

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

Meeting on statistical methodology (Geneva, November 1983)

The following topics will be considered: (i) the linkage of data from different sources (surveys, censuses and administrative registers); (ii) interdependencies of survey data and other statistics (including statistics from administrative sources); (iii) methodology of panel surveys (including methods of spreading respondent burden); and (iv) non-response problems. The meeting will also review draft guidelines for the presentation of the quality of statistics.

Meeting on statistics of water use and quality (Geneva, December 1983)

The meeting is convened to consider (i) recommendations concerning regional breakdowns to be used in conjunction with the draft ECE standard international classification of an ecosystem approach to a classification of water quality.

Meeting of the Working Party on the framework for the integration of social and demographic statistics (Geneva, February 1984)

The Working Party is expected to review classification issues regarding household composition and socio-economic classifications; to exchange national experiences in implementing intended socio-economic classifications in censuses and other data sources and to assess the usefulness of classifications recommended for the 1980 round of population and housing censuses. The Working Party will consider the role and uses of population censuses in multi-subject data bases, review work on links between selected fields of social and demographic statistics and national accounts, and review developments in the work of international organizations on social indicators.

Meeting on international comparison of real product and purchasing power parities (Geneva, February 1984)

The informal meeting will evaluate the results of the European comparison of real product (GDP) and purchasing power parities carried out within Phase IV of the International Comparison Project (ICP) of the United Nations. The meeting may consider a possible continuation of regional comparisons after finalization of Phase IV of the ICP. In addition, the meeting will discuss a proposal for the development of a system of indicators characterizing the economic and social development of a country.

Meeting on classifications of economic activities and of goods and services (Geneva, February 1984)

The purpose of the meeting is to review the work undertaken at the world level on the harmonization and revision of economic classifications and nomenclatures. In particular, the meeting will consider a draft of the revised Standard International Trade Classification (SITC, Rev. 3) and its links with the Integrated System of Classifications of Activities and Products (SINAP), as well as with the revised International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC, Rev. 3) and the trade/production classification.

Meeting on statistics of air quality (Geneva, February 1984)

The meeting was originally scheduled for 25–27 May 1983 and had to be postponed to the new dates. For details, see *Statistical Journal*, Vol. 1, p. 370.

Meeting on environmental indicators (Geneva, March 1984)

The meeting is primarily expected to establish a list of environmental concerns with a view to developing a system of environmental indicators. In addition, documentation is envisaged on the need for and the use of environmental indicators, including their links to environment statistics as a whole; on quality aspects of environmental indicators, particularly as regards their international comparability; on the possibilities to develop indicators of ecosystems under stress; and on national practices in compiling complex environmental indicators.

Meeting on general methodological problems of environment statistics (Paris, April 1984)

Upon invitation by the Government of France, the meeting will be held in Paris. It will consider the compilation of generalized environment statistics, and linkage of problems between economic and environment statistics.

Seminar on the evaluation of census results and methodology (Rome, May 1984)

The seminar is convened in Rome at the invitation of the Government of Italy. Its purpose is to review miscellaneous problems, which countries in the ECE region encountered in recent censuses of population and housing. The following topics will be considered at the seminar:

- (i) Problems encountered in the various phases of the census;
- (ii) The use of sampling in the different phases of the census;
- (iii) Coverage and content errors – their extent, problems in measuring them and ways of reducing them in future censuses;
- (iv) Statistics for small areas; and
- (v) Plans for the preparation of ECE recommendations for the 1990 round of population and housing censuses.

The seminar is intended for experts concerned with the planning, organization and administration of population and housing censuses and/or with the evaluation and analysis of the results of the various census operations and methodologies. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country of international organization. Additional information on the seminar may be obtained either from national statistical offices in the ECE region or from the ECE secretariat.