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Progress reports and work of the Conference of European Statisticians Teams of Specialists**Biennial planning and performance evaluation.
Subprogramme 3. Statistics of the United Nations Economic
Commission for Europe programme of work.****Note by the secretariat****Summary*

The note explains three documents prepared by the secretariat in the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe biennial planning and performance evaluation process and submitted to the Conference of European Statisticians for approval. This is done for the first time to comply with a new UN procedure concerning the biennial programme planning and evaluation. These include the following documents:

- (a) Biennial evaluation report on subprogramme performance 2008-2009 (ECE/CES/2011/41);
- (b) Biennial evaluation plan 2010-2011 (ECE/CES/2011/43);
- (c) Publications programme 2012-2013 (in an Annex to this note).

* This document has been submitted late for technical reasons.

I. Introduction

1. The note explains the purpose of the documents presented to the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) for approval. The documents are prepared in the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) biennial planning and performance evaluation process.
2. The three documents are the following:
 - (a) Biennial evaluation report on subprogramme performance 2008-2009 (ECE/CES/2011/41);
 - (b) Biennial evaluation plan 2010-2011 (ECE/CES/2011/43);
 - (c) Publications programme 2012-2013 (Annex to ECE/CES/2011/19).
3. The first two documents concern the performance evaluation for the previous (2008-2009) and current biennium (2010-2011). The third document is a list of publications planned to be issued during the next biennium (2012-2013). More information on each of the documents is provided below.

II. Biennial evaluation report on subprogramme performance 2008-2009

4. The 2005 UNECE reform asked for more emphasis on evaluation as a tool in managing the Commission's work. The Conference of European Statisticians, like other UNECE sectoral committees, is therefore requested by the Commission to conduct biennial evaluations of the Statistics subprogramme and to take into account the results of these evaluations in determining the future work programmes. At the end of each biennium, the results are assessed against the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement using the so-called accomplishment accounts.
5. The UN biennial programmes present the planned activities at a general level appropriate for the UN strategic framework. The format is established by the UN biennial evaluation process. The detailed planning of activities in statistics is undertaken through annual Statistical Programmes (SP). The Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau have a well-established approach to planning for the annual statistical programmes and evaluating their implementation.
6. In order to make the two exercises compatible, the UNECE Statistical Programme is prepared in such a way as to allow for the evaluations of the annual statistical programmes to feed into the United Nations biennial programme performance evaluation process.
7. The CES approved the report on the implementation of 2008 UNECE Statistical Programme in June 2009 and on the implementation of the 2009 Statistical Programme in June 2010. This is the first time when an aggregated performance evaluation report is submitted to the Conference for approval in the new format. Next year the performance evaluation report for 2010-2011 will be also submitted.
8. **The CES plenary session is invited to approve the biennial performance evaluation 2008-2009 as presented in document ECE/CES/2011/41.**

III. Biennial evaluation plan 2010-2011

9. The performance evaluation to be carried out at the end of the biennium is planned in advance using the so-called logical framework. The framework lists the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for each of the main activities. These are presented at a cluster level, in accordance with the clusters of activities in the UNECE Statistical Programme.

10. The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for 2010-2011 were set by the secretariat in 2007 when the draft strategic framework for 2010-2011 was prepared. The CES Bureau discussed the evaluation plan in October 2009 and recommended to revise some of the targets to reflect the lessons learned from the 2008-2009 evaluation exercise. These recommendations are included in the document ECE/CES/2011/43.

11. The document will form the basis for the biennial performance evaluation which will be carried out at the end of 2011/beginning 2012.

12. **The CES is invited to approve the biennial evaluation plan 2010-2011 as presented in document ECE/CES/2011/43.**

IV. List of planned publications for 2012-2013

13. The publications programme provides a more detailed list of outputs under the Programmatic Budget Narrative, Subprogramme on Statistics 2012-13. It is prepared for the budget submission for the 2012-2013 biennium which is currently underway.

14. The list takes into account the planned outputs by the CES Teams of Specialists (Steering Groups, Task Forces). It has been streamlined to ensure efficient use of resources within the budget limitations. In order to reduce the printing costs, several publications will be issued in electronic format only. The publication titles are provisional.

15. **The CES is invited to approve the list of publications for 2012-2013 as presented in an Annex to the present document.**

Annex

1. Below is a list of publications planned to be issued under the UNECE Programme of work Sub-programme 3. Statistics during the 2012-2013 biennium.

<i>Publication title</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Issue format (print and/or electronic)</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Language(s) for translation (E- English, R- Russian)</i>
Subprogramme 03 - STATISTICS				
Non-recurrent publications				
Countries in Figures 2013, Europe, Central Asia, North America	2013	Print	E	E
Indicators of gender equality [Methodological material]	2012	Print and electronic	E	E
Methodology of time use surveys [Methodological material]	2013	Print and electronic	E	E
Methodological material on economic statistics	2013	Electronic	E	E
Methodological material on statistical IT, dissemination and communication	2013	Electronic	E	E
Statistical monograph on economic statistics	2012	Electronic	E	E
Guidelines on the production of migration statistics [Statistical monograph on social and demographic statistics]	2012	Electronic	E	E
Methodological material on measuring sustainable development	2012	Print and electronic	E	E, R
Guidelines on economic statistics [in "Statistical Standards and Studies" series]	2012	Print and electronic	E	E, R
Survey of national practices in the 2010 census round [in "Statistical Standards and Studies" series]	2013	Print and electronic	E	E, R
Guidelines on statistical information technology, dissemination and communication [in "Statistical Standards and Studies" series]	2013	Print and electronic	E	E, R

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Non-recurrent non-publication items				
Booklets/leaflets (on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; Conference of European Statisticians; integrated work programme, gender and macroeconomic statistics databases, highlights of socio-economic indicators in the region, etc.)	2012	Print and electronic	E	E, R
Booklets/leaflets (<i>ibid.</i>)	2013	Print and electronic	E	E, R