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Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)**Draft programme of work of the United Nations Statistics
Division for the biennium 2012-2013****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The draft programme of work in the field of statistics for the biennium 2012-2013, which is contained in the annex to the present note, is submitted for the consideration of the Statistical Commission in compliance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).
2. The General Assembly has approved, in its resolution 65/244 of 23 December 2010, the biennial programme plan for the period 2012-2013, which includes the elements of the “programme narrative”, namely, the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the statistics subprogramme.
3. The draft programme of work presented below includes, in addition to the programme narrative, a list of outputs formulated within the framework of subprogramme 5, Statistics, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, for the period 2012-2013.
4. The Commission is invited to take note of the programme narrative and to review the proposed outputs to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, which will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly at the sixty-sixth session of the Assembly.
5. This note also contains in the Annex a listing of proposed adjustments for the 2010/11 programme. The 2010/11 list of outputs had been endorsed by the Commission in 2009. The Commission is invited to approve these adjustments in our current work programme and authorize the Commission’s Bureau to approve further adjustments, should they become necessary in the course of this year.

Draft programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 for the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Objective of the Organization: To advance the global statistical system in order to produce high quality, easily accessible comparable national statistics for policymakers and other users at the national and international levels

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened global statistical system, with more active participation by countries and increased collaboration among international organizations, including progress in the harmonization and rationalization of development indicators	(i) Increased number of participants from countries and international organizations attending the sessions of the Statistical Commission, workshops, expert group meetings and seminars (ii) Increased number of coordination meetings with international organizations on the rationalization and harmonization of development indicators
(b) Better and broader use by Governments, international organizations, research institutes, the private sector and the general public of statistical data and technical guidelines produced by the subprogramme	(i) Increased number of statistical database questions (ii) Increased number of visits to the Statistics Division website to obtain information, documentation and publications
(c) Strengthened capacity of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to routinely collect, compile, store, analyse and disseminate official statistics and indicators in the economic, social, demographic and environmental fields to produce quality data for policymakers and the public in general	(i) Increased percentage of participants utilizing knowledge obtained at training workshops (ii) Increased number of activities for developing countries receiving guidelines in building sustainable national statistical systems through the promotion of technical cooperation

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that national statistical offices will have the necessary national resources and capacity.

Outputs

During the biennium 2012-2013, the following final outputs will be delivered:

- (a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):
 - (i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Fifth Committee, scale of assessments (20);

- b. Parliamentary documentation: reports, background papers and conference room papers on the scale of assessments for the Fifth Committee (1);
 - (ii) Statistical Commission:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Statistical Commission (14);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports to the Statistical Commission (on the themes decided by the Commission in 2011) (25);
 - (iii) Committee on Contributions:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Committee on Contributions (70);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: reports, background papers and conference room papers on the scale of assessments for the Committee on Contributions (2);
 - (iv) United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (4);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (1);
 - (v) United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the 10th United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (16);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on the 10th United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (1);
 - (vi) United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the 19th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (10);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on the 19th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (1);
 - (vii) United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas:
 - a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the 10th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (10);
 - b. Parliamentary documentation: report on the 10th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (1);
 - (viii) Ad hoc expert groups: 23 expert group meetings on: global geospatial information management (2); compilation of external trade indices; environmental-economic accounting and environmental statistics (2); national accounts (2); Millennium Development Goals indicators (4); gender statistics; population and housing censuses; social statistics; environment statistics (2); international economic and social classifications (2); linking trade and enterprise statistics; energy statistics (2); low-carbon economy indicators; industrial statistics;
- (b) Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary):
 - (i) Recurrent publications: United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names information bulletin (4); Website on Global Geospatial Information Management (4); Website on UNGEGN World Geographical Names Database (4); website on the Statistical Commission (2); Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (print and internet) (48); Statistical Yearbook (print) (2); Website of UNdata (12); World Statistics Pocketbook (print and internet) (4); website on city groups (2); website on standards and methods (2); website of the Statistics Division (8); website of the Statistics Division publication archive (2); Yearbook of International Trade Statistics, Volume I (2); Yearbook of International Trade Statistics, Volume II (2); website on international merchandise trade statistics (2); UN comtrade database with international merchandise trade statistics on the Internet (2); international merchandise trade statistics knowledge base on-line (2); newsletter on international merchandise trade statistics (4); website on statistics of international trade in services

(2); UN services trade database with statistics of international trade in services on the Internet (2); statistics of international trade in services knowledge base on-line (2); website of the task force on statistics of international trade in services (2); newsletter of the task force on statistics of international trade in services (2); compilation guidance for statistics of international trade in services (online publication) (2); website on tourism statistics (2); tourism statistics knowledge base on-line (2); website on environmental accounting (2); newsletter environment-economic accounting (4); national accounts statistics: analysis of main aggregates, 2010 and 2011 (2); national accounts statistics: main aggregates and detailed tables, 2010 and 2011 (2); website on national accounts (2); newsletter on national accounts (4); website of CCSA (4); website technical cooperation (8); website on national statistical systems (2); statistical annex for the Secretary-General's MDG report (2); MDG indicators database update (2); website on Millennium Development Goals (2); glossy report on Millennium Development Goals (2); progress chart on the Millennium Development Goals (2); progress chart on the Millennium Development Goals — based on country progress within regions (2); MDG-Info (2); progress chart on MDGs and Gender (1); website of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on MDG indicators (2); demographic and social statistics website (8); 2010 world programme on population and housing censuses website (8); Demographic Yearbook, print (2); vital statistics, Series A, No.1-biweekly electronic on website (24); social indicators website (4); vital statistics, Series A, No.1 (print) (4); website on industry statistics (4); website on classifications (4); website on energy statistics (4); website on environment statistics (4); classification newsletter (4); Energy Statistics Newsletter (4); environment statistics newsletter (4); Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook, 2009 and 2010 (2); Energy Statistics Yearbook, 2010 and 2011 (2); Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles (2010 and 2011) (2); environmental country profiles (2); environmental indicators (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: handbook on good practices in compilation of external trade indices (merchandise trade) (1); compilation guide for tourism statistics (1); system of environmental-economic accounting (SEEA) (1); training and compilation material on water statistics (web-published) (1); handbook on national accounts (1); handbook on economic statistics (1); guidelines on social statistics (1); guidelines for producing statistics on violence against women (1); genderInfo (2); energy statistics compilers manual (1); central product classification (CPC), Ver.2.1 (1); standard classification of energy products (1); manual on waste statistics (1); glossy report on environmental accounting (2);

(iii) Technical material (regular budget/extrabudgetary): responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users for information on internationally recommended concepts and methods, as well as national practices, in various fields of statistics (2); updated documentation on databases maintenance and revised training material in the field of trade statistics (1); Millennium Development Goals indicators database technical development and maintenance, and documentation and training (2); UNdata database technical development and maintenance, and documentation and training (2);

(iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: advisory expert group on national accounts (2); committee for coordination of statistical activities (4); cluster 10, statistics, EC-ESA (2); sub-groups on MDG indicators (4); task team on SDMX (2); inter-agency and expert group as well as IAEG advisory teams on gender statistics (2).

Annex: Modifications to the work programme 2010/11

Addition of outputs:

- Non-recurrent publication: Website on National Quality Assurance Framework (semi-annual updates)
- National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, 2010 (53rd Issue) (Print)
- Website on Global Geospatial Information Management
- Expert Group Meetings on Global Geospatial Information Management
- Global Forum on Geospatial Information Management
- Parliamentary documentation: Report of the Secretary General on Global Geospatial Information Management
- Expert Group Meetings on the Review of the Human Development Index
- High Level Forum on the Implementation of Fundamental Principles.

Termination of outputs:

- Non-recurrent publication: International Classification of Activities in Time-use Surveys
- Non-recurrent publication: Revised Glossary of Environment Statistics
- Non-recurrent publication: National Practice in Compilation and Dissemination of Distributive Trade Statistics (online)
- Recurrent publication: Population and Vital Statistics Report Series A Vol. LXIII No. 2 (Print)
- Non-recurrent publication: System of Environmental-Accounting for Material Flow Accounts
- Recurrent publication: Newsletter on Environment-Economic Accounting (2 issues: Record identifier: P088526 and P088527)