

Provisional agenda 1/

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Issues related to the work of the task forces, including coordination issues at the regional level.

Oral reports are requested from conveners of the Task Forces (written reports if major issues are involved). A particular focus should be given to the coordination of the work of the task forces at the regional level (particularly in the areas of national accounts and trade statistics). Conveners of all Task Forces are requested to circulate copies of the minutes of their Task Force meetings since June 1994 to all members of the Subcommittee for information.

3. Improvement of coordination tools.

A note will be prepared by the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) on the Inventory of data collection activities, Directory of International Statistics, Annotated list of methodological publications, Inventory of computerized statistical data bases, List of classifications used in statistics, and reports to the Statistical Commission on past activities and plans. The note will include the status and plans for these outputs, an assessment of the feasibility of producing them, their usefulness, and proposals concerning streamlining/rationalizing the reporting to the Statistical Commission.

UNSD will prepare proposals for the statistics part of the ACC Programme Classification to improve its detail and clarity, based on consultations with members of the Subcommittee.

ECE will prepare a note on issues raised if the European approach to the integrated presentation of work programmes (ECE/OECD/EUROSTAT), were applied to a global setting.

4. Needs for statistics of the analytical and policy units of international organizations and the statistics produced by those organizations.

Notes will be prepared by OECD, IMF, and the World Bank on coordination of data collection within their organizations and any continuation of data collection activities after the specific need for the data ceased to exist in the initiating policy office.

A note will be prepared by UNSD on mechanisms in place in the international organizations for coordinating data collection from countries.

5. Monitoring the implementation of recommended classifications in countries.

Each organization is requested to report on what they are doing to find out about the implementation by countries of the classifications recommended by their organization. Task Force conveners may report also, where the Task Force is involved in any such activity.

6. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development.

A note will be prepared by UNSD on the recommendations of the World Summit, for the Subcommittee to consider possible implications for the work of the Subcommittee.

7. Integration of the work of ad hoc groups in international work on statistical development.

The Bureau of the Subcommittee agreed that the relevant task forces should develop an appropriate relationship with the Voorburg Group on services statistics, Siena group on social statistics and the London Group on environment statistics and report back to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee should consider how to integrate the work being carried out.

8. Bilateral technical cooperation in statistics.

A note will be prepared by OECD on their data sources for bilateral aid.

A note will be prepared by IMF on data available through the work of the Steering Committee on the Coordination of Technical Assistance to the Countries of the Former Soviet Union.

9. Coordination of ongoing statistical programmes.

Organizations will be asked, in advance of the meeting, if they have any items to raise.

10. Follow-up to the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission.

Proposals will be submitted by UNSD based on decisions of the Statistical Commission.

11. Possible holding of a World Statistics Day.

A report will be prepared by UNSD on the views expressed by approximately 40 countries in response to an inquiry by UNSD.

12. Free exchange of statistics and related materials among international organizations active in the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee should assess whether existing policy should be clarified in terms of its coverage and in light of changes in technology. The existing policy of the Subcommittee will be circulated.

13. Report of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (SCDEP).

The Subcommittee will be given the text of the oral report made to the Coordinating Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ) at its session from 11-14 October 1994 on behalf of the Bureau of the Subcommittee, and should formally review the report of the SCDEP.

14. Communication by electronic mail.

The Subcommittee should consider the barriers that currently exist that prevent full use of this technology at this time, and possible solutions. An updated list of e-mail addresses of members of the Subcommittee will be provided by UNSD.

15. Election of the Chairman and Bureau for the thirtieth session of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee will consider this item consistent with the decisions made at its twenty-eighth session.

16. Adoption of the report.

1/ The reports of the Bureau of the Subcommittee on its meetings of 8 September 1994 and 1 March 1995, which are relevant to several items on the provisional agenda, will be available.

