

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

Third joint meeting on questions of statistics concerning engineering industries and automation (Geneva, October 1989)

The meeting is convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and the ECE Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation. In particular, the meeting will be informed about work on methods of collection and publication of data relating to engineering industries. Various methodological aspects of statistics of these industries will also be discussed, such as identification and classification of new products.

Working Party on transport statistics (Geneva, November 1989)

The Working Party is convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and the Inland Transport Committee of ECE. It will discuss the development of internationally comparable standards, including methods of data collection and methodical issues concerning statistics on inland transport.

Second joint meeting on statistics of women (November 1989)

The meeting is convened jointly with the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW). The main subjects to be considered are improved measurement of women's labour force participation, the measurements of labour inputs in domestic, informal and related activities and valuation of their outputs, and statistics and indicators required for the implementation, review and appraisal of the Forward-looking Strategies in countries in the ECE region.

Work Session on statistics of water quality (Geneva, December 1989)

The session will provide for a first comprehensive review of national practices

in water quality information in the ECE region. It launches the development of an internationally agreed statistical classification, comprising a small number of overall water quality classes.

Work session on statistics on economic aspects of environmental protection (Geneva, December 1989)

The aim of this activity is to lay the conceptual basis for internationally agreed concepts and definitions in the following fields of relevance to environmental protection: capital and current expenditure for environmental protection and construction of protection facilities. It is expected that the results of the session can be tested in connection with the forthcoming issue of the Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics.

Meeting on the use of registers in national statistical offices (Geneva, February 1990)

The meeting will essentially be devoted to registers of businesses which are kept in national statistical offices, and it will consider the following questions: uses of registers of business (as a survey basis; for supplementing and/or correcting survey data; access to outside users, etc.); structure and maintenance of business registers; demography of enterprises (definitions of births, deaths, changes in status of enterprises, etc.); effects of changes in the content of registers on the continuity of economic statistics; statistical units; and classification of enterprises.

Meeting on the Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics (Geneva, March 1989)

The meeting is expected to recommend the detailed contents of the Compendium scheduled for publication in the second quarter of 1991. The organization of data collection and all other matters pertaining to the publication will also be discussed.