

## Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

### **Meeting on Frameworks for Environment Statistics** (Geneva, 11–15 January 1988)

The publication of “Environment statistics in Europe and North America” concluded a cycle of 10 years of work by the Conference of European Statisticians in the field of environment statistics. Prior to the publication of this data compendium, the Conference had developed six draft statistical standard classifications or similar nomenclatures (in the fields of land use; water use and water quality; ambient air pollution; fauna, flora, habitats; solid wastes; and aggregated environmental indicators). In addition, about one hundred contributions have been drafted in member countries for methodological discussion at meetings convened by the Conference. Finally, the Conference has contributed to ongoing research for systems of environment statistics. The meeting is convened to review the work undertaken, evaluate the results of the work and recommend the direction of future work in a medium-term perspective.

### **Consultation between international organizations in the co-ordination of work on environment statistics** (Geneva, 10 January 1988)

During recent years, interest in environment statistics has grown considerably. This growth is also reflected in the work programme of international organizations. The Conference, in including the consultation in its programme of work, intended to contribute to optimal co-ordination of this work at the international level.

### **Consultation on co-operation in price observations carried out by ECE member countries in other countries** (Geneva, March 1988)

The consultation aims at enhancing the co-operation of interested countries and international organizations in the collection of price information for post adjustment purposes. The participants will consider a list of representative items compiled by the Statistical Office of the European Communities, together with comments obtained from countries.

**Seminar on Ecological Statistics (Rome, Italy, 28 March to 1 April 1988)**

The Seminar is convened in Rome upon invitation by the Italian Government. On various occasions during the implementation of the Conference's work programme in the field of environment statistics, uncertainty appeared as to the extent to which environment statistics ought to be shaped on the basis of ecological and biological knowledge. The Seminar is convened to shed some light on the questions involved. It is intended for both statisticians and biologists/ecologists. The agenda of the Seminar includes four broad items: possibilities and limits of describing ecosystems statistically; biological indicators describing environmental quality and conditions; ecological monitoring; and purpose and coverage of national applications in the field of ecological statistics.

All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization. Additional information on the Seminar may be obtained either from national statistical offices in the ECE region or from the ECE secretariat.