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Agenda

PROGRAMME OF WORK DOCUMENTS

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I. BACKGROUND

1. The United Nations (UN) applies in its work a biennial planning and reporting cycle. UNECE is currently implementing the activities of the biennium 2012-2013.
2. The preparation of the biennial programme starts about three years before the first year of the biennium by defining a Strategic Framework. The Strategic Framework defines the objective of the subprogramme, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and the strategy. The Strategic Framework for 2014-2015 was approved by the CES Bureau in November 2011 and by the CES Plenary Session in June 2012.
3. Thereafter, the concrete activities of the subprogramme are defined in line with the approved Strategic Framework. To this end, the following documents are prepared:
 - (a) Draft Programme of Work of the Statistics subprogramme for the biennium 2014-2015, including Biennial Evaluation Plan for 2014-2015 (ECE/CES/BUR/2013/FEB/22/Add.1);
 - (b) Draft Publications Programme of the Statistics subprogramme for the biennium 2014-2015 (ECE/CES/BUR/2013/FEB/22/Add.2).
4. The first document, the Programme of Work, lists outputs of the subprogramme, such as meetings, publications and capacity building activities. The purpose is to provide a mandate for the activities of the subprogramme and allow the UN support functions to adapt their service volume to the demand for meeting rooms, interpretation, translation, printing services etc. Only the outputs and activities presented in the Programme of Work are new, other parts of the text have been approved as part of the Strategic Framework.
5. The Biennial Evaluation Plan is presented as Annex II to the Programme of Work document. This document establishes links between the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework (that were approved in November 2011) and the more detailed clusters of activities presented in the Programme of Work.
6. The Publication Programme lists the number and titles of publications to be published in 2014-2015. It includes an abstract, a description of the mandate and the need for translation for each publication. The United Nations Publications Board has reviewed and approved the UNECE Publications Programme for 2014-2015. More technical information

about the publications, which is required for the planning of the necessary support services, has been submitted to the Board in specific publication forms.

7. The planning documents are first approved by the Sectoral Committee of the subprogramme, the Conference of European Statisticians through its Bureau. Then they will be consolidated for the whole UNECE and submitted for approval to the Executive Committee of the UNECE.

8. In addition to the planning documents, UNECE traditionally submits a report on the implementation of the UNECE Statistical Programme after the end of each year. The report on the Implementation of the UNECE Statistical Programme 2012 is provided in document ECE/CES/BUR/2013/FEB/22/Add.3.

9. The CES Bureau approved the three documents of the Statistics subprogramme presented in the addenda:

(a) Draft Programme of Work of the Statistics subprogramme for the biennium 2014-2015 (**ECE/CES/BUR/2013/FEB/22/Add.1**);

(b) Draft Publications Programme of the Statistics subprogramme for the biennium 2014-2015 (**ECE/CES/BUR/2013/FEB/22/Add.2**);

(c) Report on the Implementation of the UNECE Statistical Programme 2012 (**ECE/CES/BUR/2013/FEB/22/Add.3**).