

**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

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Geneva, 20-21 February 2006

Item 11(b) of the Provisional  
Agenda

**WORK PLAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON  
STATISTICS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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**BACKGROUND**

1. As mandated in the Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development, the proposed work plan with milestones for WG is submitted for consideration by the Bureau at its February 2006 meeting.
2. This work plan should be considered as preliminary since it has not been discussed yet with the Steering Committee. Its purpose is to give the Bureau a general sense of the Working Group's objectives and timeline. It should not be seen as definitive. The final version of the work plan will be agreed to when the Steering Committee meets in Paris in March. It should be noted that the "final report" referred to below is the "book" that has been discussed as the concrete output of the WG.

**WORKPLAN AND TIMETABLE**

- i) Establishment of Working Group – April 2006.
- ii) Develop draft outline for final report of the Working Group – April 2006.
- iii) Articulate a broad conceptual framework for sustainable development measurement – September 2006.
- iv) Identify the broad domains that good indicator sets should span – Sept 2006.
- v) Develop a menu of good sustainable development indicators in order to help governments and international organizations when they are designing indicator sets – September 2006.
- vi) Identify a small set of indicators from the menu that might become the core for international comparisons – September 2006.
- vii) Identify basic data systems necessary for a small set of indicators and identify their possible sources – September 2006.
- viii) Discuss the relationship between integrated environmental and economic accounts and sustainable development indicators – September 2006.
- ix) International conference on measurement of sustainable development in Oslo – October 2006.
- x) Prepare interim report to CES Bureau with preliminary recommendations – April 2007.
- xi) Review first drafts of chapters for final report – April 2007.
- xii) Present interim report to CES Bureau – June 2007.
- xiii) Review revised drafts of chapters for final report – August 2007.

- xiv) Present draft final recommendations to OECD Annual Meeting of Sustainable Development Experts – October 2007.
- xv) Submit final report – December 2007.

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