CIS-STAT- Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States

1.1 Population and migration

Demographic Statistics

Ongoing work:
• Collection, processing, analysis and publication of demographic statistics in accordance with the list of indicators agreed upon with national statistical services.
• Preparation and publication of analytical materials on the demographic situation in the CIS countries.

Results of Population Censuses

Ongoing work:
• Conduct of a regular meeting of the Coordinating Council on Preparation for the 2010 Round of Population Censuses in the CIS Countries. Informing on the results of censuses.

New Activities:
• Preparation of methodological principals on the analysis of the population census data and data of the current population statistics as well as on the utilization of the census and current population statistics data during the inter-census period.

1.2 Labour

Ongoing work:

• CIS-STAT will continue to collect, process, analyse and disseminate data on employment, unemployment, wages and salaries.
• It is intended to prepare a review (report) entitled "The Labour Market in the CIS countries".

New Activities:

• Preparation of a review entitled " Practice of calculation and analysis of labour cost index" (2010).

1.3 Education

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data provided by national statistical services as part of the interstate exchange of information on education.
• Preparation of the annual report entitled " Education in the Commonwealth Countries".
• It is envisaged to render consultative services to national statistical services on the problems of education statistics organization in the countries of the COmmonwealth.

1.4 Health

Public Health Care

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data provided by national statistical services of the Commonwealth countries illustrating public health care.
• Preparation and publication of analytic materials, in particular, a review "On morbidity, disablement and mortality of population in the Commonwealth countries".

1.5 Income and consumption

Household Income and Expenditure

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of quarterly and annual data provided by national statistical services on the level and structure of household money income and consumer expenditure, the minimum consumer budget (minimum subsistence level) for countries where this indicator is used to measure living standards of population, and breakdown of population by size of average per capita income (expenditure) and make annual estimates of the level and structure of food products consumption and calorie count and composition of nutrients in consumed products.
• Preparation of reports on welfare standards and nutrition of population in the Commonwealth countries.
• It is envisaged to provide advisory services to national statistical services on the organisation of household income, expenditure and consumption statistics in the Commonwealth countries.
• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data on money
income and expenditure of the population of the Commonwealth countries in the period 2010-2011 - quarterly and annually.

New activities:

In 2010 it is envisaged to prepare a review on consolidation of the practice of the household budget surveys conduct in the Commonwealth countries.

1.6 Social protection

Social Welfare

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data provided by national statistical services illustrating social protection and pension security, and information on the numbers of disabled persons in the Commonwealth countries.
• Preparation of annual reports on the numbers of pensioners and pension security in the Commonwealth countries.
• It is envisaged to provide advisory services to national statistical services on the organisation of social security statistics in the Commonwealth countries.

1.3 1.7 Human settlements and housing

Housing Conditions

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of the data on housing conditions of population in the CIS countries provided by national statistical services.
• Preparation of annual report "Dwelling stock and housing conditions of population in the Commonwealth countries".
• It is envisaged to provide advisory services to national statistical services on the organisation of statistical observation of living conditions of population.

1.8 Justice and crime

Crime and Convictions

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data provided by national statistical services of the Commonwealth countries illustrating crime and convictions in these countries.
• Preparation of quarterly reports on the state of criminality in the Commonwealth countries.
• It is envisaged to provide advisory services to national statistical services on the organisation of crime and conviction statistics in the Commonwealth countries.

1.9 Culture

Culture and Arts

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data provided by national statistical services as part of the interstate exchange of information on culture and the arts.
• Annual preparation of analytical material illustrating selected data on culture and the arts in the Commonwealth countries.
• It is intended to provide advisory services to national statistical services on the organization of culture statistics in the Commonwealth countries.

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2. Economic statistics (CIS-STAT)

2.2 Economic accounts

National Accounts

Ongoing work:

Implementation of the System of National Accounts in the accounting practice of the CIS countries in 2010:
• Collection, analysis and dissemination of data on the key macroeconomic indicators developed on the basis of 1993 SNA concepts.
• Preparation of an abstract (Russian-English) characterizing indicators of the System of National Accounts of the CIS countries, and analytical report on main trends in production and use of gross domestic product in the Commonwealth countries.
• Advisory assistance to the CIS countries in refining methods of defining and reflecting economic processes and phenomena of relevance to the CIS countries in their national accounts.
New activities:
• Recommendations on the implementation of SNA-2008 provisions concerning the treatment of financial intermediary services indirectly measured.
• Improvement of selected aspects of gross regional product calculation methodology.

2.3 Business statistics

Distributive Trade

Ongoing work:

In the distributive trade over the period 2010-2011:

Monthly collection, processing, analysis and publication of data:

- on volumes of retail trade turnover through all sales channels (for trading organisations and the informal sector, in current prices);
- on volume changes in trade turnover (in current and constant prices);
- on prices for selected kinds of consumer goods at trade enterprises of the capitals of the Commonwealth countries.

Quarterly data:

- on volumes of retail trade turnover by small size enterprises (in current prices).

Half yearly data:

- on volumes of retail trade turnover by form of ownership (in current prices);

Yearly data:

- on the structure of sales of food and non-food goods in value terms in current prices and indicators of sales in quantity;
- statistics on the intermediary activities of various specialized exchanges (goods, raw materials, stocks and shares, currencies, etc);
- availability to the public in the CIS countries of selected consumer durables;
- sales of alcoholic beverages per capita.
- Preparation of economic reports on institutional changes in the distributive trade and marketed services sector, on the situation in the consumer market for goods in the CIS countries, on the structure of retail trade turnover in the CIS countries, on comparative prices for selected goods in the capitals of the Commonwealth countries.

Business Statistics

Ongoing work:
• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of quarterly and yearly data in 2010-2011 on profits of enterprises and organizations and the settlement situation of enterprises and organizations, both domestically and with other countries of the Commonwealth.

Market Services

Ongoing work:

In the field of market services for the period 2010-2011 it is envisaged to collect, process and publish:

Monthly data:

- on the supply of market services, including personal services rendered to population through all channels of sales, in current prices;
- on changes in the supply of market services to population, in current and constant prices.

Quarterly data:

- on the supply of market services to population by form of ownership and for small size enterprises, in current prices.

Half yearly data:

- on the supply of market services to population by small size enterprises, in current prices.

Yearly data:

- on the structure of services in value terms (in current prices) and in quantity of sales.
- Preparation of annual economic reports on the situation at the consumer market of market services to population in the Commonwealth countries.

New activities:

In 2010 it is envisaged to conduct a seminar on organization of statistical observation of retail trade turnover and computation of its volume index by selected commodity groups in accordance with the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP).

Industry Statistics

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing and publication of data on industry in CIS countries:
1. Monthly: output of the main types of industrial products in quantity, industrial output in current prices, and indices of industrial output (in constant prices);
1. Yearly: output of the main types of industrial products by product category; forecasts of output of rolled ferrous metal products, cotton fibres, extraction and production of the main types of fuel and energy resources.
• Preparation of analytical reports on the situation and development of selected industrial branches.

2.4.1 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries

Agricultural Statistics

Ongoing work:

- Collection, processing, analysis and publication of data on agriculture in the Commonwealth countries:
- Monthly: output of selected types of livestock products. Area under agricultural crops for the yield of the current year (3 times a year); progress of agricultural crops harvesting (5 times a year).
- Quarterly: agricultural output (in current prices) and indices of agricultural output (in constant prices) , numbers of livestock.
- Yearly: availability and distribution of agricultural lands by categories of land users; gross harvests and crop yields calculated in accordance with FAO recommendations; sales of principal agricultural products; products source and use tables; per capita consumption of main food products; number of peasant (individual farmers') holdings and associated land and their output of principal agricultural products; forecasts of cereals production.
- Development of methodological principles of calculation of key indicators of agriculture.
- Preparation of analytical reports on the situation and development of agriculture.
- Publication of statistical abstract "Agriculture in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States".

2.4.2 Energy

Electricity Statistics

Ongoing work:

Collection, processing and publication of data:

- Monthly: on the production of electric energy;
- Yearly: on the production of electric energy by kind of power stations; the electric-power balance of individual Commonwealth countries; forecasts of electric energy production.

2.4.4 Transport

Ongoing work

- Collection, processing, analysis and publication of transport data for the Commonwealth countries:
- Monthly: carriage of goods and passengers, cargo and passenger volumes for all modes of transport, and freight carried on main railway lines by cargo type.
- Yearly: availability of units of rolling stock by purpose, length of railway lines in operation by category (as of the end of the year).
- Preparation of analytical reports on the operation of transport.

2.4.5 Tourism

Ongoing work:

In statistical study of tourism over the period 2010:
• Collection, processing, and publication of data on tourism between the Commonwealth countries.
• Preparation of a questionnaire "Statistics of Tourism in the CIS Countries" with its further consolidation.
• Preparation of analytic reports on international tourism in selected CIS countries.
New activities:
• It is envisaged to conduct a seminar on tourism statistics jointly with the UNSD.
• Distribution of the material prepared on the basis of the replies of CIS statistical services to the questionnaire "Statistics of Tourism in the CIS Countries" developed by CIS-STAT"

2.4.6 Banking, insurance, financial statistics

Financial Statistics

Ongoing work:

Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data over the period 2010-2011 (monthly, quarterly, yearly):
• Banking statistics (credit extended, deposits of population, emission of money, interest rates on credits, credit indebtedness, investments, securities and the currency market).
• Statistics relating to insurance activity.
• Assistance to Commonwealth countries in improving financial statistics, including the formulation of proposals to improve statistical reporting, adaptation of international standards in statistics relating to money in circulation and credit to national circumstances in the organisation of statistics in these countries, and formulation of recommendations on the application of new methods and standards.

2.5 Government finance, fiscal and public sector statistics

State Budget Income and Expenditure

Ongoing work:

Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data on State budget income and expenditure in the Commonwealth countries over the period 2010-2011 (quarterly and yearly).
• Preparation of analytical reports on financial situation in the Commonwealth countries.
• Assistance to the Commonwealth countries in improving financial statistics, including the formulation of proposals to improve statistical reporting and adapt international standards (especially in government finance statistics) to national circumstances in the organisation of statistics in these countries.

2.6 International trade and balance of payments

Foreign Trade Statistics

Ongoing work:

In foreign trade in goods over the period 2010-2011:

- Monthly collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data:

- on volumes of exports and imports, foreign trade balance as a whole with a breakdown by CIS countries and rest of the world countries (in current prices);
- on exports and imports of most important commodities in quantity as a whole with a breakdown by CIS countries and rest of the world countries.

- Quarterly and yearly data:

- ratio of exports to imports;
- share of the CIS countries and rest of the world countries in total volume of exports and imports transactions;
- share of selected countries of the Commonwealth in total volume of intra trade;
- share of selected countries of the Commonwealth in total volume of exports and imports transactions with the rest of the world countries;
- exports and imports transactions of the Eurasian Economic Community;
- exports of selected commodities of the Commonwealth countries;
- imports of selected commodities of the Commonwealth countries;
- average export prices for main commodities in the Commonwealth countries;
- average import prices for main commodities in the Commonwealth countries.
- geographic structure of exports (imports) of commodities.
- commodity structure of exports (imports):
    - total;
    - in trade with CIS countries;

    - in trade with the rest of the world countries;

- production, exports, imports and "visible" consumption of selected kinds of products of the CIS countries;
- Preparation of analytical reports characterizing foreign trade of the Commonwealth countries with the CIS countries, rest of the world countries and countries of the Eurasian Economic Community.
- Preparation of abstracts (Russian-English) characterizing foreign trade of the Commonwealth countries with singling out interregional amalgamations.
- CIS-STAT will continue making forecasts of production, imports and exports and "visible consumption" of most important kinds of products by countries of the Commonwealth. Over the period 2010-2011, the nomenclature of products covered in the forecasts will be broadened in comparison with the previous years.
- Provision of advisory and methodological assistance in statistics of foreign trade to national statistical services.

New activities:

• Updating of the classification of currencies on the basis of the currency codes of the Technical Committee of the International Organization on Standardization.
• Recommendations on calculation of average prices and price indices of foreign trade with the account of international practice.

Trade in Services

Ongoing work:

On international trade in services over the period 2010-2011:
• collection of information from national statistical services on exports and imports of services in value terms by partner countries and kinds of services;
• publication of data on trade in services of the CIS countries by main kinds of services and trade partners;
• provision of methodological assistance in the statistical study of international trade in services;
• preparation of analytical reports on exports (imports) of services in selected Commonwealth countries.

New activities:

• In 2010 preparation of explanations to the classification of services in external economic activities concerning services of production character.

2.7 Prices

Price Statistics

Ongoing work:
CIS-STAT collects and processes data on producer price indices, tariffs for goods transport and consumer price indices:

- monthly: producer price indices for the main branches of industry and consumer price indices.
- yearly: indices of prices for agricultural products sold by farms of all categories, aggregate indices of prices in the construction industry, including prices for assembly work, and indices of tariffs for goods transport both for the transport industry generally and for individual modes of transport (for the Commonwealth countries which keep such records).
- Preparation of recommendations on the calculation of producer price indices (in accordance with international standards);

On 23 November 2009, in Moscow, at the Meeting of The Council of Heads of Statistical Services of CIS it was recommended to the national statistical services to participate in the new Global round of international comparisons of Gross Domestic Product (ICP) for the data of 2011. CIS-STAT was entrusted with the execution of the functions of regional coordinator for the conduct of ICP in the CIS region. It is envisaged to send to the Global Office of ICP by the end of 2009 the schedule of works on ICP conduct in the CIS region, the draft Memorandum of Understanding between CIS-STAT and the World Bank, as well as proposals on the list of main commodities-representatives for the formation of the global single list.

New activities:

Envisaged for 2010 are:
• Coordination of the schedule of the work on the conduct of ICP in the CIS region in the framework of the Global 2011 round of ICP.
• Adaptation of methodological materials on international comparisons for the countries of CIS region;
• Adjustment of classification of GDP expenditures;
• Updating of the lists of consumer and investment commodities (services)-representatives and the lists of construction objects;
• Coordination of the list of main commodities-representatives for the formation of the global single list;
• Meetings of the specialists of the CIS national statistical services on coordination of adjusted lists of commodities (services)-representatives the list of construction objects for the conduct of international comparison of GDP of the CIS countries for 2011 in the framework of the global round of the programme of international comparisons.

2.8 Labour cost

Labour cost, wages and salaries

• Preparation of a review (report) on the following theme: "Labour Costs in the Commonwealth Countries". Consultations with the CIS countries on

improving the recording and analysis of wages and salaries will continue.

2.9 Science and technology

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of the data provided annually by the national statistical services, as an interstate exchange, on the level and composition of expenditure on research and development and on the number of specialists engaged in scientific research activities.
• CIS-STAT will continue consulting national statistical services on arrangements for statistical observation of science and technology activities based on accepted international standards for science statistics.
• Preparation of annual on "Scientific Research and Scientists in the Commonwealth Countries".

3. Environment and multi-domain statistics (CIS-STAT)

3.1 Environment

Ongoing work:

• Collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data provided by national statistical services of the Commonwealth countries illustrating the state of environmental protection.
• Preparation of annual reports "Environmental Protection in the Commonwealth Countries".
• It is envisaged to provide advisory services to national statistical services on the organisation of statistical observation of environmental protection in the Commonwealth countries.

4. Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis (CIS-STAT)

4.2 Classifications

Ongoing work:

• Consultations in the course of the implementation in the Commonwealth countries of model classifications.
• Improvement and harmonization of model statistical classifications for CIS statistical services: Classification of Kinds of Economic Activities (OKED-3) based on the second revised version of NACE and Statistical Classifier for Products based on CPA (2008 version).
• Maintenance of a base of problem issues arising with national statistical services during the implementation of national classifications of products (goods and services) and kinds of economic activities.
• Analysis of the state and development of national systems of classifications and statistical business registers in the CIS countries.

New activities:

Maintenance of model statistical classifications for the CIS countries, including maintenance of the base of problem issues arising during their implementation:

- - classification of kinds of economic activities (OKED-3);
  - classification of products (goods and services), including explanations and alphabetic index.
- Collection and analysis of the comments on the draft, development of the final version of model Classification of Products (rev.2) based on the comments of CIS statistical services;
- Conduct of the survey of the state and development of national systems of classifications and statistical business registers of the CIS countries, preparation of the review on this subject.

4.5 Dissemination, data warehousing

Dissemination

Ongoing work:

• CIS-STAT disseminates statistical data in printed forms (statistical abstracts, statistical bulletins, reports, press releases) and in electronic form (statistical abstracts on compact discs, data base on CD-ROM "Official Statistics of the CIS Countries", data base "CIS Statistics"). CIS-STAT's web-site in Internet contains and maintains in updated form most important macroeconomic indicators by CIS countries, forecast data, press-releases of CIS-STAT, information on the Council of Heads of Statistical Services of the CIS, main information about statistical services of the CIS and CIS-STAT, data base "CIS Statistics", information about publications and electronic products and much of other useful information. As a rule, this information is given in two languages (Russian and English).
• The main part of printed editions and electronic products are provided to regular users - government bodies, statistical services, and interstate

bodies of the CIS countries. The rest part is provided to international organizations, mass media, scientific organizations, subscribers, selected companies on the basis of enquiries or agreements.
There are plans to publish the following editions in 2010:

Operative editions:
• Express report "Socio-Economic Situation in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" (monthly);
• Statistical bulletin "CIS Statistics" (twice monthly);
• Press releases in Russian and English (monthly).

Statistical abstracts:
• "Commonwealth of Independent States in 2009" (a digest of provisional statistical results), Russian - English version;
• " Commonwealth of Independent States in 2009" (statistical yearbook)-Russian-English version;
• "Commonwealth of Independent States, 2000-2009", (concise statistical reference abstract);
• "External Trade of the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2009" (statistical reference abstract of provisional results) in Russian;
• "External Trade of the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2009" (Russian-English version);
• "Agriculture in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" (Russian-English version);
• National Accounts of the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" (Russian-English version);
• "65-th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945" (in Russian).
•All publications may be disseminated in a paper and electronic form.

Statistical information on CD-ROM:
• "Official Statistics of the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States"; Russian-English version (15th edition);
• "Commonwealth of Independent States in 2009" (statistical yearbook), Russian-English version.

New activities:

There are plans for 2010 to publish:
• "Agriculture in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" (Russian-English version);
• "65-th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945" (in Russian).

Data warehousing:

• Statistical information is verified, aggregated and included into general information system of CIS-STAT in working tables of the personnel, in electronic versions of the publications, in automated databases, on the web-site of CIS-STAT in Internet, in electronic archive on compact discs.

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5. Strategic and managerial issues of official statistics at nat.and intl.level (CIS-STAT)

5.2 Statistical programmes, priority setting, relationships with users and respondents

Statistical Programme

• The Work Programmes of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS are the main document organizing its activities in the forthcoming year and for three years perspective (the Work Programme of CIS-STAT for 2010 and for the period 2009-2011).

The structure of the mentioned Work Programmes covers the following kinds of activities: methodological work, economic work, exchange of experience and training of the personnel of national statistical services of the CIS, information and publishing activities, dissemination of information and information and reference services, improvement of computer technology, cooperation with international organizations.

Considerable part of works included in the programmes is connected with methodological, analytical and information and publishing activities and submission of necessary information to interstate bodies of the CIS, government and economic bodies of the Commonwealth, international organizations, mass media and other users. These programmes include, in particular, the following high priority works from the Plan of Implementation of Most Important Arrangements Aimed at the Development and Increase of Efficiency of Interaction of the Commonwealth Countries in Economic Sphere Over the Period 2003-2010, approved by the Decision of the Council of Heads of States of the Commonwealth in the city of Yalta on 19 September 2003:• Forecast of output, "visible consumption", imports and exports of selected goods in the Commonwealth countries for 2010 in the conditions of free trade zone (jointly with the Executive Committee of the CIS);
• Forecast of output, "visible consumption", imports and exports of consumer goods in selected CIS countries in 2010.

In the Work Programme for 2010 envisaged is a number of works connected with a new direction of CIS-STAT's work - forecast estimates:

1) Improvement of the methodology of forecasting the growth rates of the main macroeconomic indicators on the basis of new approaches in the field of forecasting used in the world practice.

2) Maintenance of the database for forecast estimates of the main macroeconomic indicators growth rates by CIS countries.

3) Preparation of analytic papers on the following themes:

- Actual trends of GDP and consumer prices growth in 2009 in the Commonwealth countries in comparison with the forecast trends;
- Review of the main world trends (including CIS countries) in 2009 and nearest perspectives of development;
- Forecast estimates of GDP and consumer prices growth as an average for the world and most important regional amalgamations of the countries of the world (including CIS countries) for 2010;
- Forecast estimates of the growth rates of main macroeconomic indicators of the CIS countries for the period 2010-2011;

- On the perspectives of the development of CIS countries in the nearest years.

4) Collection of information for CIS countries on the forecasts of the main indicators for the period 2010-2011, programmes of the development of economy in middle and long-term perspectives prepared by governmental bodies of the countries (ministries of economy, finances, central banks, etc.) and their adjustments during 2010 (from Internet and other sources).

5) Collection of analytic and statistical materials of the UN, IMF, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, OECD, Eurostat and other international organizations on the trends of the development of the economy of the world, regional amalgamations and selected countries of the world, on general perspectives of their development for the coming years, on forecasts of growth rates of the main macroeconomic indicators of the countries of the world (including CIS countries) for the period 2010-2011 and on their adjustments during 2010 (from Internet and other sources).

In pursuance of the decision of the Council of the Heads of States of the CIS of November 28, 2006 the CIS countries carry out active work aimed at successful conduct of the new round of population censuses to execute the World Programme of 2010 Population and Housing Censuses.

In 2010 it is envisaged to organize a regular meeting of the Coordination Council on Population Censuses, at which the representatives of national statistical services will discuss brief results of the censuses conduct, as well as methodological problems of the analysis of population censuses and current population statistics data and the problems of their usage in the inter-census period.

5.5 Technological resources (including standards for electronic data exchange and data sharing)

Electronic exchange of statistical information

Ongoing work:
• Collection and processing of monthly, quarterly and yearly statistical data, supplied to CIS-STAT by Commonwealth countries' national statistical services, is carried out in accordance with the coordinated schedule by electronic mail over the Internet in the form of standardized questionnaires incorporating 220 Excel-format tables.
• Verification of the coming information including its comparison on the sites of the national statistical services; collection of missing information from the sites of statistical services of the foreign countries, including the sites of international statistical organizations.
New activities:
In 2010 work will continue on improving the electronic exchange of statistical information with national statistical services and international organizations.

5.6 Co-ordination of international statistical work

Rest of the World-CIS Coordination

• Coordinating statistical work and aligning and harmonizing statistical tools with international standards in the areas of the System of National Accounts and economic, demographic and social statistics, and improving methods of processing information from Commonwealth member States.
Materials in preparation are discussed by the CIS-STAT Scientific Council, task forces and ad hoc meetings. The most important are discussed by the Council of Heads of Statistical Services of the CIS. Once finalized, they are circulated as recommendations to national statistical services.