

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

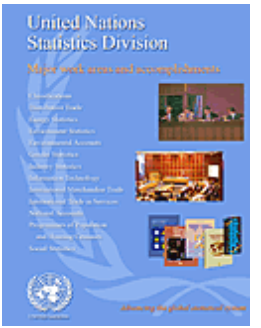
- | Economic Statistics
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- | Environment & Energy Statistics
- | Development of National Statistical Systems
- | Millennium Development Goals
- | Geographic Information

**OUR COMMITMENTS**

- | Principles Governing International Statistical Activities
- | Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

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- | Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)
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Advancing the Global Statistical System-  
UNSD's major work areas and accomplishments

**MDG Report 2007**



Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched the much-

The Statistics Division is committed to the advancement of the global statistical system. We compile and disseminate global statistical information, develop standards and norms for statistical activities, and support countries' efforts to strengthen their national statistical systems. We facilitate the coordination of international statistical activities and support the functioning of the UN Statistical Commission as the apex entity of the global statistical system. For more, see [About us](#).

**UNdata** Bringing Information to the World [Overview..](#)  
A world of information

The United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) has launched a new internet-based data service for the global user community.

It brings UN statistical databases within easy reach of users through a single entry point. Users can search and download a variety of statistical resources of the UN system. [enter..](#)

Data Search

**UN Statistical Commission**

The [UN Statistical Commission](#) is the apex entity of the global statistical system. It considers and approves international statistical standards and programmes to address emerging issues. The [Thirty-ninth session of the Commission](#) was held from 26 to 29 February 2008 at UN Headquarters in New York. [more..](#)

**Statement on Programme Issues by Dr. Paul Cheung, Director of the UN Statistics Division to the 39th Session**

**Seminar on New Directions in Social Statistics**  
Conference Room 4  
22 February 9:30 am - 1 pm, 2-5:30 pm

This seminar reflected on the development and challenges of social statistics, an opportunity for many chief statisticians to share experiences on developing a programme of work on social statistics. [more..](#)

**High Level Forum on Official Statistics**  
Relevance, Integrity, Innovation: Are Official Statistics Measuring up?  
Conference Room 3  
25 February 3-6 pm

This year's *Forum* featured a high level panel composed of users and producers of statistics, who provided their views on the relevance, integrity and innovation of "official statistics", including how they measure up to the needs and demands of the national and international statistical community. [more..](#)

**Briefing on the recently released Results from the 2005 International Comparison Programme**  
Conference Room 3  
26 February, 2:05-2:55 pm

The presentation provided the results of the comparison of the size of national economies using up-to-date estimates of purchasing power parities. It also highlighted the main statistical findings from the latest ICP round. [more..](#)

**Seminar on Use of Administrative Data Sources in Statistics**  
Conference Room 3  
27 February 1:45-2:45 pm

This seminar provided an overview of the register-based statistical system, review of best practices in support of the use of administrative data in statistics. [more..](#)

**2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme**  
UNSD  
Conference Room 3  
28 February 1:45-2:45 pm

The Seminar presented two recent African countries experience in censuses: Ethiopia and Mozambique. In addition, the session provided an opportunity for an international discussion and sharing of knowledge on census practices. [more..](#)

The 4-day exhibition focused on statistical development in Africa.

**UNSD Calendar of Events**

HIGHLIGHTS, MAJOR INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES  
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April 2008

[UN Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft Handbook on Geographic Databases and Census Mapping](#)

New York  
7-10 April 2008

**Conference on Climate Change and Official Statistics**

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the World Bank and Statistics Norway, will convene an international conference on climate change and official statistics on 14-16 April 2008 [more...](#)

[Opening Statement by Dr. Paul Cheung, Director of the UN Statistics Division](#)

Mr. Trevor Andrew Manuel, Minister of Finance of South Africa presenting a trophy to

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) for championing statistical development in Africa. [more..](#)

**IAOS 2008**  
International Association for Official Statistics Conference  
Shanghai, October 14-16, 2008

This joint IAOS/ SCORUS conference hosted by National Bureau of Statistics of China in Shanghai will discuss the subject of Smart Data, Innovative Uses Reshaping Official Statistics. [more...](#)

**2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme**

The website of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

anticipated [Millennium Development Goals Report 2007](#) at the opening of the Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) 2007 substantive session in Geneva on Monday 2 July 2007. [more..](#)

### [MDG Progress Chart 2007](#)



Millennium Development Goals: 2007 Progress Chart

The Millennium Declaration established 2015 as the target date for achieving most of the MDGs, with 1990 generally used as a baseline. The [Chart](#) shows progress as of June 2007, based on data for selected indicators in each of the eight Goals. [more..](#)

## Development in Africa

26-29 February  
1B Neck Exhibition Area  
(by the Viennese Cafe)

Statistical publications including books, posters, brochures, and CDs as well as promotional material on statistical activities in African countries.

facilitates the international exchange and sharing of knowledge and information on census taking, as well as provision of guidance to countries, and monitoring progress on the implementation of the Programme. [more....](#)

### LATEST PUBLICATIONS



Industrial Commodity  
Statistics Yearbook 2004



World Statistics  
Pocketbook



Energy Statistics  
Yearbook 2004



Technical reference manual  
for the standardization  
of geographical names

[UNSD Questionnaires](#)  
or Data Requests  
to be sent to countries  
(2008 Calendar)