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Activities not classified by field: programme questions

Expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the United Nations Statistics Division in 2003

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Expert group meetings

1. Expert group meetings will be held in New York for the following themes:
 - Review of the draft handbook on intercensal household demographic and social survey methods;
 - Review of the progress of work on the 2007 revisions of the international standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities and the Central Product Classifications;
 - Setting the scope: systematic development of social statistics;
 - Review of the publication of the Demographic Yearbook and related disseminate activities;
 - Technical sub-group meeting on Classifications;
 - Vital statistics and collection of fertility and mortality data in Africa.

Workshops

2. Workshops will be held on the following themes:
 - Classifications (ESCWA)

- Classifications: analysis of special needs of economic groups, such as association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR) and Southern African Development Community (SADC);
- Implementation of the System of National Accounts in Africa;
- Revised United Nations concept and definitions for international merchandise trade statistics and the compilers manual (ECA – one workshop for French-speaking countries);
- Energy Statistics (ESCWA);
- Implementation of the System of National Accounts (ESCWA);
- Compiling international migration statistics;
- Developing national capacities for monitoring health and demographic millennium development indicators and goals in Africa.