WORLD STATISTICS DAY CELEBRATION PLANS IN
UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS

To mark the first World Statistics Day, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics will be organizing an 'open house' at its premises from 20 to 22 October. Academics, researchers and students from universities in Quebec and Ontario will be invited to take part in a series of presentations and demonstrations on subjects such as the following:

- the major steps involved in collecting and producing data which can be compared across 200 countries at different stages of development;
- the use of international data in setting international targets such as the Millennium Development Goals (which will be the subject of a major UN Summit in September 2010);
- statistical analysis of key issues of interest, such as: adults and youth literacy; investments in science and technology; the challenge of reaching out-of-school children;
- gender disparities in education – based on findings from the Global Education Digest (the UIS flagship publication), which will be launched during the Millennium Summit in September 2010;
- how to analyse statistics on education and science and technology;
- a demonstration of the UIS Data Centre, which contains more than 1,000 data and indicators and enables users to build and customize their own statistical tables.

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