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**Welcome to DISA !**

## Database of International Statistical Activities

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**DISA: Compendium of information on the  
statistical work carried out by international  
organizations in the UNECE region**



<http://unece.unog.ch/disa/>

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## **BACKGROUND**

- ❖ **DISA started, in 1993, as an Integrated Presentation of the work of the three major agencies active in statistics in Europe: UNECE, Eurostat and OECD**
- ❖ **Currently incorporates the statistical programmes of more than 30 international agencies that have impact on statistical work in the UNECE region**
- ❖ **Eurostat, OECD, UN Statistics Division, ILO, IMF, World Bank, UNICEF, FAO, WHO – some examples**

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## **DATABASE FORMAT**

- ❖ **In 2004 converted into a database format: Database of International Statistical activities (DISA)**
- ❖ **Available on the web at:**  
<http://unece.unog.ch/disa>
- ❖ **A survey conducted in 2005 – countries considered the database to be a useful reference material**

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## **PURPOSE**

- ❖ **Set up with the aim of increasing efficiency and eliminating duplication of work undertaken by the international organizations in the region**
- ❖ **A unique database that has been crucial in achieving the key mission and responsibility of the Conference – to coordinate the statistically related work undertaken in the UNECE region**



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## **PURPOSE (cont'd)**

- ❖ **A tool for the Conference to carry out its mandate as agreed in 1991 and confirmed in 2002, namely:**
  - **Improve national statistics and their international comparability**
  - **Promote close coordination of the statistical activities in Europe of international organizations**
  - **Respond to any emerging need for international statistical cooperation arising out of transition, integration and other processes of cooperation both within the UNECE region and between the UNECE region and other regions**

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## **USE OF DISA FOR IN-DEPTH REVIEWS**



- ❖ **DISA - a helpful information hub when the in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas by the CES Bureau are prepared**
- ❖ **In-depth reviews - important activity in coordinating the international statistical activities and in addressing emerging issues in statistics**
- ❖ **The topic of the reviews are selected based on the following criteria:**
  - ♦ **significant developments in that area**
  - ♦ **coordination action is needed**
  - ♦ **lack of activities at the international level**

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## **UPDATING PROCEDURE**



- ❖ **Forward looking, concentrating on future work rather than past achievements**
- ❖ **Updated on an annual basis**
- ❖ **Each year IOs are contacted and asked to submit their statistical programs for the next year**
- ❖ **Information is collated, classified and checked for consistency**
- ❖ **Possibility for remote updating**

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## **CURRENT STRUCTURE**

- ❖ **The statistical activities are divided into 5 main subject areas:**
  - Demographic and social statistics
  - Economic statistics
  - Environment and multi-domain statistics
  - Methodology of data collection, processing dissemination and analysis
  - Strategic and managerial issues of official statistics
- ❖ **These are further refined and categorised under 55 sub-headings according to a classification adopted by the Bureau in October 2005**



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## **CURRENT STRUCTURE (cont'd)**

- ❖ **Under each statistical sub-heading the activities are organised under three main components:**
  - Description of ongoing work
  - Key priorities
  - Outputs and new work



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## **INFORMATION ABOUT MEETINGS**

- ❖ **DISA provides information on the meetings planned by the IOs in the UNECE region**
- ❖ **The information includes:**
  - **Subject of the meeting or the conference**
  - **Name of the organiser**
  - **Dates and venue**



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## **FUNCTIONALITY**

- ❖ **DISA is easy to use**
- ❖ **Various possibilities to browse according to:**
  - **Statistical domains/areas**
  - **International organizations**
  - **Meetings by date**
- ❖ **The user can search for information through the years, starting from 2003 to 2008**

## Search function by international organizations



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**DISA** Browse by organization (edition 2008)

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All users (Browse)  
by stat. domain/area  
by organization  
meetings (by date...)

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See also:  
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Year  
2008  
2007  
2006  
2005 (new structure)  
2005  
2004  
2003

- Organisations (Collapse All)
- Eurostat- Statistical Office of the European Union
- OECD- Organisation for Econ. Co-operation and Develop.
- OECD ECNT- European Conference of Ministers of Transport
- UNECE (STAT)(Statistics)
- UNECE (PAU)(Population Analysis)
- UNECE (TRANS)(Transport)
- UNECE (TIM)(Timber)
- CIS-STAT- Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS
- EEB- European Central Bank
- EEA- European Environment Agency
- EFPA- European Free Trade Association
- FAO- UN Food and Agriculture Organisation
- ILO- International Labour Organisation
- IMF- International Monetary Fund
- IDM- International Organisation for Migration
- ITF on International Trade in Services- ITF on Stat. on International Trade in Services
- ITU- International Telecommunication Union
- IWG- Price Statistics- Intersec. Working Group on Price Statistics
- London Group on Environmental Accounting
- Paris 21 Partnership in Stat. for Dev. in the 21st Century
- UN Population Division- UN Population Division
- UN Statistics Division- United Nations Statistical Division
- UNCTAD- UN Conference on Trade and Development
- UNESCO- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Org.
- UNHCR- UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF- UN International Children's Emergency Fund
- UNICEF-CEE/CIS
- UNIDO- UN Industrial Development Organisation
- UNODC- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

## Search function by statistical areas



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- Subject area (Collapse All)
- 1. Demographic and social statistics
- 2. Economic statistics
  - All areas within this domain (2008)
  - 2.1 Macroeconomic statistics (2008)
  - 2.2 Economic accounts (2008)
  - 2.3 Business statistics (2008)
  - 2.4 Sectoral statistics (2008)
  - 2.4.1 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries (2008)
  - 2.4.2 Energy (2008)
  - 2.4.3 Mining, manufacturing, construction (2008)
  - 2.4.4 Transport (2008)
  - 2.4.5 Tourism (2008)
  - 2.4.6 Banking, insurance, financial statistics (2008)
  - 2.5 Government finance, fiscal and public sector statistics (2008)
  - 2.6 International trade and balance of payments (2008)
  - 2.7 Prices (2008)
  - 2.8 Labour cost (2008)
  - 2.9 Science and technology (2008)
- 3. Environment and multi-domain statistics
- 4. Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis
- 5. Strategic and managerial issues of official statistics

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DISA website. The page title is "Search function by meetings". The browser address bar shows "http://unece.unog.ch/disa/dsaexplorer\_meeting.asp?Year=2008". The website header includes the UN logo and the text "brought to you by the UNECE". The main content area is titled "Meetings (2008)" and contains a list of meetings with expandable options. The list includes:

- Meetings (Collapse All)
- All (long list; may take some time to load)
- By date
- By organizer
  - EFA - European Environment Agency
  - Eurostat - Statistical Office of the European Union
  - ILO - International Labour Organization
  - ITF on International Trade in Services - ITF on Stat. on International Trade in Services
  - UNCTAD - UN Conference on Trade and Development
  - UNECE (STAT) (Statistics)
  - Voorburg Group on Services Statistics
  - WHO - Euro - World Health Org. - Reg. Office for Europe
  - World Tourism Organisation
  - World Trade Organisation
- By subject area
  - 1. Demographic and social statistics
  - 2. Economic statistics
  - 3. Environment and multi-domain statistics
    - 3.1 Environment (2008)
    - 3.2 Regional and small area statistics (2008)
    - 3.3.1 Living conditions, poverty and cross-cutting social issues (2008)
    - 3.3.2 Gender and special population groups (2008)
    - 3.3.3 Information society (2008)
    - 3.3.6 Sustainable development (2008)
  - 4. Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis
  - 5. Strategic and managerial issues of official statistics

## REMOTE UPDATING

- ❖ A feature that allows the contributing organizations to update the information on their statistical activities in the database directly via Internet
- ❖ Each organization is given a password that allows changing the information only on the activities related to its work
- ❖ The feature is particularly useful for correcting information about meetings during the course of the year

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## EXAMPLE OF DISA OUTPUT

3.3.6	Title	<b>Sustainable development (edition 2008)</b>
3.3.6	Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Sustainable development indicators (Luxembourg, 7 - 8 April 2008)</li> <li>• <b>Eurostat</b> : Sustainable development indicators (Luxembourg, 30 - 31 October 2008)</li> <li>• <b>UNECE</b> : Fifth meeting of the Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD Working Group on Sustainable Development (Lisbonne, 5 - 6 March 2008)</li> </ul>
3.3.6	UNECE	<p><b>Sustainable development statistics</b> (<i>Activity 7.6 of the 2008 UNECE Statistical Programme</i>)</p> <p><b>Summary description</b> Secretariat support to the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development (WGSSD) and its Steering Committee. The aim of the WGSSD is to identify good practices to assist national governments and international organizations in developing official statistics and designing indicator sets in the area of sustainable development. The UNECE secretariat ensures linking the work of the Group with the CES and its Bureau, and that the work on sustainable development statistics remains within the framework of official statistics as much as possible.</p> <p><b>Purpose</b> Producing a report on a broad conceptual framework for measuring sustainable development including some best practices to assist national governments and international organizations in the design of sustainable development indicator sets and in the development of official statistics in the area.</p> <p><b>Output expected at the end of 2008</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the Eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee in spring 2008;</li> <li>• Preparation of the Fifth Meeting of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat WGSSD in spring 2008;</li> <li>• Contribution to the preparation of the progress reports of the WGSSD to the CES Bureau and the OECD Annual Meeting of Sustainable Development Experts;</li> <li>• Contribution to the interim report of the WGSSD that will be available by spring 2008 followed by a report to be presented for discussions and endorsement at the CES plenary session in June 2008.</li> </ul> <p>Maintenance of the UNECE website of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat WGSSD, including the password protected website of the Steering Committee.</p>



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## EXAMPLE OF DISA OUTPUT ON MEETINGS

Meetings in the field of Tourism (2.4.5, edition 2008):		
Venue & Dates	Organiser(s)	Title & Agenda
<b>Antigua, Guatemala</b> 3 Mar 2008 - 7 Mar 2008	World Tourism Organisation	Iberoamerican Encounter on the measurement and analysis of tourism
<b>Madrid</b> 13 Mar 2008 - 14 Mar 2008	World Tourism Organisation	UNWTO Committee on Statistics and Macroeconomic Analysis of Tourism
<b>Vienna</b> 1 Apr 2008 - 4 Apr 2008	World Tourism Organisation	Capacity-building Programme on Tourism Statistics for Europe
<b>Luxembourg</b> 21 Apr 2008 - 22 Apr 2008	Eurostat	Tourism statistics
<b>Malaga</b> <i>Jan 2008 (tentative)</i>	World Tourism Organisation	Conferencia Internacional: "El conocimiento como valor diferencial de los destinos turisticos"
<b>Cebu, Philippines</b> <i>Jan 2008 (tentative)</i>	World Tourism Organisation	Workshop on Tourism Statistics and TSA