

Inventory groups

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<i>International / Regional organisation</i>											
UNSC - United Nations Statistical Commission	UNSC	The highest decision making body for international statistical activities especially the setting of statistical standards, the development of concepts and methods and their implementation at the national and international level.	UN Economic and Social Council	Annual (end Febr)	1947				E		CIS-STAT
CCSA - Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities	CCSA	To promote coordination, integration and complementarity among the statistical programmes, to foster good practices in the structuring and programming of statistical activities in the international organizations. Quality frameworks see 5.3	UNSC (if necessary to HLC on Programmes of the UN Chief Executives Board on Coordination)	2 /year (Febr, Sept)	2002				E		CIS-STAT
SC - Paris21 (Partnership in statistics for development in the 21st century)	Web site	Develop a culture of evidence-based policy making and implementation which serves to improve governance and government effectiveness in reducing poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Secretariat in the (OECD/DCD) - Paris.		Annual	1999				E		Consortium membership is worldwide. Members are from governments, international organisations, professional bodies, and academic institutions.
CES (Conference of European Statisticians) Bureau	UNECE web site			2 /year (Febr, Oct)					E		CIS-STAT, WB
CES (Conference of European Statisticians) Plenary	UNECE web site			Annual (June)		UNCTAD, UNESCO			E		CIS-STAT, WB, ILO, WHO + NSO
Project WG on Statistics in the Framework of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)		Coordination between UN driven statistical activities and EC projects in Central Asia							E		
OECD CSTAT Bureau	OECD Statistics portal			2 /year (Febr, Oct)					E		

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OECD World Forum		Measuring the progress of Societies			2004, 2007, 2009					DG, E		
OECD EG on measuring the progress of societies			Presented in a paper on the OECD's Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies (CSTAT June 2007). To bring together people interested in developing and promoting the use of indicators of progress. Open to the public and private sector, civil society, policy makers and statisticians. Discussions focus on developing frameworks for progress indicators, new tools for disseminating indicators to the public and policy makers, and the latest developments on indicators that seek to encapsulate progress in some of the new and emerging domains of socio-economic concerns.	OECD, CES Bureau		2007?		?		E?		Three nominees from Eurostat end Nov 07. [Letter OECD 18 Oct 07].
Subject area												
1. Demographic and social statistics												
1.1 Population and migration												
SG on Migration Statistics		Work plan (CES Bureau Oct 2005)	Set up to improve the quality of data on international migration.	CES Bureau	Every 18 months	2005				F1		US Census Bureau (Chair), OSCE, WB, CA, CH, AU
TF on Measuring Emigration		Work plan (CES Bureau Oct 2005)	To design a set of tables to carry out pilot projects on the stock and flows of migrants by country of origin in host countries etc.	CES Bureau		2005				F1		ILO, CA (chair), GE, HU, IT, LT, PT, RU, SI, ES, SE, FYROM, UK, US
UN EG on the Use of Censuses and Surveys to Measure International Migration			To provide guidelines for the implementation of recommendations on statistics of international migration.	UNSD	sept.07					F1		
UN EG on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses			The final products of the Expert Group meetings are 'technical recommendations' on censuses.	UNSD	Ad-hoc. Next: 2008					F1		
1.2 Labour												

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Paris Group on working time measurement => Paris Group on Labour and Compensation	UNSD web site	To examine, access and reconcile the various sources of information used to measure labour market conditions and compensation, particularly in the context of the deregulation of labour markets and strucutral unemployment, and to contribute improving concepts and their implementation as well as construction of new indicators. Rev of the ILO Resolution (ICLS), tentatively scheduled for 2008.	UNSC	Every 2 year	1997				F2		ILO, Labour statisticians belonging to 23 NSO and 3 international organisations. Secretariat: INSEE, OECD, ONS.
TF on the measurement of quality of employment	CES Bureau June 2007	Will mainly work using e-mail connections. Main output: proposal for a common conceptual framework on the quality of work and employment, incl a set of statistical indicators for measuring the quality aspects of labour and employment with their meaning and spec conditions of utilization.	Interim report to 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (4th qauarter 2008)		2007				F2		The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Condition, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIGO), ILO, Can (chair), FR, FI, HU, IS, IT, NL, PL.
TF on Measuring volunteer work	Work plan (CES Bureau Oct 2006)	Investigate practical and theoretical challenges in promoting comparability in social research, using volunteering concept as example, to be completed 2008.	CES Bureau		2006				F2		
1.3 Education											
UN TF on education statistics		To report to the statistical conference on further improvements of interantional statistics		about 3 times	2007	UNESCO			F4		
OECD INES Groups (National Coordinators Group, Technical Group, Networks A, B and C)	Web site	The INES Project develops a system of indicators for cross-national comparisons in education. Specifically, it: develops, collects, analyses and interprets a set of key indicators for international comparisons disseminated through its annual publications: Education at a Glance and Education Policy Analysis; provides a forum for international cooperation and exchange of information about methods and practices of developing and using educational indicators for national policymaking and managing education systems; and contributes to assessment methodology and practice to develop more valid, reliable, and comprehensive indicators, and to gain a better understanding of their use in policymaking.	OECD Statistics Directorate	2 TG meetings per year, one or two of the other groups		UNESCO Institute for Statistics			F4, in one		Network B: CEDEFOP, DG Education and Culture; many NSOs, many Ministries of Education

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TF on Education statistics		Temporary	CES Bureau Febr 2008						F4		
1.4 Health											
IWG on Health Statistics		Develop a coordinated agenda for the production of health statistics and to bridge the gap – for health statistics - that exists between UN agencies and the statistical system as represented by national statistical authorities. Secretariat: WHO.	UNSC	Annual	2004				F5		Paris21, UNAIDS, WB... Many - for EU: FI, IT and NO. Chair: UNSD.
SG on Measuring Health Status	UNECE web site, Oct 2004	Oversee the work of the TF, plan future meetings of UNECE and WHO, liaise with Eurostat group on HIS, Washington group and IWG on health statistics. Doc CES/BUR.2005/12/Add.3 Rev.	CES Bureau	2 per year	2004				F5		WHO, CA, USA, AU, most EU countries
TF on Measuring Health Status (Budapest initiative)	UNECE web site, Oct 2004	Prepares a common measuring instrument on health status.	SG on Measuring Health Status	2-3 per year	2004				F5		WHO, CA, US, AU, UK, IT, DK
IHAT: International Health Accounts Team		Technical committee to steer the process on the revision of the Manual on System of Health Accounts (SHA) - secretariat: OECD		3-4 per year	2006				F5		WHO
Washington Group (City group)	Web site	Address selected problems in statistical methods used to measure 'disability'.	UNSC	Annual	2001				F5		ILO (more and more), WB, WHO... Many NSO
1.5 Income and consumption											
1.6 Social protection											
1.7 Human settlements and housing											
1.8 Justice and crime											
UNECE meeting on crime statistics			CES Bureau						F5		Some European countries, US, CA, AU
(included in above) CES TF on Victimisation Surveys			CES Bureau						F5		
1.9 Culture											

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1.10 Political and other community activities											
1.11 Time use											
2. Economic statistics											
2.1 Macroeconomic statistics											
International Comparison Programme (ICP) EB									C		ECB
Friends of the Chair group (FROCH) on the future of the ICP			UNSC						E C1		8-9 countries, chair: NO. WB
2.2 Economic accounts											
EG on the Measurement of Non-Financial Assets (Canberra II)	Web site UNSD	To undertake work on research agenda established by the original Expert Group on Capital Stock Statistics (Canberra I) and to research into issues associated with the measurement of non-financial assets as part of the process of updating SNA 1993	UNSC	1 or 2 per year	2003				C		Members: 14 countries, 6 int org and 6 individ. expert advisers. Chair: P Harper, AU. Any country that is interested in the Group's activities is invited to attend the meeting or participate in the Group's electronic discussions.
Delhi group on Informal Sector Statistics	Web site	An international forum to exchange experience in the measurement of the informal sector, informal employment concept, document the data-collection practices, including definitions and survey methodologies followed by member countries, and recommend measures for improving the quality and comparability of informal sector statistics.		Annual	1997				C		Experts from 24 NSO, 5 int org and 8 other academic institutions. Chair: IN.
Advisory EG on National Accounts (AEG)		The AEG assists the ISWGNA in the SNA Update project. The AEG considers the proposals for change of the 1993 SNA and expresses views.							C1		WB + 20 countries from all regions of the world.
Intersecretariat WG on National Accounts (ISWGNA)	Web site	Coordinate the implementation and methodological development of the the System of National Accounts 1993 (1993 SNA).	UNSC	Annual	1983				C1 C, E		WB. Chair rotates annually.

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Friends of the chair - Integrated Economic Statistics (IES)		To develop a concept paper with recommendations on the modalities of an integrated approach to economic statistics.	UNSC (2008)	Annual					E, G		ECB, AU, CA, CH, IN, MX, NL, PK, ZA, US
2.3 Business statistics											
Voorburg Group on Service statistics (City group)	Web site / Papers	To address issues related to the production of services statistics, including service product outputs and inputs, the estimation of the real product of service activities, price indices of service products and industries, and their implications for classifications CPS and ISIC.		Every 2 year	1986				D3		32 countries and 6 international organisations incl ECB, WTO.
UN Industrial Statistics EG			UNSC						(G1)		Eurostat G1 gives written comments but does not participate. IMF gives written comments but does not participate.
UN Distributive Trade Statistics EG (EG_DTS)	Recomm. on Statistics of the Distr. Trades and Services	To assist in the revision of the existing UN recommendations on distributive trade statistics published in International Recommendations on Statistics of the Distributive Trades and Services and in updating the UNSD compilation advice contained in Organization and Conduct of Distributive Trade Surveys.	UNSC						G1		Eurostat G1 gives written comments, but does not participate. Organized by the UNSD.
OECD Structural Business Statistics EG		Meetings currently suspended		Annual							AU, CA, DE, FI, FR, DE, HU, IT, KR, NL, SE, UK, US. WB. EC DG ENTR.
OECD Entrepreneurship Indicators SG	Web site	To guide development of the OECD-Eurostat Entrepreneurship Indicators Programme, including definitions, Measurement Manual and Indicator Publication.		2 per year	2006				G1		
2.4 Sectoral statistics											
2.4.1 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries											
FAO Statistics advisory committee of experts		Methodology		Every 2 year; last in 2005		FAO			E1		IT, HU, TR + del fr US, MEX, JP, IN, PH, KE

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Intersecretariat WG on Forest Sector Statistics		Maintains the worldwide Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire		Annual, last i	1990	FAO			E3		ITTO; International Tropical Timber Organisation
FAO/ECE WP on Forest Economics and Statistics	Web site	FAO and UNECE work together to promote sustainable forest management in Europe, Central Asia and North America; one of the work areas is markets and statistics.		Annual		FAO			E3		UNECE Member states
Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)	Web site	Currently the major policy institution at the pan-European level, is focused on policy implications at the national level on the basis of non-legally binding resolutions.		Experts meet freq, ministers every 3-5 years.	1990				E3		
FIRMS (Fisheries Resources Monitoring System of FAO) WG	Web site	Annual report; Partnership agreement Estat-FAO 2003 on exchange of data for a global FAO database.		Annual (March-April)	2003	FAO			E2		Major Regional Fishery Organisations
ICES (International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) Joint meetings	Web site	Scientific group. Annual report		Annual (May)					E2		International Council, Copenhagen, has the lead
2.4.2 Energy											
Oslo Group (City group) on Energy statistics	Oslo Group web site	To address methodological issues related to energy statistics and contribute to improved international standards and improved methods for official energy statistics by pooling expertise in the energy community. Discussion Forum on web site.	UNSC	Annual	2005				G4		Energy statistics experts from NSO, energy ministries and other authorities, international organisations, academia. UNCEEA oversees the group.
Joint Oil Data Initiative (JODI) Intersecretariat Group	Web site	Collection of short term oil data. Coordination of meetings are rotating.		A few times a year	2001				G4		JODI - APEC, IEA, IEFS, OLADE, OPEC
Intersecretariat WG on Energy statistics (also referred to as InterEnerStat)	UNSC doc	To enhance coordination of international energy statistics and collaboration of international organisations with a view to improving the availability and quality of international energy statistics without increasing the response burden on countries and by making best use of resources.		Every 2 years (Paris)	2005				G4		CA, CN, DK, NO, ZA, US, YE. IAEA, IEA and other org.
Energy Statistics WG of the International Energy Agency (IEA)	Web site	Review of the joint ESTAT/IEA/UNECE annual questionnaires on energy.		Every 5 years					G4		IEA
2.4 3 Mining, manufacturing, construction											

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2.4.4 Transport												
UNECE WP on inland transport statistics		And associated task forces / workshops. Comment UNECE: This WP is not related to statistics. Eurostat suggests to take it out in next version.		Annual					G5			
Inter-secretariat WG		To manage the Common Questionnaire on transport statistics and the Glossary on the same subject.		3 per year					G5		ITF; In practice only 3 participants.	
UNECE WP on Inland Transport statistics	UNECE web site	To be involved in the development and updates of the statistical nomenclature of goods in transport.		Annual					G5		ITF and associated task forces/workshops, EEA and UIC	
2.4.5 Tourism												
Interagency CG on Tourism Statistics		Update of international recommendations, will after UNSC 2008 probably not continue.	UNSC 2008		2004				F6			
Technical Sub-Group of the Inter-Agency CG on Tourism statistics		Update of international recommendations, will after UNSC 2008 probably not continue.	UNSC 2008			UNWTO			F6			
UNWTO Committee on Statistics and Macroeconomic Analysis of Tourism		Update of international recommendations on important work at international level				UNWTO			F6			
EG on Tourism statistics		This meeting has been held only once and will probably not continue. Eurostat suggests to take it out in next version.										
2.4.6 Banking, insurance, financial statistics												
2.5 Government finance, fiscal and public sector statistics												
International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS)		EC DG BUDG requested grant which Eurostat could supply. Eurostat will probably not attend after 2008. Aim - to set international standards.		3 times/ year				some times	C5		DG BUDG, Court of Auditors, international private sector (accounting standard sector)	
2.6 International trade and balance of payments												

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Inter-Agency TF on Statistics of International Trade in Services	UNSD web site	Improvement of statistics on international trade in services focusing on the statistical requirements of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), Balance of Payments statistics, National Accounts and Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS). The Revision of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS) - to be completed by 2009 - Secretariat held by OECD		2 per year	1994				C4		UNCTAD, UNWTO, DE, IT, PH, JP, US
Luxembourg Group on Remittances	IMF web site	Improvement of data on remittances, drafting of a compilation guide. Secretariat held by IMF			2006				C4		World Bank, CEMLA, PH, ES, NO, MX, PT, JP, US, UK, IT, MD, AL, LB, IN, DE
OECD WG on Trade in Goods and Trade in Services Statistics		Develop statistics on trade in goods and services in particular on cross-cutting and related issues regarding goods and services e.g. trade and globalisation. Recognizing the importance of this topic, from 2008 on, this WG will evolve into an OECD Working Party reporting directly to the OECD Committee on Statistics.		2007							UNCTAD, WTO
OECD-Eurostat Meeting of Experts in Trade-in-Services		Trade in services statistics - Secretariat held by OECD		Annual					C4		WTO, all OECD member states
IMF Balance of Payments Committee		Improvement of balance of payments statistics							C4		
OECD WIIS - Workshop on International Investment statistics		Foreign Direct Investment statistics incl globalisation indicators for international investment. This group is also responsible for setting international methodological standards for FDI: Benchmark definition of FDI.	OECD	2 per year					C4		OECD Member States and observer countries
OECD WG Globalisation		Globalisation statistics	OECD	2 per year					C4, F4, G1		OECD Member States and observer countries. IMF participates resources permitting.
ECB WG on external statistics		External statistics, balance of payments.		4 times per year					C4		IMF participates resources permitting. EU Member states.
TF on International Merchandise Trade Statistics	Web site	The objectives are to improve the availability and quality of international merchandise trade statistics, in particular of the UN Comtrade database, and to update methodology of international merchandise statistics in view of new developments in world trade and country compilation practices.		Annual or 2 per year	1991				C4 G2 G3		FAO, ITC, UNCTAD, UNIDO, WTO + UN reg comm.

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OECD International Trade Statistics EG				Annual					G2 G3 C4		
OECD Working Party on Financial Statistics WP (WPFS)	OECD web site	Develop methodology and data for financial accounts, institutional investors and bank profitability		Annual	1967				C5		ECB, BIS, EIB, WB, WTO
OECD SG on linking Trade Statistics with Business statistics		The objective is to provide guidelines on how to compile harmonised indicators on trade by business characteristics.	(OECD chair)		2006				G3		Non-EU countries that belong to the OECD.
IMF TF on Co-ordinated Direct Investment Survey									C4		
Benchmark A dvisory G roup (BAG)		Adrafting group for the FDI manual.	OECD WIIS - Workshop on International Investment statistics						C4		
Inter-Agency TF on Finance Statistics (TFFS)	IMF web site	Reconvened in 1998 to co-ordinate work among the participating agencies to improve the quality, transparency, timeliness and availability of data on external debt and international reserve assets.	UNSC		1992				C4	chair	BIS, WB, ECB.
2.7 Prices											
Organising committee (OC) for the joint UNECE/ILO meeting on Consumer Price Indices (CPI)		Replaces the previous steering group on CPIs, is placed under the auspices of the IWGPS. ToR approved in October 2007; its purpose will be limited to the organisation of the forthcoming Joint UNECE/ILO meeting on CPIs.	Placed under the auspices of the IWGPS	Annual	2007				D4		ILO, Incoming Chair & Vice-Chair of the joint CPI meeting, experts from three NSIs from diff. regions of UNECE
Inter-Secretariat WG on Price statistics (IWGPs)		Develop and document best practice guidelines on concepts and methods of price statistics. Update of 1993 SNA.	UNECE/CES	Annual	1999				D4		ILO, WB

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Joint UNECE/ILO meeting on CPIs				Biennial, alternating with OG					D4		UN-ECE/ILO member countries, All intern. and reg. Org
Ottawa Group on Price Indexes	Ottawa group web site	To provide a forum for specialists to share their experiences and discuss research on crucial problems of measuring price change.		Biennial altern with Joint UNECE/ILO meeting	1994				D4		Experts from more than 26 countries and 5 int org.
International Conference of Labour Statisticians		Under auspices of the ILO, mostly back-to-back to Joint UNECE/ILO meeting on CPIs.		Every 5 years					D4		ILO member countries, all international and regional organisations.
International Comparison Programme on Purchasing Power Parities - EB	WB ICP Web site								E, C1		WB
2.8 Labour cost											
2.9 Science and technology											
NESTI - National experts on Science Technology and innovation (OECD)		Forum for the follow-up of the indicators.		Annual	1957	UNESCO		STIE AS	F4		NSOs from OECD Member States, RICYT, visiting countries
WP on Industry Analysis (WPIA)											
3. Environment and multi-domain statistics											
3.1 Environment											
London Group on Environmental Accounting	Web site	To play a leadership role in defining international best practices in the theory and practice of environmental accounting within the framework of the System of National Accounts; to provide a forum for the sharing of national and international expertise in this field, and to encourage the adoption of best practices in the field.		Annual (during 2007= twice)	1993				E3		Repr from more than 20 NSO, 4 international organisations. IMF participates subject to resources.

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Subgroup (to London Group) on Land use		To be organised by FAO, probably 2008.	London group		Prob. 2008	FAO					?
Intersecretariat WG on Environment Statistics (IWG-ENV)	UNSD web site	To firmly anchor environment statistics as a part of official statistics by enhancing, coordinating and harmonizing - the development of methodological practices, - data collection and dissemination - training and capacity building programme; thus improving and strengthening basic environment data both at the national and international levels.	UNSC		2004				E3		UNEP, FAO + regional UN bodies depending on the question
UN Committee of Experts on Integrated Economic and Environmental Accounting (UNCIEEA)		Oversee the work of London and Oslo group. Strategic technical body whose objectives are: a) to mainstream environmental-economic accounting and related statistics b) to elevate the System of integrated Environmental-Economic Accounting to an international statistical standard; and c) to advance the implementation of the SEEA at the country level. Coordinate the further development of the accounting framework, ensure its successful implementation and promote environmental accounting among users.	UNSC		2005				E0		25 countries and international organisations. MF participates subject to resources. Chaired by W Radermacher.
OECD WP on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology				Annual							
OECD WP on Waste Prevention and Recycling				Annual							
OECD WG on Environmental Information and Outlooks (WGEIO)		Provide the factual basis for the OECD's policy work, environmental peer reviews and outlooks, and support countries in improving their environmental information systems and reporting.	OECD	Annual	1979 (1977 adhoc group)				E3		UNEP
3.2 Regional and small area statistics											

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SCORUS = Standing Committee of Regional and Urban Statistics [sub-group of IAOS]	Web site	International network for Regional and Urban Statistics		Every 2 year (2006, 2008)					D2		
3.3 Multi-domain statistics and indicators											
OECD Short-term Economic Statistics WP (STESWP)		Developing main short-term Economic Indicators		Annual					D1 D3		Several countries, BIS
3.3.1 Living conditions, poverty											
Rio Group on Poverty statistics	Web site	To harness the experience and concerns of different groups and organizations in the world that are working on the measurement, interpretation and use of poverty statistics, especially when such work is being done by or in close contact with statistical offices.		Annual (in princ.)	1995	WHO UNICEF UNFPA UNDP			F3		ILO, Paris ²¹ , WB, 22 countries, 19 international agencies and other institutions.
TF on Emerging Issues in Social Statistics	Work plan (CES Bureau, Oct 2005)	Incl measurement concepts, common questions/modules and modalities to achieve them.		Sept 2006, Aug 2007, b-t-b ISI	2005						CA, US, AU, DK, IT
3.3.2 Gender and special population groups											
SG on Gender statistics	Approved by CES Bureau, Febr 2005	Work using e-mail connections. Coordinate work of the 3 TFs (Gender sensitisation, Violence against Women, Gender statistics database) and provide advice, plan future UNECE work on gender statistics. Mandate reviewed 2007. ToR to be reviewed 2008.	CES Bureau		2005						NL, RS, ME, UK, US
TF on Gender sensitisation training for statisticians	CES Bureau, Febr 2005	Work using e-mail connections, ToR to be reviewed in 2008. Manual to be developed, now resides with OECD.	CES Bureau		2005				F2		US Census Bur, GE, RS/ME, SE, BY
Inter-Agency and EG on Gender statistics					Launch Dec 2007	UNSD UNFPA			F2		IT

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TF on Violence against women	Work plan (CES Bureau Oct 2005)	Work using e-mail connections, mandate reviewed in 2007, target date 2009.	CES Bureau		2005				F2 (F5)		HEUNI, US Census Bur, GE, AL, RS/ME, IT
TF on UNECE gender statistics database	CES Bureau Febr 2007	To advise UNECE and make improvements to the gender statistics database	CES Bureau		2007						CA, NL, PL, PT, RO, CH
3.3.3 Information society											
OECD WP on Indicators Information Society (WPIIS)									F6		
Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development		To agree on a common set of ICT indicators + global database	UNSC			UNCTAD + UNSCO, + others			F6		ITU, WB
Workshop on Information Society Measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean		Meetings organised by Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC) and UNECLAC		Annual					F6		
3.3.4 Globalisation											
WG on the Impact on Globalisation of National Accounts	ToR	To review the main distortions in the compilation of national accounts and related source statistics, as caused by the growing globalisation of economies. Doing so, the Working Group should put forward proposals to deal with these distortions and improve the quality of national accounts. The Working Group should approach the issue using the system of national accounts as an integrating framework.	Sub-group reports to CES, CES Bureau		2007	UNCTAD			E0 C1 C4		A leadership sub-group composed of CA, CZ, FI, NL, UK, US, UNECE, OECD, Eurostat and IMF will steer the work of the WG.
3.3.5 Indicators related to the Millennium Development Goals											
SG on monitoring MDGs					2006						

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Interagency and EG on MDG Indicators	Recommendations	To produce the data and analysis to monitor progress towards the MDGs; review methodologies and technical issues in relation to the indicators; and support countries in data collection, analysis and reporting for MDG indicators. Eurostat unit E5 attended in 2006/Geneva	UNSD	1 meeting per year next meeting Nov/2008	2002				E5 F5		WB, DFID, ECA, ECE, ESCWA, FAO, IDB, ILO, OECD, UNICEF, UNIFEM, WHO, 20 countries (BF;KH;CR;ET;GH;ID;JO;MK;MX;MD;MA;NP;NI;PL;ZA;UG;VN;YE;ZM)
Friends of the Chair on MDG Indicators	No web site	To assist in the preparations of a report, assessing the abilities of countries to produce indicators.			2005						14 countries: AU, CA, CH, CU, FI, GH, IC, IT, JA, MX, Th, US, ZA. Secretariat UNSD.
3.3.6 Sustainable development											
SG on Statistics for Sustainable Development	Work plan (CES Bureau Febr 2006)	Mandate period until June 2008. To assist the chair planning for the WG, periodically review the programme of work, etc. Bureau for preparing the WG meetings		4 meetings per year	2006-2008				D1		CA (Chair), NO, SE
WG on Statistics for Sustainable Development (WGSSD)	ToR	Mandate period until June 2008	CES Bureau and OECD Committee on Statistics	2 meetings per year	2006-2008				D1		Open membership
EG (SG) Meeting on indicators on Sustainable development	UNECE web site	Review UNSD recommendations for a list of SD indicators. The main outputs of the Steering Committee will be: a proposed programme of work and timetable for the WGSSD; coordination of the work of the WGSSD with the aim of ensuring that the group meets its objectives within the timeframe of its mandate	UNSC	In a few years	Dec 2005 - Oct 2006				D1		CA, DE, NO, SE, CH, (WB).
4. Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis											
4.1 Metadata											
Joint WG METIS [Common Metadata framework]	CES Bureau June 2004	Preparation of the Common Metadata Framework	UNECE/CES June 2008	Biennial, next 04/2008	2004				B4		IMF participates subject to agenda and resources.
SG on Statistical metadata (METIS)	ToR	ToR presented to the CES Bureau Oct 2007. Set up to - promote the implementation of metadata systems by developing advocacy targeting the senior management level and subject-matter staff of national statistical offices, - oversee the maintenance of the Common Metadata Framework.	CES Bureau		2007				B4		AU, US, CA, NZ, SI, SE,

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EG on International Economic and Social Classifications		Coordination of activities related to classifications	UNSC	Every 2 years					DDG O2		DE, FR, UK, AU, NL. IMF participates subject to agenda and resource
TSG of the EG on International Economic and Social Classifications		Revision and implementation of ISIC/CPC [NACE/CPA]	Expert Group on Economic and Social Classifications	2 per year					DDG O2		DE (occasionally), FR, AU, NL. IMF participates subject to agenda and resource
TSG on the revision of ISCO	Web site	Revision of the occupation classification		Initially 2 per year. Now mainly work by e-mail					DDG O2 F2		UNESCO, SE, UK
4.3 Data sources											
4.3.1 Population and housing censuses and registers											
UNECE SG on Population and Housing Censuses	ToR	Mandate given by CES. New ToR in 2006. To coordinate and oversee the implementation of the CES recommendations for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses; facilitate exchange of experiences in census methodology, technology and content.	CES Bureau	18 months interval	2003				F1		Many
TF on Families and Households	ToR	New tasks agreed in 2006. Work will be completed 2008. To improve the quality of statistics on families and households.			2003				F1		Many
4.3.2 Business and agricultural censuses and registers											
Roundtable on Business Survey Frames (Citygroup) Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers- Roundtable on Business Survey Frames	Doc from previous meetings	To provide a forum for the exchange of views and experience and the conduct of joint experiments related to the development, maintenance and use of business registers to support survey sampling and other statistical activities related to the production of business statistics.		Annual (forthcoming every 2 years)	1986				G1		34 countries and 4 int agencies participated in the 2007 meeting
SG on Business registers		Mandate reviewed 2006		Every 2 years	2003				G1		FR, CZ, RU
4.3.3 Household surveys											

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TF on Victim Surveys	Work plan (CES Bureau Febr 2005)	To survey, analyse and share experience in -methods used in victimization surveys, -testing the methods, -organisation and requirements for victim surveys		E-mail exchange, no meetings	2005	UNODC					Several countries
4.3.4 Business and agricultural surveys											
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4.3.5 Other administrative and non-survey sources											
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4.4 Data editing and data linkage											
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4.5 Dissemination, data warehousing											
TF on 'Development of OECD Statistical Products'	ToR	Organised by the OECD. Final report to be submitted May 2007.	OECD		2006				B6		CZ, DE, SE, NL, KR, AU, MX
SG on Statistical dissemination and communication	Approved by the Bureau Oct 2004	Set up following recommendations of the WS on Dissemination of Statistical Commentary, to: - provide a forum for the exchange of experience in statistical dissemination and communication; - collect and publish best practices, guidelines and recommendations on this topic; - to advise and steer the work of the ECE secretariat on strategic and management questions of statistical dissemination and communication	CES Bureau		2004				B6		CA, CZ, DK, EE, HU, IE, IT, RU, UK, US
4.6 Statistical confidentiality and disclosure protection											
TF on confidentiality and privacy aspects of statistical data integration	ToR	To produce a draft set of principles and annotated guidelines for addressing confidentiality and privacy aspects of statistical data integration projects. Target date 2008	CES Bureau		2007						AU (Chair), CA, FI, NL, PL, SI, US
4.7 Data analysis											
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5.3 Quality frameworks											
CCSA project: Use and convergence of international quality assurance frameworks		Led by Eurostat		Annual					DDG 02		

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Q-Conferences organised by Eurostat and NSI									DDG 02		
5.4 Human resources and training											
OC Human Resources Development and Training	Information document, CES Bureau	To provide a forum for the human resource managers in statistical agencies to exchange experiences: - prepare a draft concept for the first forum (Sept 2008 in Skopje), - prepare agenda and timetable for preparation of the meeting	CES Bureau Febr 2008	Bi-annual	2006, end 2008				A6		CZ (co-chair)+CA (co-chair), CIS and FI
TF on training for staff of international agencies											
5.5 Technological resources (incl standards for elect data xchange and data sharing)											
SDMX Sponsors Committee	SDMX web site	MoU signed 2007 between Eurostat, ECB, BIS, IMF, OECD, WB, UN		Every 2-3 months	2001				Dir B		BIS, ECB, WB
OECD EG on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange	SDMX web site	Discussion Forum	OECD	Annual					B3 B4		BIS, ECB, WB
Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS)	UNECE web site	To: - exchange experiece, collect good pracitces, encourage implementation of standards in statistical information management, - advise the CES Bureau and the ECE secretariat on work related to statistical information systems; - make recommendations on coordinating the activities of international organizations in this area...	CES Bureau		2002				B1		US Census Bureau, CA, LV, NO, NL
TF on Electronic Raw Data reporting	ToR	To - share solutions for the effiecient integration of EDR in the context of multit-mode surveys, - share experiences in developing and using different EDR technologies, incl electroonic questionnnaires, etc.	UNECE/CES	ad-hoc	2006				B3		CA, FI, NZ
5.6 Co-ordination of international statistical work											
5.7 Technical cooperation and statistical capacity building											

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<u>CCSA coordination of statistical capacity building - Task teams (Sept 2006):</u>		Groups covering all Africa incl. Medstat countries (Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria). It is planned that the African Union, the African Development Bank and the ECA will take over some of this work.									
Task team 1. Reporting mechanisms on statistical building activities		Led by Paris21. Donor coordination with a questionnaire largely based on that of Eurostat.	CCSA		2006				E		WTO, WB
Task team 2. Capacity building through regional training initiatives for national statisticians		Led by UNSD	CCSA		2006						ILO, FAO, Paris21
Task team 3. Review of modalities for coordination of technical cooperation programmes at the sub-regional level		Led by WB	CCSA		2006	ESCWA			E		ADB, WTO
Task team 4. Assessment of the effectiveness of capacity building activities in Africa		Led by UNSD	CCSA		2006						WHO, Paris21, WB, ADB