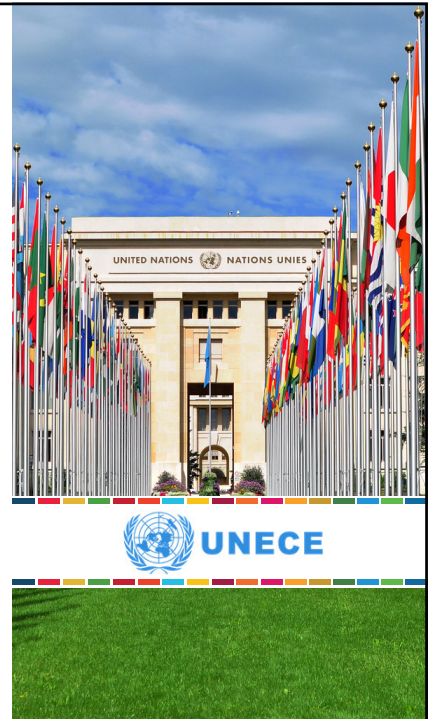


Item 6: How national statistical systems adhere to the core values of official statistics

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Proposed decision on Item 6: How NSS adhere to the core values of official statistics



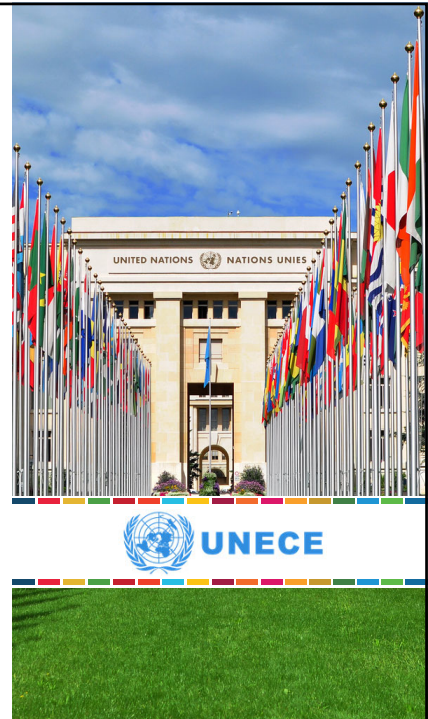
The Conference notes the importance of explicitly recognising, upholding and demonstrating the core values of official statistics, and requests:

- the Secretariat to initiate a conversation within the official statistics community to elaborate a list of core values of official statistics;
- the Bureau to oversee this work, including mapping of the core values to the Fundamental Principles, and defining behaviours that support the core values and the implementation of the Fundamental Principles;
- the Secretariat to report on progress at the 70th CES plenary session in 2022.

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Item 7: Endorsement of the CES guidelines and recommendations

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7(a) Second Edition of the Road Map on statistics for SDGs



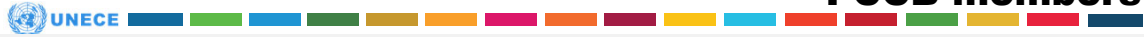
- Prepared by a Steering Group co-chaired by Poland and Sweden
- 43 countries and 6 international organizations replied to consultation, feedback summarized in ECE/CES/2021/6/Add.1
- **All agreed to endorse subject to the incorporation of comments received**
 - “a great help for taking the 2030 Agenda forward on a statistical level...a comprehensive document, covering all the relevant aspects of SDG statistics ... considers all the challenges that a statistical institute faces when measuring the SDGs... appreciate the 'Country case studies' as an important part of the Road Map ... it facilitates the exchange of experience and of best practice solutions between countries... a brilliant extension of the very successful first edition”
- **Future work**
 - Implementation of the Road Map, special attention to automating data transmission
 - ‘Leave no-one behind’ – how to account for vulnerable groups; how to integrate data from different sources taking into account the associated risks
 - Consider preparing a 3rd edition of the Road Map in a few years to reflect the continuing developments, including the impact of Covid19 on progress towards SDGs

Documents ECE/CES/2021/6 and 6/Add.1

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Information on the rotation of IAEG-SDGs and HLG-PCCB members



- UN Statistical Commission has delegated nomination of the members of IAEG-SDGs and HLG-PCCB to the regional bodies
- CES is responsible for nominating members from all parts of Europe and Northern America (according to the geographic groupings defined by M49)
- Rotation based on *CES Principles for rotation of IAEG-SDGs and HLG-PCCB members* (ECE/CES/2019/9)
- Secretariat conducted consultation with countries and CES Bureau in April-May 2021
- The nominations for 2021-2023 were sent to UNSD, as follows:
 - HLG-PCCB: Albania, Norway, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom
 - IAEG-SDGs: Canada, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Republic of Moldova, Sweden

Document ECE/CES/2021/7

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7(b) Waste statistics framework



- Prepared by a Task Force chaired by the Netherlands, and then by Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada and the United Nations University
- 38 countries and 3 international organizations replied, feedback summarized in ECE/CES/2021/4/Add.1
- **All agreed to endorse subject to the incorporation of comments received**
 - “Important guidance to strengthening waste statistics .. very useful, clearly explains the complex nature of waste statistics, has a high applied value.. necessary recommendations to broaden the scope of waste statistics to stay relevant ..useful tool to contribute to solving incomparability of statistics between countries .. very comprehensive and useful in bringing together concepts and issues in one place”
- **Future work (Chapter 6 ‘Issues for further research’)** – countries support
 - Review of classifications and development of waste classification for global use
 - Guidance and methodological development for measuring the new elements in the framework (informal and illegal activities; flows of waste related products and wasted goods)
 - Further clarification of related terms (e.g. food waste - organic waste - biodegradable waste) and related concepts (e.g. waste statistics and SEEA for measuring circular economy)
 - Leadership of international organizations crucial; collaboration and exchange of experience very important

Documents ECE/CES/2021/4 and 4/Add.1

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7(c) Approaches to measuring social exclusion



- Prepared by a Task Force chaired by the United Kingdom
- 41 replies (39 countries, 2 international organizations)
- Feedback summarised in ECE/CES/2021/5/Add.1
- **Support for endorsement.** Examples:
 - Croatia: “.. the document is an extremely useful tool for further development of living conditions statistics.”
 - Russian Federation: “..practical importance of initiatives to measure social exclusion, as well as the importance of harmonization the concepts used to measure it.”
- 27 countries provided information on their experience, to be integrated in the document
- Chapter “**Future work**” will be added, to reflect the need to address the additional issues raised in the consultation, e.g.:
 - Use of administrative records for measuring social exclusion
 - Comparison between existing measurement tools and indicator frameworks

Documents ECE/CES/2021/5 and 5/Add.1

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7(d) Guidelines for assessing the quality of administrative data for censuses



- Prepared by a Task Force chaired by the United Kingdom
- 42 countries and 4 international organizations replied to consultation
- Feedback summarised in ECE/CES/2021/3/Add.1
- **All agreed to endorse subject to the incorporation of comments received**
 - **Serbia:** “Most sincere praise for the tremendously dedicated work on creating such a comprehensive document...”
 - **Hungary:** “The Guidelines are absolutely welcome. Hungary really appreciates the efforts of the Task Force”
 - **CIS-Stat:** the Guidelines are timely as countries begin early preparations for the 2030 round of censuses
- All comments have been taken on board by the Task Force and will be reflected in the final version which is currently **being edited by a professional editor.**
- **Important areas for future work (section 8.2 of the Guidelines):**
 - Extend analysis to a total error framework for censuses
 - Extend quality assessment to other data sources (e.g. commercial)
 - Inclusion of hard-to-reach population groups in administrative sources (proposal by Italy)

Documents ECE/CES/2021/3 and 3/Add.1

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For information: Guide on producing CPI under lockdown



- The pandemic created unprecedented challenges for producing the CPI
- The CES Bureau in February 2021 requested the UNECE Steering Group on CPI (chaired by UK) to summarise recommendations and good practices that countries may refer to in similar situations in future
- Based on the experiences during the pandemic, the Guide gives guidance on data collection, calculation and imputation methods and publication and communication
- Lead authors: Georgia, Italy, United Kingdom, United States and Eurostat
- The draft Guide was presented at the CPI Expert Group meeting 2-10 June 2021, soliciting comments from countries
- After editing, the Guide will be published in electronic format in autumn

Available at: CES 2021 plenary session website

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Proposed decision on item 7

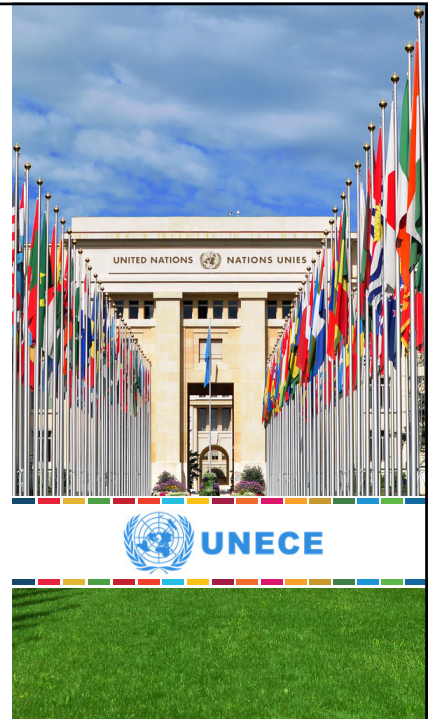


- The Conference endorses the following documents subject to the amendments presented in the summaries of e-consultations:
 - a) *Second Edition of the Road Map on statistics for SDGs;*
 - b) *Waste statistics framework;*
 - c) *Assessing the quality of administrative sources for use in censuses;*
 - d) *Approaches to measuring social exclusion.*
- The Conference takes note of the *Guide on producing CPI under lockdown*
- The Conference encourages countries to implement the materials, supports the directions for future work identified in the documents, and asks the CES Bureau to consider how to implement the proposals for future work.

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Item 4a Outcome of in-depth reviews on new forms of employment and quality of employment

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4(a) New forms of employment and quality of employment



Paper by Canada (translated into Russian by CIS-Stat and French by Canada)

Outcome of the review:

- Bureau established a Task Force (Feb 2021) to develop a conceptual framework to assist countries in producing relevant, coherent and internationally comparable statistics on forms of employment.
- **TF members:** Canada (Chair), Australia, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, US, Eurofound, Eurostat, ILO, OECD and Women in Employment: Globalization and Organising (WIEGO).

Summary of feedback to e-consultation :

- All responding countries and organizations welcomed the thorough and comprehensive paper by Canada and supported establishing a Task Force to develop guidance on new forms of employment
- **France** and **Netherlands** stressed the Framework should refer to the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-18)
- **Mexico** stated the Framework should encompass existing frameworks
- **Spain** underlined the need to coordinate with ongoing work by Eurostat, ILO and OECD

Further work: Task Force has started work and will take all received comments into consideration

Documents ECE/CES/2021/9 and 9/Add.1

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For information: next in-depth reviews



Next in-depth reviews:

- Subjective poverty measures (Poland, October 2021)
- Measuring the non-observed/informal economy (Mexico, October 2021)
- Collaboration with private sector data providers (Poland with contributions from Canada, Mexico, Eurostat, IMF and ILO, February 2022)
- How national statistical organizations adhere to the core values of official statistics (Ireland and Canada, February 2022)

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Proposed decision on item 4a: outcome of the in-depth review on new forms of employment and quality of employment

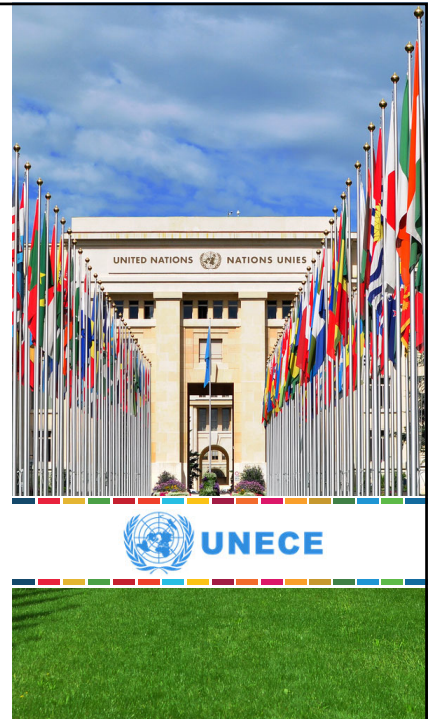


- The Conference endorses the outcome of the in-depth review on new forms of employment and quality of employment, including setting up a Task Force, and thanks Canada and CIS-Stat for translating the document into French and Russian
- The Conference takes note of the topics of the upcoming in-depth reviews:
 - Subjective poverty measures (October 2021, led by Poland)
 - Measuring the non-observed/informal economy (October 2021, led by Mexico)
 - Collaboration with private sector data providers (February 2022, led by Poland with contributions from Canada, Mexico, Eurostat, IMF and ILO)
 - How national statistical organizations adhere to the core values of official statistics (February 2022, led by Ireland and Canada)

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Item 8: UNECE Statistical Programmes 2021 and 2022

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Item 8:

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Documents for adoption:

ECE/CES/2021/..

- **14** - Implementation of the UNECE Statistical Programme 2020
- **15** - Statistical Programme 2021
- **15/Add.1** – change to the publications programme 2021
- **16** - Programme of Work of the UNECE Statistical subprogramme for 2022
 - an excerpt from the UN proposed programme budget for 2022, part V Regional cooperation for development, Section 20 Economic development in Europe: A/76/6 (Sect.20)
- **16/Add.1** – list of meetings to be held July 2021 – December 2022

Documents for possible comments:

- **INF.1** - Outline of key components of the programme of work of Statistics subprogramme for 2023

Documents for information:

- **1** – Matters arising from the ECE session and the United Nations Statistical Commission
- **13** – Progress report of the Regional Coordination Group on Data and Statistics for Europe and Central Asia

Documents ECE/CES/2021/1, 12-16, 16/Add.1 and INF.1

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**Proposed decisions on item 8:
UNECE Statistical Programmes 2021 and 2022 (1)**



The Conference:

- confirms the decisions of the CES Bureau as reflected in their meeting reports and approves the report on the implementation of the 2020 UNECE Statistical Programme (ECE/CES/2021/14 and Add.);
- adopts the UNECE Statistical Programme for 2021, including changes to the publications programme (ECE/CES/2021/15 and Add.1);
- adopts the Programme of Work for 2022 including the list of planned publications and meetings, and recommends it to the EXCOM for approval (ECE/CES/2021/16 and Add.1);
- takes note of the outline of key components of the programme of work of Statistics subprogramme for 2023 (ECE/CES/2023/INF.1);

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**Proposed decisions on item 8:
UNECE Statistical Programmes 2021 and 2022 (2)**



The Conference:

- welcomes the annual report by the Regional Coordination Group on Data and Statistics for Europe and Central Asia (ECE/CES/2021/13), and requests the group to continue reporting annually on its work;

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**Proposed decisions on item 8:
UNECE Statistical Programmes 2021 and 2022 (3)**

The Conference:

- requests the CES Teams of Specialists to regularly report to the Conference, in particular when they have completed an important part of work, and present summaries of electronic consultations on their final outputs;
- emphasizes the importance of translating into English, French and Russian the main documents for the CES plenary session and the meetings of its Groups of Experts (the main documents include a provisional agenda, a report and one main document for each agenda sub-item. For the CES plenary session, the main documents include in addition six documents for each sub-session);
- emphasizes the importance of providing interpretation in English, French and Russian for the CES plenary session and the meetings of the Groups of Experts, and of recording meetings listed in the meeting calendar;

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**Proposed decisions on item 8:
UNECE Statistical Programmes 2021 and 2022 (4)**



- ❖ The Conference asks the CES Bureau to discuss how to celebrate at its 2022 plenary session the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics by UNECE. Countries are invited to volunteer to participate in preparing the anniversary (ECE/CES/2021/12).
- ❖ The 70th CES plenary session is planned to take place on 20-22 a.m. June 2022 (tbc) in Geneva, back-to-back with OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy.

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Item 9: Election of the CES Bureau

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Proposed decision on item 9: election of the CES Bureau



The Conference decided to include in the Bureau the Kingmaker as a permanent observer.

The Conference elected the following members to serve on the Bureau for the 2021-2023 term of office:

- Padraig Dalton (Ireland) as Chair

and the following members:

- Stepan Mnatsakanyan (Armenia)
- Anil Arora (Canada)
- Julio Santaella (Mexico)
- Mark Sowden (New Zealand)
- Dominik Rozkrut (Poland)
- Miladin Kovačević (Serbia)
- Ian Diamond (United Kingdom) (new member)
- Aija Zigure (Latvia), Kingmaker (new member)

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Thank you!

