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Programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme for 2018-2019

Note by the Secretariat

Summary


The document presents the programme of work for the Statistics subprogramme of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for 2018-2019. The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians adopted the programme of work at its February 2017 meeting.

This document is submitted to the Conference of European Statisticians for adoption and for recommending it to the Economic Commission for Europe Executive Committee for approval.

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I. Introduction

1. The present document sets out the programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) for 2018-2019. The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) will be invited to adopt the programme of work and recommend it to the ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Integrated Monitoring and Document Information System (IMDIS) used by the Secretariat for the planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme. The results of the implementation of the programme of work will be submitted to the Conference and its Bureau in the programme performance report for the biennium 2018-2019.
2. The programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationships between the hierarchical results (outputs – outcomes – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The outputs/activities in the programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2018-2019. They fall into the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) other substantive activities; and (c) technical cooperation, including advisory services, training courses, seminars, workshops, and field projects.
4. The outcomes/expected accomplishments, with corresponding indicators of achievement and performance measures are presented in Annex I in the form of a logical framework.
5. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex II. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex III.

II. Objective, strategy and external factors

6. The objective of the subprogramme is to develop official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians.
7. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.
8. The subprogramme will coordinate international statistical activities through the Conference of European Statisticians, joint expert meetings and working groups to share good practices and expertise in official statistics. The subprogramme will ensure effective collaboration and efficient use of resources through close partnerships among national and international statistical organizations.
9. The subprogramme will develop standards and recommendations in priority areas identified by the ECE member States, with a focus on supporting the monitoring of progress towards SDGs and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; measurement of climate change; globalization; population, poverty and inequality; and modernization of statistical production, including the use of geospatial information. Work will be undertaken in close cooperation with experts from ECE member States and international organizations through expert groups, each of them developing methodological and practical guidelines to address a specific gap or a challenge in official statistics.

10. The subprogramme will support statistical capacity building of ECE member States, particularly of those with less developed statistical systems. It will promote the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and other United Nations standards and best practices, and provide advice on legal and institutional frameworks of official statistics. This work will be demand-driven and address national priorities identified through global assessments of national statistical systems. It will focus on modernizing statistical production, population censuses, SDG indicators, gender-disaggregated statistics, economic statistics, environmental accounting and indicators.

11. The subprogramme will collect and disseminate key socio-economic statistics of ECE member States, including on progress towards the achievement of SDGs and gender equality. The subprogramme will promote the use of these statistics and make them accessible to the public on the Internet. A specific framework will be applied to ensure the quality, coverage and timeliness of the information.

12. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) adequate resources are in place for monitoring SDGs and supporting the national statistical offices; (b) budget constraints would not hamper the participation of national statistical offices in international work; (c) national and international statistical organizations' willingness to cooperate remains high; (d) donors' support is available for the modernization of statistical production; (e) national statistical offices continue to carry out development work on key statistical domains; and (f) data for the ECE statistical database are made available by statistical organizations free of charge and in a suitable format.

III. Outputs/activities to be delivered during the biennium 2018-2019

A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
<i>Conference of European Statisticians</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings:	
1. Plenary of the Conference of European Statisticians (half-days)	10
2. Bureau of the Conference (half-days)	16
3. Other meetings of the Conference related to: (half-days)	
(i) demographic and social statistics	36
(ii) economic statistics	25
(iii) statistical modernization	44
(iv) environment, multi-domain statistics and statistics for sustainable development	36

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Parliamentary documentation:	
4. Reports of the Conference	2
5. Set of pre-session documents for the Conference on issues of interest to the heads of national statistical offices (12 documents per each set)	2
6. Set of governmental proposals for discussion at the Conference of European Statisticians (30 documents per each set)	2
7. Sets of pre-session documents for other meetings of the Conference on:	
(i) demographic and social statistics (12 documents per each set)	2
(ii) economic statistics (8 documents per each set)	2
(iii) statistical modernization (6 documents per each set)	2
(iv) environment, multi-domain statistics and statistics for sustainable development (12 documents per each set)	2

B. Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Non-recurrent publications:	
8. UNECE Countries in Figures 2019	1
9. Methodological materials:	
(i) Recommendations on measuring extreme events and disasters	1
(ii) Recommendations on producing leading, composite and sentiment indicators	1
(iii) Recommendations on the value of official statistics	1
(iv) Guidelines on compiling labour mobility statistics	1
(v) Guidelines on entrepreneurship statistics	1
(vi) Conference of European Statisticians' road map on statistics for SDGs	1
10. Statistical Standards and Studies:	
(i) Guidelines on the use of registers and administrative data for population and housing censuses	1
(ii) Key recommendations and good practices in the communication of population projections	1
(iii) Good practices in integrating data sources to measure immigration and emigration	1
11. Statistical monographs:	
(i) Guidance on common elements of national statistical legislation	1
Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits:	
12. Leaflets on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and other topics related to the Conference of European Statisticians	3
Press releases, press conferences:	
13. Annual set of news articles	2
Contribution to joint outputs:	
14. Contribution to international standards for the modernization of statistical production and services	2
15. Contribution to the United Nations-driven work on statistics of climate change and sustainable development	2
16. Contribution to developing and harmonizing international statistical methodology and tools	1

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Technical material: (number of annual sets)	
17. Update and maintenance of the Database of International Statistical Activities	2
18. Update and maintenance of the ECE gender statistics database	2
19. Update and maintenance of the ECE macroeconomic database	2
20. Enhanced and redesigned database on Sustainable Development Goals indicators	2
21. Update and maintenance of the database on environment and related indicators	2
22. Update and maintenance of the website of the subprogramme	2

C. Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Advisory services: (number of missions)	
23. Advisory services to national statistical offices of East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-East Europe, on application of international statistical standards	4
24. Advisory services to national statistical offices in East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-East Europe, on improvement of national statistical systems	4
Training courses, seminars and workshops: (number of workshops)	
25. Training workshops for national statistical offices and civil servants in East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-East Europe under extrabudgetary statistical projects	6
26. Training workshops for national statistical offices and civil servants in East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-East Europe within the framework of the United Nations Development Account projects	5

Annex I

The expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures for 2018-2019

Objective of the Organization: To develop official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement		Performance measures			
			2018-2019	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(a) Streamlined international statistical work in support of monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals	(a) (i) Increased number of international organizations involved in the regional monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in coordination with the statistical work of the Conference of European Statisticians	Target	12	-	-	-
		Estimate	-	-	-	-
		Actual	-	-	-	-
	(a) (ii) Number of new statistical areas reviewed in depth by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians	Target	5	5	5	5
		Estimate	-	5	5	5
		Actual	-	-	6	6
(b) Updated and newly developed standards and recommendations to enhance the quality and international comparability of statistics and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals	(b) (i) Number of new and/or revised international statistical standards and recommendations developed with input from ECE	Target	6	6	5	5
		Estimate	-	6	5	6
		Actual	-	-	6	6
	(b) (ii) Increased number of statistical areas (according to the International Statistical Activity classification) in which ECE provides methodological support for measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals	Target	12	-	-	-
		Estimate	-	-	-	-
		Actual	-	-	-	-

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>	<i>Performance measures</i>					
		<i>2018-2019</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>		
(c) Improved national capacity to implement international standards and recommendations in official statistics, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators	(c) (i) Increased number of recommendations from global assessments of national statistical systems, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators, addressed by member States with developing statistical systems in their strategies for statistical development	Target	26	-	-	-	
		Estimate	-	-	-	-	
		Actual	-	-	-	-	
	(c) (ii) Increased percentage of national experts, including women, that express satisfaction with ECE training in official statistics	Target	86	-	-	-	
		Estimate	-	-	-	-	
		Actual	-	-	-	-	
	(d) Improved availability and increased use of statistics from the ECE database, in particular related to the Sustainable Development Goals, gender equality and key socioeconomic indicators in support of evidence-based policymaking and research in ECE member States	(d) (i) Increased number of member States that use the ECE statistical database for evidence-based policymaking and research	Target	46	-	-	-
			Estimate	-	-	-	-
			Actual	-	-	-	-
(d) (ii) Increased percentage of users that express satisfaction with the ECE statistical database as a tool for their work		Target	82	-	-	-	
		Estimate	-	-	-	-	
		Actual	-	-	-	-	

Annex II

Details of proposed publications for 2018-2019

A. Non-recurrent publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	UNECE Countries in Figures 2019	ECE1 A(65), (E/2013/37-E/ECE/1464; ECE/CES2/89 para 76	Print and electronic	A5	145	E	R	300E / 200R
2	Methodological materials (Recommendations on measuring extreme events and disasters) - extra-budgetary	ECE/EX3/2016/L.4 para 2 (a)	Electronic only	A4	120	E	-	-
3	Methodological materials (Recommendations on producing leading, composite and sentiment indicators)	ECE/CES/91 para 74 referring to ECE/CES/BUR/2016/FEB/20 para 10	Print and electronic	A4	200	E	R	500E/150R
4	Methodological materials (How to develop and measure the value of official statistics)	ECE/CES/91 para 59	Print and electronic	A4	120	E	R	400E/100R
5	Methodological materials (Guidelines on compiling labour mobility statistics)	ECE/CES/91 para 74 referring to ECE/CES/BUR4/2015/OCT/21 para 22	Print and electronic	A4	100	E	R	300E/200R
6	Methodological materials (Guidelines on entrepreneurship statistics)	ECE/CES/91 para 74 referring to ECE/CES/BUR/2014/OCT/28 para 30	Print and electronic	A4	200	E	-	500E
7	Methodological materials (Conference of European Statisticians' road map on statistics for	ECE/CES/91 para 7	Print and electronic	A4	110	E	R	300E/100R

¹ ECE = Decision of the ECE Commission Session

² ECE/CES = Decision of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES)

³ ECE/EX = Decision of the ECE Executive Commission

⁴ ECE/CES/BUR = Decision of the CES Bureau

	SDGs) - extra-budgetary							
8	Statistical Standards and Studies (Guidelines on the use of registers and administrative data for population and housing censuses)	ECE/CES/91 para 74 referring to ECE/CES/UR/2015/OCT/21 para 9	Print and electronic	A4	120	E	R	400E/200R
9	Statistical Standards and Studies (Key recommendations and good practices in the communication of population projections)	ECE/CES/91 para 79 (g)	Electronic only	A4	80	E		
10	Statistical Standards and Studies (Good practices in integrating data sources to measure immigration and emigration)	ECE/EX/2016/L.4 para 2 (b)	Electronic only	A4	80	E		
11	Statistical monographs (Guidance on common elements of national statistical legislation) - extra-budgetary	ECE/CES/91 para 66	Print and electronic	A4	180	E	R	500E/100R

B. Promotional material

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Leaflet on Official Statistics; Conference of European Statisticians' work	ECE/CES ⁵ /89 para 76	Print	A4	35	E	R, F	150E, 150F, 150R
2	Leaflet on Official Statistics; Conference of European Statisticians' work	ECE/CES ⁶ /89 para 76	Print	A5	6	E	R, F	200E, 200F, 200R
3	Leaflet on Official Statistics; Conference of European Statisticians' work	ECE/CES ⁷ /89 para 76	Print	A5	10	E	R, F	200E, 200F, 200R

⁵ ECE/CES = Decision of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES)

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Annex III

Legislative mandates

A. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. General Assembly resolutions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
66/288	The future we want (various paragraphs)
67/144	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women (19)
68/261	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (all)
69/210	Entrepreneurship for development (12, 17)
69/229	International migration and development (27, 35)
69/282	World Statistics Day (3)
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda) (125-130)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Targets 17.18-17.19, paras 47-48, 65, 72-77, 80-81, 83)
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (25)
70/147	Protection of migrants (9(f))
70/208	Harmony with Nature (10, 11)
70/218	Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (24, 27)
70/219	Women in development (28, 30)
71/1	New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (25, 40)
71/243	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (20(c))

2. Economic and Social Council resolutions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity (2)
2006/38	Work plan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission (40-44, 77(b))
2014/2	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (3)
2014/7	Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (16)
2015/10	2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme (1, 2)
2015/12	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (1, 6, 11, 14(m))
2016/8	Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world (19)
2016/27	Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management (11, 12, 15)

3. Economic and Social Council decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2007/236	Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth - Statistical Commission decision 38/111 Statistical capacity-building (d, h)
2008/238	Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-ninth session - 39/112 Standards for exchange and sharing of data and metadata (b, c, d, f)
2009/237	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fortieth session - 40/110 Gender statistics (e)
2010/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-first session - 41/104 Statistics of international trade in services (e) - 41/112 Development indicators (e)
2011/245	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session - 42/102 Programme review: gender statistics (d, g) - 42/104 Environmental-economic accounting (f) - 42/107 Short-term economic indicators (c, e, g)
2012/230	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session - 43/101 Programme review: population and housing censuses (c, d, g, h) - 43/110 National quality assurance framework (d, e) - 43/115 Regional statistical development in Europe (a, b, c)
2013/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session - 44/101 Programme review: developing a statistical-spatial framework in national statistical systems (b, c, e) - 44/105 Environment statistics (f, h)
2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session - 45/101 Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (f, g, i, j) - 45/103 Programme review: broader measures of progress (c, d, j) - 45/106 International trade and economic globalization statistics (g) - 45/110 Big data and modernization of statistical systems (d (i, ii), e (i))
2015/216	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session - 46/101 Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda (I. g (ii-iii), j, III .c (iii), IV. c, e-g) - 46/102 Population and housing censuses (e, i) - 46/106 National Accounts (f, g) - 46/107 International trade and economic globalization statistics (b(i), d(iv),e) - 46/108 Environmental-economic accounting (d, e) - 46/109 International Comparison Programme (f)
2016/220	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session - 47/101 Global indicator framework for the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (i, k) - 47/102 High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (e) - 47/103 Transformative agenda for official statistics (b, c, d, e (iii), g) - 47/104 Big data for official statistics (d (iv)) - 47/105 National accounts (a) - 47/106 Environmental-economic accounting (e, f) - 47/109 Industrial statistics (c) - 47/112 Climate change statistics (c, e, h)

4. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Dec No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
C (47)	The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the Region of the Economic Commission of Europe
A (64)	The work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
