Statistical support to monitoring ageing-related policies

Description and objectives

Monitoring policies related to population ageing is part of the follow-up to the implementation of the *Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing* (MIPAA) in the UNECE region. The statistical aspect of this work includes developing and maintaining a database of policy-relevant indicators in the domains of demography, income, wealth, labour market, social protection and financial sustainability. Extension to indicators on gender-specific ageing issues and on long-term care is under way. This work is carried out by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research based in Vienna. The UNECE secretariat assists in data collection and dissemination involving members of the Working Group on Ageing and focal points in national statistical offices.

Activities and output

♦ Assist UNECE member States in monitoring developments related to population ageing in the context of the UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
♦ Add more countries in the database of policy-relevant indicators and policy actions.
♦ Prepare a graphical representation of data in country profiles published on the web.
♦ Present outputs at the meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing, 23-24 November 2010.

Organizations and groups involved

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna

11. Forestry and Timber Subprogramme

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Activity 11.1: Collection, processing and dissemination of forest sector statistics

Description and objectives

Collection and dissemination of data on forest resources, production and trade of forest products, and indicators of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM).

Activities and output

♦ Provide timely and relevant forest statistics, including data on forest resources, production and trade of forest products, wood energy and indicators of SFM.
♦ Collect and disseminate data on production and trade of forest products, through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire (JFSQ), in cooperation with FAO, Eurostat and International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO).
♦ Work on European Forest Outlook Study to collect, review and prepare data for inclusion in models (EFI, Alterra, Hamburg University)
♦ Data collection/data management:
     - Qualitative and quantitative indicators on sustainable forest management for next *State of Europe's Forests* (SoEF);
     - work with International Data Providers (IMF, Eurostat, ILO) to locate and use data for SoEF;
     - Forest Products Statistics, including prices of forest products;
     - Wood Balance.
♦ Dissemination of statistical products:
     - Timber Committee's website: http://timber.unece.org/index.php?id=84 in Excel, PDF and HTML formats;
     - CD-ROMs;
     - On-line data on "State of Forest and Sustainable Forest Management in Europe 2007" available through the UNECE Statistical Database;
     - FRA 2010 results to official meetings, contacts in countries, other fora;
     - Joint Wood Energy Enquiry (JWEE) to energy and forest sector, including database and analysis, including at meetings;
     - Publications, e.g. the Forest Products Annual Market Review;
     - Reports to governing bodies, particularly the Joint Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics.

Organizations and groups involved

FAO
UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Sustainable Forest Management and the Team on Forest Sector Outlook
Eurostat
International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO)
Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)

11. Forestry and Timber Subprogramme

Activity 11.2: Analytical and methodological work on forest sector statistics

Description and objectives

Analytical and methodological studies on different issues in the area of forest sector statistics, including Forest Sector Country Profiles. Methodological improvements in areas such as forest resource assessment and wood balances. Analysis of forest resources, sustainability of forest management, and forest products markets.

Activities and output

Analytical products
♦ UNECE regional input to the global Forest Resource Assessment (FRA) 2010 (to be published by FAO);
♦ Forest Products Annual Market Review, published as a Study Paper;
♦ Forest Sector Country profiles, published as Discussion Papers;
♦ Outlook Study.

Methodological work:
♦ Activities by the Team of Specialists on Eastern Europe on forest resources and sustainable forest management, on forest products markets and marketing, on policies and institutions.
♦ Discussions with Member States at the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics on methodological issues.
♦ Create and maintain terms and definitions, specifications and classifications in consultation with partners and stakeholders, in particular for the FRA.
♦ Provide inputs to international statistical classifications, e.g. Harmonised System, International Standard Industrial Classification.
♦ Establish a concept of National Wood Resource Balance.
♦ Pursue conversion factor work to improve understanding of relationships between products and standing timber.
♦ Develop methodology and definitions for Joint Wood Energy Enquiry with IEA, FAO and Eurostat.
♦ Cooperate with Joint Research Centre (JRC) which is carrying out work in real-time analysis of fires and increasing use of national forest inventory information.
♦ Organization of the meetings of the Joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics (annual sessions, intergovernmental, usually in March).
♦ Organisation of the annual meetings of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Forest Sector Statistics (membership: UNECE, FAO, Eurostat, ITTO, OECD, EEA, CEC).
♦ Organisation of the meetings of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Forest Policies and Institutions (membership: UNECE, FAO, MCPFE).
♦ Organisation of the meetings of the Teams of Specialists.

Organizations and groups involved

Commission for Environmental Cooperation
European Environment Agency
Eurostat
FAO
International Energy Agency
ITTO
JRC
OECD
Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)

11. Forestry and Timber Subprogramme

Activity 11.3: Technical cooperation on forest sector statistics

Description and objectives

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).

Activities and output

♦ Work with member countries through Team of Specialists to complete replies to State of Europe's Forests report.

Organizations and groups involved

European Environment Agency
FAO
Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)

12. Transport Subprogramme

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Activity 12.1: Collection, processing and dissemination of transport statistics

Description and objectives

Collection and compilation of transport statistics, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic. Development and maintenance of the on-line UNECE Transport Statistics Database to provide good quality, relevant, user friendly and timely transport statistics.

Activities and output

♦ Regular collections and dissemination of transport statistics, in cooperation with International Transport Forum and Eurostat, including data on motor traffic, road traffic accidents and rail traffic.
♦ Use of PC-Axis for disseminating data collected via the regular questionnaires.

Data collection
♦ Common questionnaire for the Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics (with International Transport Forum and Eurostat).
♦ Addition of supplementary chapters to the Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics (gas transport via pipelines, transport by bus and coach).
♦ Questionnaire on Road Traffic Accident Statistics (with International Transport Forum).
♦ Target solutions to improve the collection of statistics in problematic areas, as indicators of sustainable transport, including, but not limited to the following items:

Statistics on road traffic (vehicle-km);
Statistics on the transportation by buses and coaches;
Statistics on the transport of dangerous goods;
Statistics on transport of gas through pipelines;
Statistics on transport to and from seaports and inland waterways ports (hinterland connections);
Statistics on high speed rail transport.

Dissemination - Publications (online)
♦ Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics (jointly with International Transport Forum and Eurostat).
♦ Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America, annual publication.
♦ Maps and data on E-Road Traffic Census.
♦ Maps and data on E-Rail Traffic Census.
♦ "Flyer(s)" on selected transport indicators.
♦ Dissemination of main transport data through the online UNECE Statistical Database.

Organizations and groups involved

Central Commissions for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR)
Danube Commission
European Commission (Directorate General on Energy and Transport (DG TREN), Eurostat, ERA)
International Transport Forum

12. Transport Subprogramme

Activity 12.2: Methodological work in transport statistics

Description and objectives

Develop appropriate and common methodologies and terminology for the harmonization of statistics, aiming also to determine indicators of sustainable transport. This includes: methodologies for the collection and compilation of statistics on road, rail, inland waterway, pipeline and combined transport as well as on road traffic accidents, in cooperation and coordination with other UNECE bodies, related international organizations, in order to promote the availability of comprehensive, timely and reliable statistics for sustainable transport planning and analysis and to improve international comparability of transport statistics.

Activities and output

♦ Prepare a document on methodology for existing statistics on transport of goods by light good vehicles.
♦ Maintain the Glossary of transport statistics and recommendations to Governments on motor traffic and rail traffic censuses in cooperation with International Transport Forum and Eurostat:
  ▪ Glossary of transport statistics (4th edition) – jointly with the International Transport Forum and Eurostat will be printed (illustrated version) and continuously updated.
  ▪ Promotion of Recommendations to Governments on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010 and of resolutions adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on E-road and E-rail censuses in 2010.
♦ Prepare a pilot questionnaire on transport statistics of gas through pipelines (with International Transport Forum and Eurostat).
♦ Publish the online Handbook on transport statistics by buses and coaches.
♦ Organise the annual Meeting of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) (Geneva, 1-3 June 2010).
♦ Organise the meetings of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Transport Statistics (UNECE, International Transport Forum and Eurostat; three meetings per year, with the location rotating between Geneva, Paris and Luxembourg).
♦ Organise workshop(s) on how to improve data collection for certain countries by the use of the online common questionnaire, and for countries which are not yet collecting statistics on transport of dangerous goods.

Organizations and groups involved

Central Commissions for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR)
Danube Commission
European Commission (Directorate General on Energy and Transport (DG TREN), Eurostat, ERA)
International Transport Forum

Annexes

Annex I: List of meetings planned for 2010 (as of 21 September)

The updated list of meetings is available on http://www.unece.org/stats/

Activity 1.2	Conference of European Statisticians: 58th plenary session	week of 7-11 June 2010
Activity 1.2	Short meeting of the CES Bureau during the UNSC session	February 2010
Activity 1.2	Meeting of the CES Bureau (back-to-back with the CES plenary session)	week of 7-11 June 2010
Activity 1.2	Meeting of the CES Bureau	October 2010
Activity 1.4	SPECA Project Working Group meeting	Week of 7-11 June 2010
Activities 5.1 and 5.2	Group of Experts on National Accounts (organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD) **(Geneva)**	27-30 April 2010
Activity 5.3	Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices (organised jointly with ILO) **(Geneva)**	May 2010 (date to be confirmed)
Activity 5.3	Workshop on Consumer Price Indices **(Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)**	September 2010 (date to be confirmed)
Activity 5.5	Workshop on Seasonal Adjustment **(Istanbul, Turkey)**	February 2010 (date to be confirmed)
Activity 6.1	Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses (organised jointly with Eurostat) **(Geneva)**	8-10 December 2010 (date to be confirmed)
Activity 6.2	Work Session on Demographic Projections (organised jointly with Eurostat) **(Lisbon, Portugal)**	28-30 April 2010
Activity 6.3	Work Session on Migration Statistics (organised jointly with Eurostat) **(Geneva)**	14-16 April 2010
Activity 6.4	Expert Group Meeting on Measuring Violence against Women **(Geneva)**	17-19 February 2010
Activity 6.4	Work Session and Workshop on Gender Statistics **(Geneva)**	26-30 April 2010
Activity 6.5	Work Session on the Measurement of Health Status **(Geneva)**	20-22 January 2010
Activity 6.10	Regional Meeting on MDG Indicators **(Geneva)**	13-15 October 2010
Activity 7.1	Meeting on Measuring Sustainable Development (organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD) **(Geneva – to be confirmed)**	Spring 2010 (date to be confirmed)
Activity 7.2	Meeting on Environmental Indicators (organised jointly with EHLM and UNSD) **(Chisinau – to be confirmed)**	Spring 2010 (date to be confirmed)
Activity 8.1	Meeting on the Management of Statistical Information Systems (organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD) **(Republic of Korea)**	26-28 April 2010
Activity 8.4	Expert group Meeting on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) (organised jointly with OECD) **(Geneva)**	8-9 March 2010
Activity 8.4	Work Session on Statistical Metadata (organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD) **(Geneva)**	10-12 March 2010
Activity 8.5	Work Session on the Communication and Dissemination of Statistics **(Paris - to be confirmed)**	29 June-1 July 2010 (date to be confirmed)

Annex II: Outputs planned in 2010
(prepared by the UNECE Statistical Division)

Publications

Activity 6.3   Guidelines on the use and dissemination of data on international immigration to facilitate their use to improve emigration data of sending countries;

Activity 6.6   UNODC/UNECE Manual on victimization surveys.

Manuals, guidelines, recommendations, compilations of best practices

Activity 5.2   Impact of globalisation on national accounts: practical guidance;

Activity 5.2   Operational guidelines on the implementation of the new treatment for recording of goods for processing and merchanting;

Activity 5.5   Guidelines on seasonal adjustment;

Activity 6.4   Methodological guidelines on the measurement of violence against women;

Activity 6.4   Module on gender-based violence against women to be included in surveys;

Activity 6.4   Training tools (multimedia presentations and training modules) on gender statistics;

Activity 6.5   Guidelines for statistics on measuring health status;

Activity 6.5   Survey module on measuring health status (Budapest Initiative Mark 2);

Activity 6.7   Framework on measurement of quality of employment;

Activity 6.9   Analytical framework, definition of typologies of new forms of family and household arrangements;

Activity 7.1   Further development of the conceptual framework for measuring sustainable development;

Activity 8.1   Recommendations for the governance and practice of sharing statistical software;

Activity 8.5   Making data meaningful 3.

Secretariat papers (reports, analysis of survey results, etc.)

Activity 1.2   Report of the CES 58th plenary session;

Activity 1.2   Reports of CES Bureau meetings (3);

Activity 1.2   UNECE Statistical Programme 2011;

Activity 1.2   Reports and notes on coordination of international statistical activities (in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas, progress reports, implementation of UNECE Statistical Programme, etc.);

Activity 5.4   Report on the results of the UNECE survey on business registers and a supporting dataset;

Activity 6.1   Report on countries' preparations and plans for the population and housing censuses of the 2010 round;

Activity 6.3   Report on practices used to define and measure "difficult-to-measure" migrants in the UNECE region;

Activity 6.3   Report on the impact of different residency rules on migration statistics;

Activity 6.3   Report on definitions and main sources used by countries to produce statistics on international migration;

Activity 6.6   Case study of selected offences in terms of terminology, concepts, definitions, classifications, etc. adopted in different countries;

Databases

	UNECE Statistical database, providing
Activity 2.1	- Macroeconomic data (national accounts main aggregates, industrial production, labour force, population, wages, price indices, purchasing power parities, exchange rates, interest rates, balance of payments, external debt);
Activity 3.1	- Social and demographic data with gender breakdown (population, fertility, families and households, work and the economy, education, public life and decision making, health and mortality, crime and violence, science and ICT, and life balance);
Activity 3.2	- Regional MDG data;
Activity 4.1	Infrastructure for Internet dissemination of UNECE statistical data (macroeconomic, social and demographic, MDG, transport and forestry statistics).

Websites

Activity 1.1	Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA): 2010 issue
Activity 4.2	UNECE Statistical Division's website
Activity 6.4	Gender statistics website
Activity 8.2	Internet Knowledge Base (K-base) on statistical data editing
Activity 4.1	Statistical database website
Activity 8.4	METIS wiki, including the Common Metadata Framework
Activity 8.1	Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS) wiki
Activity 4.1	Data Locator

Annex III: Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement as defined in the UN programme budget plan for 2010-2011

Overall objective of the work of the UNECE subprogramme on statistics:

To improve the reliability of national official statistics and their comparability at the international level, and to ensure the coordination of international statistical activities undertaken in the region.

Expected Accomplishment 1 (EA1):

Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work between international organizations through elimination of overlaps and gaps.

Indicators of achievement for EA1:

The number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities in the Database on International Statistical Activities (DISA, formerly the "Integrated Presentation").

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: 26 organizations (as of December 2005)
> 2006-2007: 27 organizations (as of December 2007)
> 2008-2009: 27 organizations (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 26 organizations (target set in October 2007)

Expected Accomplishment 2 (EA2):

Increased timeliness, comparability, completeness and reliability of macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics, in particular about the less advanced countries of the region.

Indicators of achievement for EA2:

(i) Increased percentage of available data of good quality in the overview tables (percentage of filled data cells to the total number of data cells).

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: not available
> 2006-2007: 53 per cent
> 2008-2009: 68.3 per cent (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent (target set in October 2007)

(ii) increased percentage of users that express, through user surveys, satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database.

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: 70 per cent of satisfied users (as of December 2005)
> 2006-2007: 81 per cent of satisfied users (as of December 2007)
> 2008-2009: 80.7 per cent of satisfied users (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 87 per cent (target set in October 2007)

Expected accomplishment 3 (EA3):

Enhanced set of internationally recommended standards and practices to ensure comparable statistics

Indicators of achievement for EA3:

(i) Increased number of new and revised international standards and recommendations to which the UNECE has contributed in substance.

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: 1 standard/recommendation (as of December 2005)
> 2006-2007: 4 standard/recommendation (as of December 2007)
> 2008-2009: 6 standards/recommendations (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 4 standards/recommendations (target set in October 2007)

(ii) The number of statistical areas (according to the DISA classification) in which the UNECE undertakes substantive methodological work.

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: 5 statistical areas (as of December 2005)
> 2006-2007: 15 statistical areas (as of December 2007)
> Target 2008-2009: 28 areas (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 23 areas (target set in October 2007)

Expected Accomplishment 4 (EA4):

Progress in implementation of international standards and good practices by statistical systems, particularly in less developed countries of the region.

Indicators of achievement of EA4:

(i) Increased number of countries ensuring better compliance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics through revision of their national statistical legislation.

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: 3 countries (as of December 2005)
> 2006-2007: 6 countries (as of December 2007)
> 2008-2009: 4 countries (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 4 countries (target set in October 2007)

(ii) Increased number of UNECE recommendations implemented at the country level to improve national institutional frameworks for official statistics.

> *Performance measures*:
> 2004-2005: 45 recommendations (as of December 2005)
> 2006-2007: 45 recommendations (as of December 2007)
> 2008-2009: 45 recommendations (as of September 2009)
> Target 2010-2011: 30 recommendations (target set in October 2007)