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**Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics
Work Session on Water Statistics
(Vienna, 20-22 June 2005)**

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

Information notice INF.1 gave first information on the IWG-ENV Work Session on Water Statistics to be held in Vienna on 20-22 June 2005. The topics of the sessions are:

- (i)* **The need for water statistics: information for water policies**
- (ii)* **Water statistics collected by international organizations**
- (iii)* **Information on water resources**
- (iv)* **Information on water supply and use**
- (v)* **Information on waste water generation and treatment**
- (vi)* **Information on emission of pollutants to ambient waters**
- (vii)* **Information on water quality**
- (viii)* **Information needed for water pricing: expenditure on water**

For each of the topics covered, the session organizers will be inviting experts to provide papers covering the main objectives of the meeting, i.e.

- a) examining the need for water statistics and indicators at international level, and how the current water statistics questionnaires and the integrated environmental-economic accounting for water resources meet that need; and
- b) identifying problems encountered by countries when completing the different sections of the questionnaires, e.g. problems with concepts, definitions, methodologies, etc.

The IWG also welcomes contributed papers from participating countries. These papers should focus on

- how far the statistics requested at international level are useful at country level,
- the problems encountered by countries when completing the different sections of the questionnaires, and

- examples of practices applied to get round these problems, i.e. use of innovative data sources, estimation methods, modeling, etc.

While time constraints may restrict the number of contributed papers that may be presented during the meeting, all contributed papers will be made available on the website of the meeting and will be drawn on during the discussions.

Papers should be submitted in English. To assist non-native English speakers, UNSD will revise the English for papers that are received by the **end of April**. Other guidelines for authors can be found on the meeting website at <http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/iwg-env>.

Countries intending to contribute a paper are asked to provide UNSD with the author details and the working title of the paper, see address below. To help the Work Session organizers decide which session is most appropriate for your paper, authors are requested to submit an abstract, not exceeding 200 words, summarizing topics discussed, and main conclusions.

In order to ensure that discussants and other participants have sufficient time to read all papers, we ask authors of contributed papers to respect the following deadlines.

Dates due:	Contributed Papers
Title and Author Names	May 2, 2005
Abstract	May 16, 2005
Manuscript	May 31 , 2005

Contributed papers, abstracts etc. should be sent by e-mail to:

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The following information should be included:

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 Title of Paper

Authors are asked to indicate the topic from the list above that best describes their paper.