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OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS
STATISTICAL COMMISSION AND ITS WORKING GROUP
ON INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL PROGRAMMES AND COORDINATION

Report of the UNSD

1. The Statistical Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination held its nineteenth session at New York from 10 to 12 February 1998 and finalized the agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission which will be held in New York from 1 to 5 March 1999. The decisions on the agenda and documentation are reflected in the attached draft provisional agenda. Additional documents may be added containing evaluation of certain fields of statistics. UNSD will prepare at least one such evaluation. Others may be prepared by individual national statistical offices. More information should be available at the time of the Subcommittee session.
 2. Some of the items on the Commission's agenda will have been discussed under other specific items of the Subcommittee's agenda e.g. the work of the Task Forces, environment statistics, statistical implications of recent major United Nations conferences, and work plans of the international organizations in statistical methodology. For other items on the Commission's agenda an update on the preparation work will be provided orally at the Subcommittee's session.
 3. The Subcommittee should consider any coordination efforts required as follow-up to the Working Group and preparations for the Statistical Commission.
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers.

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure and past practice, the Statistical Commission will elect, at its first meeting, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve from the beginning of the thirtieth session of the Commission to the beginning of the thirty-first session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were considered by the Commission at its twenty-ninth (New York, 10-14 February 1997) 1/ and approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1997/.... The Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, at its nineteenth session (New York, 10-12 February 1998), reviewed the provisional agenda and documentation and made a number of decisions which are reflected in the present provisional agenda and documentation (see E/CN.3/1999/..., paras)

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.3/1999/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/1999/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session (E/CN.3/1999/L.2)

3. Economic statistics

(a) National accounts

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, convener of the Task Force on National Accounts (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report by the Secretary-General on milestone assessment of the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts by member states (E/CN.3/1999/.....)

Draft classifications of expenditures according to purpose; draft classification of individual consumption by purpose

(COICOP); draft classification of the functions of government (COFOG); draft classification of the purposes of the non-profit institutions serving households (COPNI); draft classification of outlays of producers by purpose (COPP) (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.)

(b) International trade statistics

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on International Trade Statistics (E/CN.3/1999/....)

(c) Service statistics

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Draft manual on trade in services (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER....)

(d) Finance statistics

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Finance Statistics (E/CN.3/1999/..)

(e) Other economic statistics

Documentation

Reports of the Canberra Group on Household Income Statistics; the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics; the Expert Group on Capital Stock Statistics; the Expert Group on Intangibles; the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes; the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation; and the Round Table on Business Frames (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report on evaluation of the International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/1999/....)

4. Demographic, social and migration statistics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-general on progress in demographic, social and migration statistics including the revised recommendations for vital statistics and civil registration

systems (E/CN.3/1999/....)

Report of the Sienna Group for Social Statistics
(E/CN.3/1999/...)

Draft principles and recommendations for vital statistics
and civil registration systems (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER....)

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting to the
Statistical Commission the report of the Expert Group on the
Draft Principles and Recommendations for Vital Statistics
and Civil Registration Systems (E/CN.3/1999/....)

5. Environment statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Environment Statistics
(E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report of the London Group on Environment Accounting
(E/CN.3/1999/....)

6. Statistical implications of recent major United Nations
conferences.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation and use of
the Minimum National Social Data Set (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report on the seminar on poverty statistics, organized by
the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,
in collaboration with other regional commissions
(E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report on the Rio Group on Poverty Statistics
(E/CN.3/1999/...)

7. Follow-up to the agreed conclusions of the Economic and
Social Council high level and coordination segments, and to its
resolutions

Documentation

Oral report by the Director of the United Nations Statistics
Division

8. International economic and social classifications.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international economic and social classifications (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics (E/CN.3/1999/....)

9. Technical cooperation.

Documentation

Report of the Workshop on Improving Technical Cooperation in Statistics on guiding principles for good practices in technical cooperation in statistics (E/CN.3/1999/...)

10. Coordination and integration of international statistical programmes.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its nineteenth session (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions (E/CN.3/1999/....)

Report of the ad hoc group to explore new approaches to the structure and operation of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/1999/....)

Report by the Secretary-General on options for the meetings of the Statistical Commission and its Working Group (E/CN.3/1999/....)

Report on an integrated presentation of work plans of the international organizations in statistical methodology (E/CN.3/1999/....)

Report of the Expert Group on Some Best Practices for Official Statistics (E/CN.3/1999/....)

11. United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS)

Documentation

Report on UNESIS draft standards for data structure and

metadata in international data exchange and dissemination
(E/CN.3/1999/...)

12. The International Institute for Statistics proposed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Documentation

Report by UNESCO on the proposed International Institute for Statistics (E/CN.3/1999/...)

13. Programme questions and related matters.

Documentation

Draft programme of work of the United Nations Statistics Division for the biennium 2000-2001 (E/CN.3/1999/...)

Proposals concerning the medium-term plan for statistics (E/CN.3/1999/....)

14. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-first session of the Commission.
15. Report of the Commission on its thirtieth session.

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