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OECD TO HOST CONFERENCE ON
STATISTICS OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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- The OECD's Centre for Co-operation with European Economies in Transition is holding a three-day conference on Statistics of Central and Eastern European Countries, starting on Monday, 10th September. The conference is being organised jointly with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
- The conference will be attended by about 100 producers and users of statistics, including senior statistical officials, analysts, policy-makers and representatives from the business community, labour organisations and research institutes from OECD and central and eastern European countries.
- Its main objective is to identify the types of statistical information that users will need from statistical agencies in central and eastern European countries that are moving from centrally-planned to market economies. The conference is expected to assist the high-ranking delegates present from these countries to devise strategies for developing their statistics, and also to help the OECD's Centre to design a suitable programme of technical assistance.
- Among the main topics the conference will focus on are :
 - Existing statistical resources available in central and eastern European countries;
 - The types of statistics that are needed by policy-makers in government, by businesses and labour groups and by international organisations;
 - Plans in these countries for developing new statistics in the transitional period, and discussion of related OECD experience;
 - An evaluation of possible difficulties in implementing statistical reforms, and the drawing up of priorities as regards subject areas and quality aspects of the types of statistics sought.
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- A session will also be devoted to a description by the OECD Secretariat of the work of its regular statistical working groups and the related assistance which it can provide to central and eastern European statistical agencies. Other organisations, notably the UN's Economic Commission for Europe, Eurostat, the IMF and the World Bank, will also describe the types of assistance they are providing.
- The conference will not be open to the media, but further information is available from the OECD Press Division, 2 rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris cedex 16.

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