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**Joint ECE/EUROSTAT/FAO/OECD Meeting
on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe
(Geneva, 17-19 October 2001)**

**COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES (EUROSTAT)**

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL
ORGANISATION (FAO)**

**ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
(OECD)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on 17 October 2001 at 10 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Information items
4. Experiences and lessons
5. Methodological issues
6. Future work
7. Making agricultural information more user friendly
8. Other business
9. Adoption of the report

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Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The meeting on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe is convened jointly by ECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD pursuant to the decision of the Conference of European Statisticians taken at its forty-eighth plenary session, in June 2000 (see report of the session ECE/CES/58 and CES/2000/26 /Add.3).

Under items 4, 5 and 7 only invited papers are listed. Contributed papers submitted by countries and organizations will be introduced and commented on by the discussants.

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER

10:00-10:10 Items 1 and 2

10:10-11:00 Item 3: INFORMATION ITEMS

Information will be provided on the following events and activities:

- AgES - Agriculture Economic Statistics, 7th IWG.AGRI Seminar, Luxembourg 5-7 July 2000 (Mr. Giuseppe Calò, Eurostat)
- CAESAR - Conference on Agricultural and Environmental Statistical Applications in Rome, 5-7 June 2001 (IWG.AGRI)
- IWG.AGRI Satellite Meetings to CAESAR, Rome, 4 June and 8 June 2001 (IWG.AGRI)
- 8th IWG.AGRI Seminar, Paris, mid 2002 (Mr. Andreas Lindner, OECD)
- Progress in common data consultation among international organizations
- Other events of interest

11:00-11:20 **Coffee break**

Item 4: EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS

SESSION 1: The agricultural census 2000
(cost effectiveness in conducting censuses; processing methods and tools for presentation of the results; the next census and future data needs);

Organizer: EUROSTAT

11:20-11:30 **Discussant:** Mr. Giuseppe Calò, Eurostat

- 11:30-12:00** **Invited paper 1:** Comparisons between an interviewer conducted Census of Agriculture (1991) and a postal Census of Agriculture (2000)
Author: Mr. Gerry Brady, Ireland
- 12:00-12:30** **Invited paper 2:** Main characteristics of the Hungarian Census 2000
Author: Mrs. Eva Laczka, Hungary
- 12:30-13:00** **Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 1**
- 13:00-15:00** **Lunch**
- SESSION 2: Interaction of agriculture with environment and rural space
(synthesis of lessons from recent work in this area)**
Organizer: OECD
- 15:00-15:10** **Discussant:** Mr. Denis Chartrand, Canada
- 15:10-15:40** **Invited paper 3:** Greening economic accounts for agriculture - some central issues in creating a new environmentally integrated, satellite account
Author: Mr. Berkeley Hill, United Kingdom
- 15:40-16:10** **Invited paper 4:** Satellite accounts for agriculture and environment: integrating the total economic value. Concepts and first experiences in Switzerland
Author: Mr. Franz Murbach, Switzerland
- 16:10-16:30** **Coffee break**
- 16:30-17:00** **Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 2**
- SESSION 3: Risks and opportunities in the use of administrative and other non-survey data**
Organizer: EUROSTAT
- 17:00-17:10** **Discussant:** Mr. Rainer Muthmann, Eurostat
- 17:10-17:35** **Invited paper 5:** Use of administrative data for crop and livestock statistics in Austria
Author: Mr. Franz Göttl, Austria
- 17:35-18:00** **Invited paper 6:** Impact of high technology on use of already existing data sources
Author: Mr. Esa Ikäheimo, Finland

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER

09:30-10:00 Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 3

Item 5: METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

SESSION 4: Income statistics
(macro level/micro level and interaction between the two; data needs for changing structure of agricultural business; changing support policies and structure of ownership); “green” accounts”; data needs for rural economy

Organizer: OECD

10:00-10:10 Discussant: Mr. Andreas Lindner, OECD

10:10-10:40 **Invited paper 7:** Valuing farmland: spatial productivity differences and financial solvency

Authors: Mr. Ken Erickson, Mr. Ashok Mishra, Mr. Richard Nehring and Mr. Chuck Moss, United States of America

10:40-11:20 **Invited paper 8:** Methodological issues in agriculture income measurements in the EU
Author: Mr. Berkeley Hill, United Kingdom

11:20-11:40 Coffee break

11:40-12:30 Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 4

12:30-14:30 Lunch

SESSION 5: Productivity
(measuring sectorial and farm productivity; labour, capital and total factor productivity; organisational changes in agricultural business and impact on productivity; changes in factor inputs and impact on productivity; trade off between productivity and environmental concerns

Organizer: OECD

14:30-14:40 Discussant: Mr. Berkeley Hill, United Kingdom

14:40-15:10 **Invited paper 9:** Levels of farm sector productivity: An international comparison
Authors: Mr. Eldon Ball and Mr. Richard Nehring, United States of America; Mr. Jean-Christophe Bureau and Mr. Jean-Pierre Butault, France.

15:10-15:40 **Invited paper 10:** Agricultural productivity in the EU
Author: Mr. Edward Cook, Eurostat

15:40-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:30 **Invited paper 11:** FAO's work on estimates of value of agriculture production and investment

Author: Mr. Pratap Narain, FAO

16:30-17:00 **Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 5**

17:00-17:30 Item 6: FUTURE WORK

Participants will be asked if they have any proposals for future joint ECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD work in agricultural statistics. The secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of country suggestions and of the discussions as the meeting proceeds for the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians.

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER

Item 5: METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES (continued)

SESSION 6: Measuring, forecasting and analysis of food supplies (basic statistics needed for measuring food supply and demand; basic statistics needed for measuring food quality and the role of statistics in assisting in food quality control; information on food prices, food quality, food safety, food consumption and nutrient intake; modelling food supply and demand

Organizer: ECE

09:30-09:40 **Discussant:** Mr. Kristian Hjulsgaard, Denmark

09:40-10:00 **Invited paper 12:** Data quality as a limiting factor in the measuring and analysis of food supplies - FAO's Africa experience

Author: Mr. Vincent Ngendakumana, FAO

10:00-10:20 **Invited paper 13:** Basic statistics needed for measuring food supply and food quality

Author: Mrs. Tarja Korttesmaa, Finland

10:20-10:40 **Invited paper 14:** The merger of the UK National Food Survey with its Household Budget Survey

Author: Mr. Stan Speller, United Kingdom

10:40-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-11:30 **Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 6**

Item 7: MAKING AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION MORE USER FRIENDLY

SESSION 7: Use of GIS in agricultural statistics

Organizer: ECE

11:30-11:40 Discussant: Mr. Christian Gay, France

11:40-12:05 Invited paper 15: Expanding GIS applications through partnering
Author: Mr. Rich Allen, United States of America

12:05-12:30 Invited paper 16: Integration of georeferenced and statistical data: the role of GIS for spatialisation, restructuring and elaboration of agri-environmental indicators
Authors: Mr. Jacques Delincé, JRC, Mr. Daniel Rase, Eurostat, and Mr. Claude Vidal, Eurostat

12:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:00 Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 7

SESSION 8: Techniques for presentation and dissemination of statistical results

Organizer: ECE

15:00-15:10 Discussant: Mr. Peter Helm, United Kingdom

15:10-15:40 Invited paper 17: Presentation and dissemination of agriculture statistics in Sweden
Author: Mrs. Berit Olsson, Sweden

15:40-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:30 Invited paper 18: Strategies for publishing and disseminating agriculture statistics in Canada.
Authors: Mr. Denis Chartrand, Canada, and Mr. Mike Trant

16:30-17:00 Discussions and comments on invited papers and on contributed papers to session 8

17:00-17:10 Item 8: OTHER BUSINESS

17:10-17:30 Item 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT