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List of publications of the Statistics subprogramme for 2014-2015

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This note presents the proposed list of publications of the Statistics subprogramme for 2014–2015. For each proposed publication it includes an abstract, a description of the mandate and the need for translation.

The list of publications is presented to the Conference of European Statisticians for approval. The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians approved the publications programme at their meeting of February 2013.

I. Background

1. The proposed list of publications of the Statistics subprogramme for 2014-2015 (hereinafter Publications Programme) is presented to the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) for approval according to the procedure for preparing official documents as part of the United Nations biennial programme and budget cycle.
2. The Publications Programme utilizes modern publishing practices. All publications will be made available free of charge in electronic format at the UNECE website. According to the Secretary General's Policy Committee decision 2011/9, the number of publication titles produced by United Nations organizations in 2014-2015, including the statistics subprogramme, will be reduced by 30 % and the number of hard copies distributed by 50 % compared to the baseline of 2010. In addition, requests for proposed publications need to be specified in detail.
3. The secretariat has carefully reviewed all titles and language versions of its Publications Programme. The subprogramme has one recurrent publication, *UNECE Countries in Figures*, which is produced every second year. Other publications are typically outputs of Teams of Specialists working under the Conference of European Statisticians and produced according to the Terms of Reference of each group.
4. As a result of the review, the number of publications of the statistics subprogramme in 2014-2015 will be limited to 8 publications, compared to 11 publications in 2012-2013. Two publications will be produced in electronic format only. The Publications Programme contains specific mandates for each publication for assessment of relevance.
5. The United Nations Publications Board has reviewed and endorsed the UNECE Publications Programme for 2014-2015. The publications of each subprogramme need to be mandated by the Sectoral Committee, i.e. the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau.
6. In addition to publications, 6 booklets or leaflets will be published (300 copies in English and 300 in Russian, approximately 20 pages each). The booklets will cover issues of interest to the Heads of statistical offices, such as the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; Conference of European Statisticians' seminars and highlights of the development of statistics in the region.

II. List of publications for the biennium 2014-2015

List of publications for the biennium 2014-2015:

Publication title	Electronic	Print	Pages	Copies Eng/Rus	Translation
Statistical monographs: guide on global production	x	x	250	1 000 / -	-
Statistical monographs: guidelines on statistics on population ageing	x		80	-	Russian

Statistical standards and studies: CES recommendations for the 2020 round of population and housing censuses	x	x	250	500/400 ¹	Russian, French
Statistical standards and studies: guidelines on statistical business registers	x	x	250	1 000 / -	-
Methodological material: recommendations on climate change related statistics	x	x	200	500/100	Russian
Methodological material: report of the Expert Group on Measuring Quality of Employment	x		200	-	-
Methodological material: measurement of socio-economic conditions of migrants	x	x	80	300/200	Russian
Other publications: UNECE countries in figures 2015	x	x	150	2 500 / -	-
Number of publications	8	6	-	-	-

A. Statistical monographs series

1. Guide on global production (English only)

6. Abstract: the implementation of the System of National Accounts 2008 (2008 SNA) and the sixth edition of the Balance of Payments manual (BPM6) requires that statistical offices reassess the way they treat global production arrangements. Although these standards provide some recommendations, further guidance is needed at the international level in order to foster international comparability. The Guide on the Impact of Globalization on National Accounts published in February 2012 already addressed some aspects of global production, but given the limited experience thus far in implementing the 2008 SNA it left many issues for future work. The Guide on Global Production will deal with these unresolved conceptual and measurement issues and provide practical guidance on implementation aspects of the new global standards, 2008 SNA and BPM6. It will also provide guidance on the required data collection, including the use of administrative data. Information on existing global production arrangements and country experiences for their treatment in national accounts and balance of payments accounting will illustrate the phenomena in practice. The Guide will also clarify typology, concepts and definitions of global production. This includes both conceptual and measurement issues related to global manufacturing, international transactions in intellectual property products, the treatment of goods for processing, merchanting, quasi-transit trade and special purpose entities.

7. Mandate: The Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/83 in paragraph 52) "endorsed the outcome of the review on issues related to global production, and supported the further work on measuring global production." Thereafter, the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) (ECE/CES/BUR/2011/NOV/24 in para 13) "considered globalization as a core area of work for the CES and established the Task Force on Global Production." The Bureau approved the Terms of Reference for the Task Force

¹ Note that the French translation of the CES recommendations for the 2020 round of population and housing censuses will be produced in electronic format only.

(ECE/CES/BUR/2011/NOV/3/Add.1) that state: "The output will be a report including guidelines on global production".

Tentative issue date: November 2014.

2. Guidelines on statistics on population ageing (English, Russian)

8. Abstract: this publication will contain recommendations to statistical offices for improving and harmonising the collection and dissemination of data related to population ageing. It will provide a dashboard of indicators based on existing mechanisms of statistical data collection and recommended for regular production. The aim is to support ageing-related policymaking. The publication will present a collection of existing good national practices in ageing-related statistics.

9. Mandate: GA Resolution (66/127, para 11) "recommends that Member States enhance their capacity regarding more effective data collection, statistics and qualitative information, ... , in order to better assess the situation of older persons and to set adequate monitoring mechanisms for programmes and policies" and (paragraph 26) "encourages the international community and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, ... , to support national efforts to provide funding for research and data-collection initiatives on ageing". The Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/83 in para 49) stated that "Several participants emphasised the high policy relevance of the topic. It was noted that the terms of reference of a possible Task Force should clearly formulate the roles of statisticians and policy makers in the group. Thereafter, the Bureau report (ECE/CES/BUR/2012/ FEB/22 in para 45) states that "A small informal group is set up under the UNECE Working Group on Ageing to develop a dashboard of indicators on active ageing" according to the proposal (ECE/CES/BUR/2012/FEB/15 in para 11) that requests the setting up of a group that "will review the methodological approach and will test the feasibility of an Active Ageing Index (a dashboard of indicators)".

Tentative issue date: April 2015.

B. Statistical standards and studies series

1. Conference of European Statisticians recommendations for the 2020 round of population and housing censuses (English, Russian, French)

10. Abstract: the Recommendations will provide guidance and assistance to countries in the planning and conducting of their population and housing census in the 2020 round. They will provide the basis for collecting reliable, accurate and comparable census data through the selection of a core set of census topics and the harmonization of definitions and classifications. In this round, particular attention will be paid to recent developments in census methodology.

11. Mandate: the United Nations Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2012/34 in decision 43/101) welcomed the early start of "revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses" and requested the preparation of "a draft resolution on the 2020 World Population and Housing Programme for approval by the Statistical Commission and endorsement by the Economic and Social Council" by 2015. Thereafter, the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) (ECE/CES/83 in para 18) "endorsed the proposals for future work reflected in the report of the Expert Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses (document ECE/CES/GE.41/ 2012/2)." The Conference decided (ECE/CES/83 in paragraph 19) that "the Task Forces will review the experience with the 2010 round of censuses and will develop the CES Recommendations for the 2020 round of censuses, to be submitted to the CES for adoption in June 2015" and that "the work will also contribute to the Principles and Recommendations for the 2020 Round of Censuses to

be developed at the global level". The CES Bureau (ECE/CES/BUR/2012/NOV/22 in paragraph 27) "approved the terms of reference of the Steering Group and the Task Forces (in ECE/CES/BUR/ 2012/NOV/7)".

Tentative issue date: October 2015.

2. Guidelines on statistical business registers (English only)

12. Abstract: the publication will provide comprehensive guidelines and recommendations of good practices in developing and maintaining statistical business registers (SBR) in national statistical offices. The publication will provide guidance on streamlining and increasing the efficiency of the statistical production processes and on improving international comparability of business statistics. To this end, the publication will provide guidance in the following areas: the different roles of the SBR in terms of providing sampling frames, linking information from administrative, other sources and other registers, and as a backbone of the statistical production process; the coverage of economic activities in the register; the units (establishments) of the register, their relations and characteristics; data sources of the SBR, in terms of survey data, administrative registers or other sources; the maintenance of the SBR; quality assurance and validation; and the establishment of a statistical business register, including institutional and legal issues.

13. Mandate: the Wiesbaden Group in its report to the UN Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2011/25) "recognizes the demand both for information on business register developments and for common guidelines and recommendations on different issues associated with business registers". The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/BUR/2012/ FEB/22 in paragraph 46) "endorsed the ToR of the Task Force on developing international guidelines on statistical business registers". The Bureau approved the Terms of Reference for the Task Force (ECE/CES/BUR/2011/ NOV/23 Rev.) that state: "the output in terms of the report should be published."

Tentative issue date: October 2014.

C. Methodological material series

1. Recommendations on climate change related statistics (English, Russian)

14. Abstract: environmental challenges, especially climate change, represent an immediate and urgent global priority. There is a pressing need for new information and for the improvement of currently available information. At present, the information needed for fully understanding the causes and impacts of climate change and environmental changes is scattered across a wide variety of national and international organizations, including national statistical offices. The publication will focus on how to improve and better utilize the wide range of environmental, social and economic statistics offered by national statistical systems, for example for climate change analysis.

15. Mandate: A/RES/65/1 "Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals" in paragraph 26 "We commit ourselves to addressing climate change in accordance with the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change". A/RES/66/288 "The future we want" in paragraph 192 states that "We urge parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and parties to the Kyoto Protocol thereto to fully implement their commitments" and in 209 "We reiterate the need for cooperation through the sharing of climate and weather information". The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/BUR/2011/ NOV/24 Rev. in paragraph 34) "expressed support for the work on climate change related statistics and for setting up a Task Force on this topic." The Bureau approved the Terms of Reference for the Task Force (ECE/CES/BUR/2011/NOV/9) that

state: "The output will be a review of the current state of climate change related statistics and possibilities to develop and streamline the work."

Tentative issue date: October 2015.

2. Report of the Expert Group on Measuring Quality of Employment (English only)

16. Abstract: the Expert Group on Measuring Quality of Employment was established in February 2012. The Expert Group is working on revising the conceptual framework for measuring quality of employment; finalizing the indicators in the measurement framework and preparing indicator sheets to specify for each indicator definition/formula, measurement objective, recommended disaggregation, data sources and limitations and interpretation guidelines. The Report of the Expert Group will summarize this work and provide practical recommendations to developed and developing countries interested in measuring quality of employment. The Report of the Expert Group on Measuring Quality of Employment will be a result of good international collaboration. It will be consulted electronically with the CES members prior to its presentation to the 63rd Plenary Session of the Conference of the European Statisticians.

17. Mandate: the Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/79 in paragraph 24) "The Conference endorsed the Report on Potential indicators for measurement of quality of employment and agreed to consider further work in this area" and the Bureau (ECE/CES/BUR/2012/FEB/22 in paragraph 48) "proposed to establish an expert group (Task Force) under the CES to develop operational definitions and guidelines for measuring quality of employment". The Bureau approved the Terms of Reference for the Task Force (ECE/CES/BUR/ 2012/FEB/8.Rev.) that state: "The Expert Group will be created for a period of three years, at the end of which a final report will be submitted" as revision of "the Report on Potential Indicators for Measurement of Quality of Employment".

Tentative issue date: August 2015

3. Measurement of socio-economic conditions of migrants (English, Russian)

18. Abstract: this publication will provide guidelines to countries intending to produce statistics on socio-economic conditions of migrants using existing sources or ad hoc surveys. It will address harmonisation of the definitions and will describe the practices adopted by countries for the measurement of the relevant migrant groups, identify and develop indicators for measuring their different dimensions and assesses the suitability of existing surveys and administrative sources for this purpose.

19. Mandate: the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (ECE/CES/BUR/2010/NOV/28 in paragraph 26) "approved the terms of reference for the creation of a Task Force on measurement of the socio-economic conditions of migrants". According to the terms of reference (ECE/CES/BUR/2010/ NOV/7/Add.2 in paragraph 16), "The main output of the work of the Task Force will be a report presenting guidelines on the production of statistics on socio-economic conditions of migrants". The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) further (ECE/CES /83 in paragraph 69) "highlighted the importance and policy relevance of measuring long-term and short-term migration and its links to defining resident population in censuses. The Conference supported further work in this area."

Tentative issue date: September 2014.

D. Other publications

1. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Countries in Figures 2015 (English only)

20. Abstract: UNECE Countries in Figures presents a profile of social and economic indicators for each of the 56 UNECE member countries. These profiles, prepared by the UNECE Statistical Division, are intended to be of interest to readers not necessarily familiar with statistical terminology or with interpreting statistical tables. This publication includes data collected from national and international sources of official statistics. The data are available for the most recent year. Most of these data are also available online through the UNECE Statistical Database (unece.org/stats/data), which is updated regularly to include the latest available information.

21. Mandate: the biennial publication was last approved by the Conference of European Statisticians according to the Programme of Work (ECE/CES/2012/14 in paragraph 2.7) "Publication UNECE Countries in Figures 2013 (1) on the economic and social development in the ECE countries." The next release will be approved as part of the forthcoming Programme of Work 2014-15, to be approved by the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2013.

Tentative issue date: December 2014.
