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# Draft programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme for 2012-2013

Note by the secretariat

#### I. Introduction

- 1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme ("the subprogramme") for 2012–2013. The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians ("the Conference") is invited to consider the programme and subsequently adopt it at its meeting of November 2011. It will then be submitted to the Conference and to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee (EXCOM) for formal approval. The Conference will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.
- 2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.
- 3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as used by the Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for 2012–2013 is shown in Annex II to the present document.
- 4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as "additional".

- 5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories:
  - (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation;
  - (b) Publications and other information material;
- (c) Technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.
- 6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in document ECE/CES/BUR/2012/FEB/20 Add.2 in order to facilitate the task of the Committee to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.
- 7. Finally, Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme. Annex II establishes links between the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework and the more detailed clusters of this biennial programme of work.

# II. Objective and strategy

- 8. The objective of the ECE subprogramme of statistics is to improve the quality of official statistics at the national and international levels, and to ensure the coordination of international statistical activities undertaken in the ECE region.
- 9. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division. Coordinating all international statistical activities undertaken in the region will remain a central component of the strategy under the subprogramme. The subprogramme will promote the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics within the international statistical community and provide advice to countries on institutional frameworks of official statistics.
- 10. Concerning methodological work, the subprogramme will focus on a selected number of subject areas, in particular those where ECE can provide an added value and complement the work undertaken by other international organizations. The work will concentrate on developing and updating methodological guidelines and leading practices, and on advising national statistical offices regarding existing United Nations standards and best practices and their implementation at the national level. Public access to all meeting documents, work programmes and statistical standards and recommendations will provide the basis for transparency and accountability.
- 11. Technical cooperation activities will focus on key priorities, reflecting the needs of countries. They will be demand-driven and will focus on areas where United Nations standards exist, such as population censuses, indicators related to the Millennium Development Goals, national accounts, prices, business statistics, gender disaggregated statistics and statistical data dissemination.
- 12. The data work undertaken by the subprogramme will respond to sustained internal and external demands. Data will be accessible to the public via the Internet. A quality framework will ensure the relevance, timeliness and user-friendliness of data dissemination.
- 13. Cooperation with the statistical services of other international organizations will continue in the form of joint meetings and working groups aimed at coordinating the development of methodologies and the preparation of standards, recommendations and the compilation of best practices, as well as by using modern tools of data sharing.

# III. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the biennium 2012-2013

# Cluster 1 Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region

Description of cluster	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
Ensure coordination of international statistical activities in the ECE region and advocate for the UN Fundamental Principles for Official Statistics. Provide a forum for the Heads of national and international statistical organizations to address issues of current interest, exchange experience, and develop standards and recommendations to improve national statistics and their international comparability. Provide Secretariat support for the Conference and its Bureau.	Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work through coordination among international organizations and elimination of overlaps and gaps

#### **Outputs/activities**

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
  - 1.1 Conference of European Statisticians: 60<sup>th</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> plenary sessions (10 half days).
  - 1.2 Bureau of the Conference (14).

Documentation: Reports of the Conference (2); Papers for the coordination of international statistical work (12); Papers on issues of interest to the national statistical offices (12).

- (b) Publications and other information material
  - 1.3 Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA) as a tool to support coordination of international statistical work (2).
  - 1.4 Booklets and information materials on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the Conference of European Statisticians (2).
- (c) Technical cooperation
  - 1.5 Meetings of the Project Working Group on statistics under the UN Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) (4 outputs additional to programme budget narrative) to coordinate capacity building activities and ensure that they reflect the priorities of the countries.

## Cluster 2 ECE Statistical Database

Description of cluster	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
Provide reliable, timely and comparable macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics in an online database for the ECE countries in English and Russian, including data on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and gender equality.	Improved availability in the ECE database of reliable, timely and comparable statistics, including gender disaggregated data for all countries in the ECE region

The database provides source data for publications and articles on the economic and social development of the ECE region, and helps identify priorities for ECE methodological work. The database provides a strategic resource for other ECE programmes to store and disseminate data.

#### **Outputs/activities**

- (a) Publications and other information material
  - 2.1 Updated ECE gender statistics database available online (2) including data on gender, population, families and households, work and the economy, education, public life, health and mortality, crime and violence, science and ICT as well as work-life balance.
  - 2.2 Updated ECE macroeconomic statistics database available online (2) including data on national accounts, industrial production, labour force and wages, price indices, and external economic relations. A set of globalization indicators will be launched building on existing data.
  - 2.3 Updated ECE database on MDG indicators (2) including national MDG indicators covering all eight goals.
  - 2.4 Provide annually the database infrastructure for other ECE subprogrammes to store and disseminate data, currently aimed for the ECE transport and forestry statistics (2).
  - 2.5 Online clearinghouse of international migration data for Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian countries to help reconcile the differences between immigration and emigration data of these countries (2 additional).
  - 2.6 Annual sets of articles on socio-economic development in the ECE region based on the statistical database in *ECE weekly* (2).
  - 2.7 Publication *UNECE Countries in Figures* 2013 (1) on the economic and social development in the ECE countries.

### (b) Technical cooperation

2.8 Assistance on developing dissemination databases, in particular for the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (an externally funded project, see cluster 7).

# Cluster 3 Methodological work in economic statistics

Description of cluster	Expected accomplishments
	from this cluster
Develop and promote international standards, guidelines and recommendations to improve the quality and comparability of economic statistics, particularly in national accounts, globalization, price statistics, business registers and short-term statistics. This is done by analyzing the implementation of standards and guidelines and exchanging experience between countries. The work results in methodological and practical guidelines, collections of leading practices and training materials. Provide Secretariat support to the Teams of Specialists working in the area.	Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable statistics

#### Outputs/activities

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
  - 3.1 Meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts (8) to develop measurement of services, households' wellbeing and globalization of economies.
  - 3.2 Meeting on Consumer Price Indices, in collaboration with ILO, (6) to discuss the upcoming guidelines on residential property prices.
  - 3.3 Meeting on Business Registers (4) to discuss the development of international guidelines on business registers.
  - 3.4 Meeting of the Task Force on Global Production (10, 6 additional) in conjunction with the meeting on National Accounts, subject to approval of the Conference, its Bureau and EXCOM.

Documentation: Papers for intergovernmental meetings on economic statistics (8).

- (b) Publications and other information material
  - 3.5 Draft conceptual and measurement guidelines on Global Production (final output expected in biennium 2014-2015), subject to approval of the Conference, its Bureau and EXCOM (1 additional).
  - 3.6 Statistical standards and studies: Regional implementation plan for the 2008 System of National Accounts (1).
  - 3.7 Methodological material: A wiki based platform for collection of best practices on dealing with the effects of globalization (1).
- (c) Technical cooperation
  - 3.8 New Challenges in Economic Statistics (2011-2012), co-financed by the World Bank. The project includes training workshops and work sessions on short-term economic indicators and seasonal adjustment as well as implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts for the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (an externally funded project, see cluster 7).
  - 3.9 Seminars on impact of globalisation on economic statistics, in the context of the Astana forum, in collaboration with the Agency on Statistics of the Republic of Kazakhstan (an externally funded project, see cluster 7.)

Cluster 4
Methodological work in social and demographic statistics

Description of cluster	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
Develop and promote international standards, guidelines and recommendations to improve the quality and comparability of social and demographic statistics, particularly in areas of population and housing censuses, migration, gender, health, crime and justice, quality of employment, and indicators on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This is done by analyzing the implementation of standards and guidelines and exchanging experience between countries. The work results in methodological and practical guidelines, collections of leading	Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable statistics

practices and training materials. Provide Secretariat support to the Teams of Specialists working in the area.

#### **Outputs/activities**

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
  - 4.1 Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses (6) to exchange experiences with the current census round and start revising the recommendations for the next census round.
  - 4.2 Meeting of the Expert Group on Register-based Censuses (4) to improve the efficiency and methods of census taking based on registers.
  - 4.3 Work session on Migration Statistics (6) in collaboration with Eurostat.
  - 4.4 Meeting of the Task Force on Improving Migration Statistics by Using Household Surveys (4).
  - 4.5 Work session on Gender Statistics (6) to improve the quality of gender statistics and develop a set of indicators for monitoring gender-relevant policies.
  - 4.6 Workshop on Gender Statistics (4) to discuss measurement of gender equality.
  - 4.7 Work session on Crime Statistics (4), in collaboration with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Eurostat to improve comparability of crime statistics.
  - 4.8 Meetings of the Task Force on Time Use Surveys (8) to work towards harmonization of Time Use Surveys.
  - 4.9 Regional meeting on MDG indicators (4) to share good practices in the production and use of these indicators.

Documentation: Papers for intergovernmental meetings on social and demographic statistics (20 papers); Papers for the regional meeting on MDG indicators (2).

- (b) Publications and other information material
  - 4.10 Methodological material: Guidelines on the harmonization of time use surveys (1).
  - 4.11 Methodological material: Guidelines on the measurement of socio-economic conditions of migrants (1).
  - 4.12 Methodological material: Guidelines on improving migration statistics by using household surveys, administrative data, population censuses and other data sources (1).
  - 4.13 Statistical monograph: Principles of classifying crimes to improve international comparability of crime statistics (1).
  - 4.14 Statistical monograph: Set of indicators to measure key aspects of gender equality (1).
  - 4.15 Statistical standards and studies: Good practices in monitoring the MDGs (1).
- (c) Technical cooperation
  - 4.16 Enhancing key statistics and indicators to monitor progress towards the MDGs and other internationally agreed development goals (2010-2013), UN Development Account project of the 7<sup>th</sup> tranche for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-East Europe (see cluster 7).
  - 4.17 Strengthening statistical and inter-institutional capacities for monitoring the MDGs through inter-regional cooperation and knowledge-sharing (2011-2012), UN Development

Account project of the 7<sup>th</sup> tranche for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-East Europe (see cluster 7).

- 4.18 Strengthening statistics on international migration for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, with a special focus on the SPECA member countries (an externally funded project, see cluster 7).
- 4.19 Interregional cooperation to strengthen national capacities to measure progress in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, UN Development Account project of the 8<sup>th</sup> tranche for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (see cluster 7).
- 4.19 International monitoring and observation mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina to support its population and housing census (an advisory service, see cluster 7).

Cluster 5 Methodological work in environment and sustainable development statistics

Description of cluster	Expected accomplishments from this cluster
Work towards harmonization of approaches to measuring sustainable development improve environmental indicators of Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian countries, and support development of climate change related statistics in national statistical offices. The work results in methodological reports, practical guidelines, collections of leading practices and training materials. Provide Secretariat support to the Teams of Specialists working in the area.	Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable statistics

#### **Outputs/activities**

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
  - 5.1 Task Force on Measuring Sustainable Development (in collaboration with Eurostat and OECD) to finalize the report of the Task Force (3).
  - 5.2 Meetings of the Intersectoral Task Force on Environmental Indicators, in collaboration with ECE Environment Division to review methodologies and time series of selected environmental indicators (10, including 7 additional).
  - 5.3 Meetings of the Task Force on Climate Change Related Statistics (4 additional), subject to approval of the Conference, its Bureau and EXCOM.

Documentation: Papers for intergovernmental meetings on environment and sustainable development statistics and related areas (4).

- (b) Publications and other information material
  - 5.4 Statistical standards and studies: Report on Measuring Sustainable Development (1).
  - 5.5 Contribution to the work on climate change related statistics and a review of the current state and data needs of climate change related statistics (final output expected in the biennium 2014-2015) (2), subject to approval of the Conference, its Bureau and EXCOM.

#### (c) Technical cooperation

5.6 Strengthening statistical capacity of countries with economies in transition to assess progress in achieving the MDG on Environmental Sustainability and provide data on environmental vulnerabilities (2012-2013), UN Development Account project of the 7<sup>th</sup> tranche (see cluster 7).

# Cluster 6 Methodological work in cross-cutting issues of official statistics

Description of cluster Expected accomplishments from this cluster Develop and promote international standards, guidelines and Updated and newly recommendations to improve the processing and dissemination of developed standards, data in statistical organizations, particularly in the areas of methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally management of information systems, data editing, confidentiality, metadata, and dissemination and communication. Standardize comparable statistics electronic data interchange, in particular, develop and promote the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX). Promote good practices in human resources management in statistical offices. The work is done by analyzing the implementation of standards and guidelines and exchanging experience between countries. The work results in methodological and practical guidelines, collections of leading practices and training materials. Provide Secretariat support to the Teams of Specialists working in the area.

#### **Outputs/activities**

- (a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation
  - 6.1 Work session on Statistical Data Editing (5) to share ideas and good practices in the automation of data editing.
  - 6.2 Meeting on the Management of Statistical Information Systems (10) to facilitate the sharing of software, ideas and experience between statistical organizations.
  - 6.3 Work Session on Statistical Communication (10) to exchange best practices and prepare a new guide to improving statistical literacy.
  - 6.4 Work Session on Statistical Data Confidentiality (5) to share ideas and good practices in this field.
  - 6.5 Meeting of data collection experts (5 additional) to identify needs for further work towards common tools and methods in data collection.
  - 6.6 Workshop on Human Resources Management (5) to discuss recommendations on training of staff, implementation of e-learning and staff surveys in statistical offices.
  - 6.7 Meeting on Modernizing Statistical Production (5 additional), in collaboration with the Russian Federation, to encourage efficient and sustainable national statistical production systems.
  - 6.8 Work Session on Statistical Metadata (5) to further develop the Common Metadata Framework and the Generic Statistical Business Process Model.

Documentation: Papers for intergovernmental meetings on statistical information systems (10, including 3 additional).

- (b) Publications and other information material
  - 6.9 Statistical standards and studies: Guide on improving statistical literacy in the series of *Making data meaningful* (1).
  - 6.10 Annual sets of press releases, including articles in the *ECE Weekly* on the occasion of meetings and the issuance of publications (2).
  - 6.11 Maintenance of public electronic resources on the Internet for harmonizing statistical methodology, including wikis and knowledge bases, in the areas of statistical information systems, metadata, data editing, and the use of administrative and secondary data sources for official statistics (2).
  - 6.12 Contribution to data exchange with updated versions of the *UNECE Principles and Guidelines on Managing Statistical Confidentiality and Microdata Access*, including new and revised national case studies (2).
  - 6.13 Maintenance of the website and information on activities of the subprogramme (2).

#### (c) Technical cooperation

6.14 Streamlining statistical production to raise awareness of new statistical production tools and to offer solutions for improving production processes for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and South East Europe (externally funded project, see cluster 7).

Cluster 7
Capacity building to ECE member countries

Description of cluster (optional)	Expected accomplishments
	from this cluster
Ensure the production and dissemination of official statistics according to international standards and guidelines, including the advocacy for sound legal and institutional framework for national statistical systems in the South-East European and Eastern	Improved assistance in the implementation of international standards and good practices in official
European, Caucasus and Central Asian countries.	statistics, in particular in less advanced countries of
Support the implementation and coordinate the capacity building activities undertaken under the Statistics subprogramme described in the other clusters. Conduct Global Assessments of national statistical systems to provide a clear picture of the state of	the ECE region, including on gender-sensitive indicators
development of official statistics in the countries to help them programme development of statistics and enable planning of support based on the needs	

#### Outputs/activities

#### (a) Technical cooperation

Enhancing the capacity of national statistical systems to meet international standards and guidelines, in particular the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, by:

7.1 Consultations with management of national statistical offices in the form of Global Assessments at the request of countries in order to assess the national statistical system, in collaboration with Eurostat and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (2 assessments).

- 7.2 Capacity building workshops within externally funded projects (5) and within the framework of UN Development Account projects (4) as listed in the respective clusters 3-6.
- 7.3 Advisory services and consultations with experts in national statistical offices to address country specific needs at the request of the country (3).

# Annex I

# Legislative mandates

# A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

## 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	Title
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
57/274	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
59/250	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations System
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
61/4	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
61/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
61/210	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
62/79	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
62/137	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

# 2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	Title
1997/224	Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and Plan of Action
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

2006/14	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2006/38	Work plan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2007/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16
2007/33	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

# 3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

Res No.	Title
E/ECE/1434/Rev.1	Work Plan on ECE Reform
E/ECE/RW.2/2000/7	ECE Report from the Regional Preparatory Meeting on the 2000 Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, January 2000

# B. Legislative mandates specific to the sub-programme

## 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	Title
63/155	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women
64/132	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
65/170	International migration and development

## 2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	Title
2005/13	2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme
2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity
1993/5	1993 System of National Accounts

# 3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

Res No.	Title
C (47)	The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the Region of

	the Economic Commission of Europe
A (64)	The work of the Economic Commission for Europe

## 4. United Nations Statistical Commission decisions

Res No.	Title	
38/111	Statistical capacity-building	
39/111	Collection and dissemination of statistics	
39/112	Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata	
39/114	Development indicators	
40/105	National accounts (the 2008 System of National Accounts)	
40/110	Gender statistics (measuring violence against women)	
41/106	National accounts (regional strategies for implementation)	
42/102	Gender statistics (gender equality)	
42/107	Short-term economic indicators	
42/111	Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	

# **Annex II**

# Biennial Evaluation plan for the Statistics subprogramme (2012-2013)

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013 <sup>1</sup>	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
EA (a) Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work through coordination among international organizations and elimination of overlaps and gaps	1. Coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region	EA 1. Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work through coordination among international organizations and elimination of overlaps and gaps
IA (a) (i) Number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities to the Database of International Statistical Activities maintained by ECE and regularly reviewed by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians		IA 1. (i) Number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities to the Database of International Statistical Activities maintained by ECE and regularly reviewed by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: 27 organizations Estimate 2010-2011: 26 organizations Target 2012-2013: 27 organizations		2008-2009: 27 organizations Estimate 2010-2011: 26 organizations Target 2012-2013: 27 organizations
IA (a) (ii) Number of statistical areas reviewed in-depth by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians		IA 1. (ii) Number of statistical areas reviewed in-depth by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 5 areas Target 2012-2013: 5 areas		2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 5 areas Target 2012-2013: 5 areas
EA (b) Improved availability in the ECE database of reliable, timely and comparable statistics, including gender disaggregated data for all countries in the ECE region	2. UNECE Statistical Database	EA 2. Improved availability in the ECE database of reliable, timely and comparable statistics, including gender disaggregated data for all countries in the ECE region
IA (b) (i) Increased number of statistical data time series available in the ECE database		IA 2. (i) Increased number of statistical data time series available in the ECE database

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 2010-2011 estimates and the 2012-2013 targets of the indicators of achievement of the strategic framework were adjusted after the actual data on the indicators of achievement were collected at the end of 2011.

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013 <sup>1</sup>	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 150 time series Target 2012-2013: 155 time series		2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 150 time series Target 2012-2013: 155 time series
IA (b) (ii) Percentage of users that express, through user surveys, satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database		IA 2. (ii) Percentage of users that express satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: 84 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 80 per cent Target 2012-2013: 80 per cent		2008-2009: 84 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 80 per cent Target 2012-2013: 80 per cent
EA (c) Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable statistics	3. Methodological work in economic statistics	EA 3. Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable economic statistics
IA (c) (i) Number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations to which ECE has contributed in substance		IA 3. (i) Number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations in the field of economic statistics to which ECE has contributed in substance
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: 6 new or revised standards/ recommendations Estimate 2010-2011: 6 new standards/ recommendations		2008-2009: 2 Estimate 2010-2011: 2 Target 2012-2013: 1
Target 2012-2013: 6 new standards/ recommendations  IA (c) (ii) Number of statistical areas		IA 3. (ii) The number of statistical areas (according to the Database of International Statistical Activities classification) related to economic statistics in which the UNECE
(according to the Database of International		undertakes substantive methodological work
Statistical Activities classification) in which ECE undertakes substantive methodological		Performance measures:
work		2008-2009: 6 statistical areas Estimate 2010-2011: 6 statistical areas
Performance measures:		Target 2012-2013: 6 statistical areas
2008-2009: 28 areas Estimate 2010-2011: 27 areas Target 2012-2013: 27 areas	4. Methodological work in social and demographic statistics	EA 4. Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable social and demographic statistics
		IA 4. (i) Number of new or revised

IA 4. (i) Number of new or revised

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013 <sup>1</sup>	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
		international statistical standards and recommendations in the field of social and demographic statistics to which ECE has contributed in substance
		Performance measures:
		2008-2009: 2 Estimate 2010-2011: 2 Target 2012-2013: 3
		IA 4. (ii) The number of statistical areas (according to the Database of International Statistical Activities classification) related to social and demographic statistics in which th UNECE undertakes substantive methodological work
		Performance measures:
		Baseline 2009: 9 statistical areas Estimate 2010-2011: 9 statistical areas Target 2012-2013: 8 statistical areas
	5. Methodological work in environment and sustainable development statistics	EA 5. Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable statistics in the field of environment and sustainable development
		IA 5. (i) Number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations on measuring environment and sustainable development to which ECE has contributed in substance
		Performance measures:
		2008-2009: 1 Estimate 2010-2011: 1 Target 2012-2013: 1
		IA 5. (ii) The number of statistical areas (according to the Database of International Statistical Activities classification) related to measuring environment and sustainable development in which the UNECE undertakes substantive methodological work

Performance measures:

Baseline 2009: 2 statistical areas Estimate 2010-2011: 2 statistical areas

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013 <sup>1</sup>	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
		Target 2012-2013: 3 statistical areas
	6. Methodological work in cross-cutting issues of official statistics	EA 6. Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices for ensuring internationally comparable statistics on cross-cutting issues of official statistics
		IA 6. (i) Number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations in cross-cutting issues of official statistics to which ECE has contributed in substance
		Performance measures:
		2008-2009: 1 Estimate 2010-2011: 1 Target 2012-2013: 1
		IA 6. (ii) The number of statistical areas (according to the Database of International Statistical Activities classification) related to cross-cutting issues of official statistics in which the UNECE undertakes substantive methodological work
		Performance measures:
		Baseline 2009: 11 statistical areas Estimate 2010-2011: 10 statistical areas Target 2012-2013: 10 statistical areas
EA (d) Improved assistance in the implementation of international standards and good practices in official statistics, in particular in less advanced countries of the ECE region, including on gender-sensitive indicators	7. Capacity building to ECE member countries	EA 7. Improved assistance in the
IA (d) (i) Number of statistical areas for which technical assistance and advisory services were provided		IA 7. (i) Number of statistical areas for which technical assistance and advisory services were provided
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 10 areas Target 2012-2013: 11 areas		2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 10 areas Target 2012-2013: 11 areas
IA (d) (ii) Increased percentage of national experts that express, through evaluation questionnaires, satisfaction with the relevance		IA 7. (ii) Increased percentage of national experts that express, through evaluation questionnaires, satisfaction with the relevance

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Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement of the Strategic Framework 2012-2013 <sup>1</sup>	Title of the cluster of activities	Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012-2013
and quality of the ECE advisory services, training courses, and workshops		and quality of the ECE advisory services, training courses, and workshops
Performance measures:		Performance measures:
2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 75 per cent Target 2012-2013: 80 per cent		2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 75 per cent Target 2012-2013: 80 per cent