

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

Working Party on National Accounts and Balances (Geneva, January 1986)

The twelfth session of the Working Party on National Accounts and Balances will discuss problems related to the revision and extension of the United Nations System of National Accounts (SNA), in particular the integration of input-output tables with national accounts and the concept of total consumption of the population. It will also review recent developments in the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS) of the CMEA and in the establishment of links between SNA and MPS.

Meeting on Manpower Statistics (Geneva, January 1986)

This meeting has been convened jointly by the Conference and the International Labour Organisation. The participants will review the possibilities for developing a Labour Accounting System, identify means of obtaining greater convergence in the different approaches described in them and recommend a course of action for future work in this field.

Meeting on General Energy Statistics (Geneva, February 1986)

The meeting will primarily consider ongoing work on the development of a draft ECE Standard International Classification of Energy. At this stage of the work, the focus is on the part of the classification dealing with energy producing activities. Comparative studies of national practices in recognizing energy components in consumer and wholesale price indices will be tabled, and various methodological issues encountered in the further development of energy statistics will be discussed.

Meeting on Statistical Methodology (Geneva, February 1986)

The following four topics will be considered at the meeting: (i) problems of small area estimation (including the use of censuses and registers for such purposes); (ii) the use of administrative data instead of or in conjunction with survey data (focusing in particular on record quality and matching problems and on the construction of model-based estimates); (iii) data collection problems and techniques, in particular recent questionnaire developments and the use of com-

puters or other devices for collecting data; and (iv) the use of population censuses and registers as sampling frames.

Meeting on Cultural Statistics (Geneva, March 1986)

This meeting has been convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and UNESCO. The participants will consider a classification of cultural spheres, exchange views on specific aspects of the Framework for Cultural Statistics (FCS) and consider the establishment of the FCS within the Framework for the integration of Social and Demographic Statistics (FSDS).

Meeting on Social Indicators (Stockholm, April 1986)

The Government of Sweden has invited the meeting to Stockholm. It will review the draft of the Handbook of Social Indicators, which is currently under preparation by the UN Statistical Office.

Meeting on General Methodological Problems in Environment Statistics (Oslo, May 1986)

The Government of Norway invited this meeting to Oslo. The meeting will deal with (a) linkage problems between environment statistics and other statistical systems; (b) methods used in air quality statistics; and (c) techniques used in the presentation, promotion and dissemination of environmental information. Discussion papers are expected to be forthcoming from six different countries.

Seminar on Integrated Statistical Information System and related matters (Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, May 1986)

ISIS '86 will be held in Bratislava at the invitation of the Government of Czechoslovakia. It will study the following topics: (i) ways and means to identify and meet users' requirements for data processing (including user-friendly interfaces); (ii) dataprocessing aspects of the use of administrative data for statistical purposes; and (iii) trends in using meta-data in statistics, and theoretical foundations of meta-information systems. The Seminar will review the progress achieved in the Statistical Computing Programme (SCP). The Seminar is intended for officials concerned with the use of computers for statistical purposes.

Seventeenth session of the Study Group on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe (Geneva, May 1986)

The meeting is convened jointly by the FAO, the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems and the Conference of European Statisticians. The meeting will be devoted to the 1990 census of agriculture; it will consider a European supplement to the World Programme and review the questions of farm topology and of farm registers.

Meeting on Migration Statistics (Geneva, May 1986)

The meeting will consider results of work which is currently underway in several countries and which is aimed at improving the quality and international comparability of their international migration statistics. Results of bilateral and multilateral studies in this field and of studies involving comparisons between the actual and the intended duration of stays or absences of migrants will also be discussed.

Seminar on Statistics and Indices of Consumer Prices (Ankara, Turkey, June 1986)

The Seminar is convened jointly by the ILO and the Conference of European Statisticians. At the invitation of the Government of Turkey, it will be held in Ankara. Its study programme covers the following items:

- (i) Relations between indices of consumer prices and other price indices (producer prices, wholesale prices, etc.);
- (ii) level of disaggregation of consumer price indices;
- (iii) calculation of alternative types of consumer price indices (e.g. excluding changes in indirect taxes, excluding the effect of changes in terms of trade, etc.); and
- (iv) methodological problems in the compilation of consumer price indices (e.g. problems of seasonality, changes in quality, methods of aggregation, treatment of homogeneous and heterogeneous items, etc.).

The Seminar is primarily intended for individuals concerned with either the compilation or the analysis of consumer price data.

Thirty-fourth plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (Geneva, June 1986)

The Conference will review the work accomplished during the period July 1985 – June 1986 and prepare a revised programme of work for 1986/87–1990/91. It will consider the following topics in substantive discussion:

- (i) Organization of multipurpose surveys (methodological preparation, field of application, results, experiences);
- (ii) use of statistics for the purpose of management at the government level (including the management of major government services, such as health, education, etc.); and
- (iii) problems arising from the integration of the various international standard classifications.