

IMPROVEMENT OF COORDINATION TOOLS
(g) PROPOSALS FOR DESCRIPTIVE INTEGRATED WORK PROGRAMME
IN STATISTICS FOR THE WHOLE SYSTEM; DATA COLLECTION,
PROCESSING AND DISSEMINATION; METHODOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Note by the Task Force on Environment Statistics
(Convener: UNSTAT)

1. As convener of the Task Force on Environment Statistics, UNSTAT was requested by the Statistical Commission to compile a description of the different programmes and activities of agencies in the areas of environmental statistics, indicators and accounting. UNSTAT has therefore circulated a synopsis of plans and activities to all members of the Task Force with a request that they review and update the information contained therein. The consolidated review will assist in drawing up an action-oriented international work programme which will be presented to the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission. It will also provide a basis for input into the report on plans in methodological development (in all areas of statistics covered by the task forces) requested by the Working Group for submission to the Commission at its twenty-eighth session.

2. Attached is UNSTAT's example of what will be included in the consolidated review of methodological work carried out and planned by members of the Task Force.

Development of concepts and methods

Type of work pursued	Statistics	Indicators	Accounting
Organization			
<p>United Nations Statistical Division (UNSTAT).</p>	<p><u>Current activities and outputs</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glossary of terms of environment statistics (1995) 2. Study on high-priority areas covering environmental aspects of energy production and use; statistics on water use and water quality; and land use and land quality statistics (1995) <p><u>Future plans</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Methodological guidelines in other areas of environment statistics (e.g. biodiversity, industrial pollution, air quality) 	<p><u>Current activities and outputs</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Framework for Indicators of Sustainable Development (FISD) (1994) 2. Development of a draft set of environmental indicators for national and international data collection (1995) 3. Collaborative research on indicators of sustainable development - SCOPE project (1997) <p><u>Future plans</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of an agreed set of indicators under the aegis of the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Sustainable Development 	<p><u>Current activities and outputs</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SNA Handbook of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (1994) 2. Environmental Accounting - An Operational Perspective (1994) 3. Research on selected problems of environmental accounting, e.g. valuation, transboundary flows of wastes and pollutants, policy use and analysis of environmentally adjusted aggregates, concepts of sustainability of growth and development (1994/1995) <p><u>Future plans</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revision of the SNA Handbook of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting

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1. ~~The~~ document CES/R.5 ^{It was} prepared by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians and the ECE Secretariat (Statistical Division), for the twenty-second plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (Paris, 13-17 June 1994).

2. Members of the Subcommittee may wish to consider whether the approach and format presented in CES/R.5 for the ECE region could be applied in the global context.

1/ "Draft programmes of international statistical work in the ECE region, 1994/95 and 1995/96: an integrated presentation" (CES/R.5-R10 1994). It is a bulky document; distribution has been done in an economical way; ECE has distributed the document to all members of the Subcommittee as part of the distribution for the CES session or for the ACC Subcommittee (but not both).