

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of the European Statisticians

1. Workshop on financial statistics (Geneva, 14–17 January 1991)

This workshop is convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and the International Monetary Fund. It will be organized as a training course for countries whose economy is in transition, and will provide an overview of the various areas of financial statistics and their interrelationship.

2. Meeting on labour force statistics (Geneva, 4–8 February 1991)

This meeting is convened jointly by the ILO and the Conference of European Statisticians. The participants will review recent progress made at the national and international level in developing Labour Accounting Systems. The revision of the classification of status in employment (as employer, employee, etc.), multiple job holders, statistics on labour turnover and issues concerned with the statistical definition and identification of groups on the fringe of the labour market (e.g. persons who change status frequently) will also be discussed.

3. Consultation on the development of standards for electronic interchange of statistical data (Geneva, 25 February 1991)

The consultation will consider and co-ordinate the activities and future plans regarding the development of statistical standards on electronic data interchange within the MD6 of the Western European EDIFACT Board, and the development of statistical metainformation systems and standards on statistical computing within the framework of the Conference of European Statisticians.

4. Twenty second session of the Working Party on Electronic Data Processing (Geneva, 26 February–1 March 1991)

The meeting will consider the experiences in (i) new data processing techniques, (ii) use of data base management systems for statistical applications, (iii) standards

for electronic data interchange of statistical data, and (iv) will review the progress achieved within the ECE/UNDP Statistical Computing Project Phase 2. The meeting will also reconsider the subprogramme 12.2 "Statistical Information Technology" of the programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians and will submit related proposals to the Conference for approval at its 1991 plenary session.

5. Seminar on provision of statistical services (Budapest, 11–15 March 1991)

The seminar is intended for presidents of statistical services. It is organized in Budapest following an invitation by the Hungarian Statistical Office. It will discuss (i) services required by different user groups of statistics; (ii) adaptations of statistical services to requirements; and (iii) marketing of statistical services.

6. Meeting on statistics of services (Geneva, 18–21 March 1991)

The meeting will review relevant work on the conceptual development of international statistics of services. In this respect it will discuss (i) development of a manual on methodology for service statistics; (ii) possibilities for implementing pilot surveys for the generation of service statistics; (iii) problems with the national application of the CPC; (iv) matching problems between the CHGS and the CPC, and between the CPC and foreign trade classifications. It will also consider a survey of concepts suitable for the description of outputs from services.

7. Work session on energy statistics (Geneva, 20–22 March 1991)

The meeting is convened to reconsider the contents and structure of the ECE publication programme of energy statistics, including the streamlining of data collection mechanisms. The review will include a study of a possible further harmonization of the overall energy balance prepared by the ECE, the IEA/OECD and EUROSTAT. Finally, the work session is expected to recommend activities, if any, in order to promote the compilation and dissemination of energy statistics for transition countries.