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ENERGY STATISTICS**

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Background document

Contributions to the UNCEEA work programme – Energy statistics

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International Recommendations for Energy Statistics (IRES)

IRES will cover a broad range of issues from basic concepts, definitions and classifications to data sources, data compilation strategies, energy balances and dissemination. It is expected to be submitted to the UN Statistical Commission in 2011. IRES and SEEA-E will be two complementary documents and their preparation will be fully coordinated. While IRES will comply to the extent possible with the SEEA-E conceptual structure and data needs, SEEA-E will develop its accounting standards on the basis of the IRES (e.g., using IRES definitions of data items and classifications of energy products and flows).

Lead agency: UNSD in cooperation with the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Energy Statistics (InterEnerStat).

Energy Statistics Compilers Manual (ESCM)

The ESCM is intended to assist countries in the collection, compilation and dissemination of energy statistics according to standard concepts, definition and classifications. Energy statistics is seen a multipurpose set of statistics on energy which serves several purposes. As such, the ESCM will provide training material for the collection of the data items in IRES and the compilation of energy balances and the SEEA-E. The ESCM will also describe the links between basic energy statistics and other statistics such as national accounts and climate change. The ESCM will focus on the description of good country practices relevant to all the phases of a modern statistical process in energy statistics: from the legal and institutional settings, data collection from various sources and data compilation to the assessment of data quality and dissemination. ESCM is planned as a forward looking document with respect to the development and implementation of an integrated approach to the collection, compilation and dissemination of basic statistics enabling countries to streamline data collection practices, compilation methods and dissemination.

Lead agency: UNSD in cooperation with the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics and InterEnerStat in parallel with IRES.

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Joint data collection activities

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) is working together with the International Energy Agency (IEA) in the harmonization of the UNSD Annual Questionnaire on Energy Statistics and the Joint IEA/Eurostat/ECE Annual Questionnaire.

Lead agencies: UNSD and IEA.