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Meeting on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe  
(Geneva, 23-25 June 1999)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on 23 June 1999 at 10 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Information items
4. Development and improvement of economic statistics for food and agriculture
5. Maintaining agricultural data collection systems
6. Methodological applications and recurring methodological issues
7. Joint data collection by international organizations and exchange of data
8. Future work
9. Other business
10. Adoption of the report

Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The meeting on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe is convened jointly by ECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD pursuant to the decision of the Conference of European Statisticians taken at its forty-sixth plenary session, in May 1998 (see report of the session ECE/CES/54 and CES/1998/R.34/Add.3).

Under items 4-7 only invited papers are listed. Contributed papers submitted by countries and organizations will be introduced and commented on by the discussants.

**WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE**

10:00-10:10 Items 1 and 2

10:10-10:40 Item 3: INFORMATION ITEMS

Information will be provided on the following events and activities:

- IWG.AGRI workshops to assist transition countries in establishing new agricultural and food statistics, Budapest, October 1997 and St. Petersburg June/July 1998
- Agriculture 2000, Washington D.C., March 1998 (Mr. Rich Allen, USDA/NASS)
- Preparations for the 2nd World Conference on Agriculture Statistics, (IWG.AGRI and ISTAT)

- Planned activities of IWG. AGRI, Eurostat, OECD and FAO
- Other events of interest

Item 4:            DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

**SESSION 1**

- 10:40-10:50** **Discussant:** Mr. Marcel Ernens, Eurostat
- 10:50-11:10** **Invited paper 1:** Developments in the area of economic accounts for agriculture versus micro level - total income of agricultural households and to what extent they are dependent on agricultural activities;  
**Author:** Mr. Berkeley Hill, Wye College, University of London, United Kingdom
- 11:10-11:30** **Invited paper 2:** How to integrate economic aspects of agriculture with other economic activities of households: farm plus non-farm income;  
**Author:** Mr. Pratap Narain, Statistics Division, FAO
- 11:30-11:50** **Coffee break**
- 11:50-12:30** **Discussions and comments on contributed papers**

**SESSION 2**

- 12:30-12:40** **Discussant:** Mr. Kristian Hjulsager, Statistics Denmark
- 12:40-13:00** **Invited paper 3:** Food statistics including foreign trade;  
**Author:** Mr. Esa Ikaheimo, Information centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
- 13:00-15:00** **Lunch**
- 15:00-15:20** **Invited paper 4:** Statistics on quality of food production and methods of production;  
**Author:** Mr. Borge Nielsen, Statistics Denmark
- 15:20-16:00** **Discussions and comments on contributed papers**
- 16:00-16:20** **Coffee/tea break**

**SESSION 3**

- 16:20-16:30** **Discussant:** Mr. Rich Allen, USDA/NASS, United States
- 16:30-16:50** **Invited paper 5:** What type of agricultural statistics are needed in the next 10 years?  
**Author:** Mr. Wolfgang Loehe, Ministry of Agriculture, Germany
- 16:50-17:10** **Invited paper 6:** What type of agricultural statistics are needed in the next 10 years?  
**Author:** Mr. Francesco Ascani, Director of statistical office, Ministry of Agriculture, Italy
- 17:10-18:00** **Discussions and comments on contributed papers**

**THURSDAY 24 JUNE**

**SESSION 4**

- 09:30-09:40** **Discussant:** Mr. Ladislav Kabat, Statistics Division, FAO
- 09:40-10:00** **Invited paper 7:** The adaptation of potential new member countries to the EU system - the point of view of EU  
**Author:** Mr. Giuseppe Calo, Eurostat

10:00-10:20 **Invited paper 8:** The adaptation of potential new member countries to the EU system - the point of view of potential new members.  
**Author:** Ms. Irena Orešnik, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

10:20-11:00 **Discussions and comments on contributed papers**

11:00-11:20 **Coffee/tea break**

Item 5: MAINTAINING AGRICULTURAL DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

**SESSION 5**

11:20-11:30 **Discussant:** Mr. Alvaro Gonzalez-Villalobos, Statistics Division FAO

11:30-11:50 **Invited paper 9:** Decentralized versus centralized system of data collection  
**Author:** Ms. A. Epikhina, GOSCOMSTAT, Russian Federation

11:50-12:10 **Invited paper 10:** Parallel responsibilities of international and national statistical offices and ministries of agriculture, their cooperation and solving common problems;  
**Author:** Mr. Jacques Delincé, Eurostat/DG VI and Mr. Rainer Muthmann, Eurostat

12:10-12:30 **Invited paper 11:** Special surveys on animal and crop production;  
**Author:** Mr. Rich Allen, USDA/NASS, United States

12:30-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-15:30 **Discussions and comments on contributed papers**

**SESSION 6**

15:30-15:40 **Discussant:** Mr. Odell Larsson, United States

15:40-16:00 **Invited paper 12:** The use of area frames and remote sensing for agricultural statistics  
**Author:** Ms. Elisabetta Carfagna, University of Bologna, Italy

16:00-16:20 **Invited paper 13:** Methods of collection of statistical data under budgetary constraints - the same quality for less costs  
**Author:** Mr. Ulf Jorner, Statistics Sweden

16:20-17:30 **Discussions and comments on contributed papers**

**FRIDAY 25 JUNE**

Item 6: METHODOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS AND RE-OCCURRING METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

**SESSION 7**

09:30-09:40 **Discussant:** Mr. Christian Gay, Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, France

09:40-10:00 **Invited paper 14:** Thresholds and coverage implication of agricultural surveys and censuses  
**Author:** Mr. A. Niphuis, The Netherlands

10:00-10:20 **Invited paper 15:** Classification of farms and households. Implications of the use of administrative data  
**Author:** Mr. Michael Trant, Statistics Canada

10:20-10:40 **Invited paper 16:** Registers of agricultural holdings and structural surveys  
**Author:** Mr. Gerry Brady, Central Statistical Office, Ireland

10:40-10:50 **Coffee/tea break**

**10:50-11:30 Discussions and comments on contributed papers**

Item 7:            JOINT DATA COLLECTION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF DATA

Comparability across countries and between organizations - definitions and classifications used; new information technologies, e.g. Internet, and opportunities created for data storage, exchange and dissemination.

**SESSION 8**

**11:30-11:40 Discussant:** Mr. Jan Karlsson, UN/ECE

**11:40-12:00 Invited paper 17:** The point of view of the IWG.AGRI  
**Author:** Mr. Andreas Lindner, OECD

**12:00-12:20 Invited paper 18:** The point of view of members countries to international organizations  
**Author:** Ms. Henryka Wanke, Central Statistical Office, Poland

**12:20-12:30 Discussions and comments on contributed papers (continued)**

**12:30-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-15:20 Discussions and comments on contributed papers (concluded)**

**15:20-16:20 Item 8:            FUTURE WORK**

Participants will be asked if they have any proposals for future joint ECE/Eurostat/FAO/OECD work in agricultural statistics. The secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of country suggestions and of the discussions as the meeting proceeds for the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians.

**16:20-16:30 Item 9:            OTHER BUSINESS**

**16.30-16:50 Coffee/tea break**

**16:30-17:30 Item 10:            ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

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