

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

Joint ECE/Eurostat Meeting on Business Registers (Luxembourg, 7–9 September 1994)

The meeting will discuss the following topics: (i) the use of business registers in the organization and coordination of surveys; (ii) study of links between business registers and social and demographic statistics; (iii) the use of panel techniques in obtaining information on newly-created enterprises; and (iv) development of international guidelines on the handling of changes in business registers.

Joint ECE/Eurostat Work Session on Specific Methodological Issues in Environment Statistics (Helsinki, Finland, 19–22 September 1994)

The session plans to discuss : (i) preservation of confidentiality of individual environmental data; (ii) collection of environmental data through sampling as well as development of statistical environmental survey programmes; (iii) statistics on the marine environment; (iv) waste and recycling statistics; and (v) current issues of environmental accounting.

Work Session on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) (Voorburg, The Netherlands, 27–30 September, 1994)

The session will discuss issues related to: (i) the integration of statistical and geographical functionality; (ii) definition for standard settings in geomatics; (iii) geographic concepts used by various countries for rural, urban, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan areas; (iv) software usage and evaluation; and, (v) whether and how to market geo-referenced information.

Work Session on Statistical Data Editing (Cork, Ireland, 17–20 October 1994)

The meeting will consider: (i) data editing methods, techniques, and software; (ii) impact of data editing on quality of data; (iii) new technologies in data editing or data

collection; (iv) automated coding; (v) imputation of missing values; and (vi) preparation of the second volume of the publication on statistical data editing methods and techniques.

Joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD/FAO Work Session on Statistics Connected with Environment-Related Agricultural Problems (Geneva, 24–26 October 1994)

The meeting will: (i) examine environmental concerns related to agriculture; (ii) discuss the use of existing agriculture data for the description and management of environmental concerns related to agriculture; (iii) consider the possibility of applying GIS and other systems as tools for generating new information on pressures due to agriculture (e.g., watershed nutrient balances as in Oslo-Paris Convention reporting); (iv) discuss the scope for adding an environment component to existing surveys; and (v) examine the conditions that should be met for obtaining information on environmental concerns of agriculture through linkage of data sets from different statistical systems (nomenclatures, concepts, etc.).

Forty-Fifth Session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (Geneva, 21–23 November 1994)

The working party will consider the following items: (i) 1995 census of road traffic on main international traffic arteries (E-roads); (ii) methodological development, harmonization and reconciliation of transport statistics; (iii) specific problems in connection with statistics contained in the Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe; (iv) statistics on the transport of dangerous goods; (v) road traffic accident statistics; (vi) recent research and experience in the collection of transport statistics; and, (vii) results of the Joint ECE/Eurostat workshop on transport statistics (Voorburg, Netherlands, 13–15 June 1994).

Work Session on Statistical Metadata (Geneva, 22–25 November 1994)

The meeting plans to: (i) review problems in statistical metainformation due to technological and/or political reorganization; (ii) discuss common terminology on statistical metadata; (iii) examine the design of metadata and information holdings; (iv) consider management aspects of METIS and formal methods for description of metadata. It is expected that the meeting will adopt the final versions of the publications: “The guidelines for the statistical metainformation modelling and development” and “The generic model on the description of statistical data and metadata”.

Work Session on Physical Environmental Accounting (Geneva, November 1994)

The work session is reserved for the countries participating in the pilot group and will consider the draft report of the Task Force on Physical Environmental Accounting based on the reports of the two pilot groups dealing with the changes of land use/land cover and nutrients in the environment, respectively.