

Recent work of the Conference of European Statisticians

Work session on general methodological problems of environment statistics (Voorburg, The Netherlands, 5–8 September 1988)

The Government of The Netherlands had invited the annual work session on this subject. The following issues were discussed on the basis of national contributions: data storage, presentation and dissemination of environment statistics; development and presentation of noise statistics; and waste and related statistics. Furthermore, discussion related to a wide range of current issues. The session also recommended subjects for future work by the Conference. (Report of the meeting: CES/641)

Work session on price and quantity indices in transport (Geneva, 19–20 September 1988)

National practices were considered regarding the compilation of price and quantity indices in transport. Furthermore, the meeting discussed principles for the development of a manual on price and quantity indices in transport. (Report of the meeting: CES/AC.62/29)

Second joint meeting on questions of statistics concerning engineering industries and automation (Geneva, 17–19 October 1988)

The meeting was informed about work on international nomenclatures, and methods of collection and publication of data relating to engineering industries. Various methodological aspects of statistics of these industries were discussed, such as the conversion into a common currency and the weighting system in index numbers. (Report of the meeting: CES/AC.57/20)

Work session on statistics of air quality (Geneva, 14–16 November 1988)

The purpose of this meeting was to lay the grounds for the revision of the draft ECE Standard International Classification of Ambient Air Quality. Accordingly, the recommendations aimed at by the meeting will guide the revision of the draft

classification. They were derived from a consideration of environmental problems with emission, concentration and deposition of air-polluting substances, ways in which measurement practices might influence air pollution statistics, and of statistical measures to be used in data presentation. (Report of the meeting: CES/635)

Work session on statistics of solid wastes (Geneva, 16–18 November 1988)

The meeting was asked to prepare the revision of the draft ECE Standard International Classification of Solid Wastes. Discussion was based on a draft proposal for the revision, which was amended in discussion. The results of the session will be used in preparing an improved draft revision for submission to the meeting in environmental classification in Geneva, 20–23 March 1989. (Report of the meeting: CES/638)

Working Party on transport statistics (Geneva, 5–8 December 1988)

The Working Party discussed the development of internationally comparable standards, including methods of data collection and definitions concerning statistics on inland transport and road traffic accidents. (Report of the meeting: CES/AC.62/32)