

Dates of Meeting:

November 1951

Type of Meeting:

First National Conference on Planning Work

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Chen Yun presided, attended by representatives from various major administrative regions, provinces, and municipalities. During the meeting, he solicited opinions on issues such as the relationship between the central and local governments, the direction of local development, transportation, trade, finance, and urban construction

Major Agenda Items:**Speeches/Reports:****Other Decisions and/or Actions:**

The Central Financial and Economic Commission was the highest planning leadership organ of the country, and its Planning Bureau was the working body; and assigned planning tasks to various places. After the meeting, the “15th” plan trial compilation will be carried out nationwide, and the trial draft will be completed within the year.

Establishment of a four-level planning system:

Level	Institution
1	Central planning authorities (中央计划机关)
2	Planning authorities of the six major administrative regions (大行政区计划机关)
3	Provincial and large-city planning authorities (省和大城市计划机关)
4	Local and grassroots planning authorities (地方基层计划机关)

Central Financial and Economic Affairs Commission is the highest authority for economic planning, Its Planning Bureau (计划局) should become the principal working institution responsible for planning. The planning departments of individual central ministries should concentrate on planning and statistical functions.

These departments should prepare plans, calculate economic indicators, monitor implementation and investigate particular economic problems.

The conference also instructed the various administrative regions to begin preparing long-term economic plans.

Date	Development
February 1951	Mao and the central leadership promoted the preparation of long-term economic development plans.
November 1951	National Planning Work Conference; regional authorities instructed to prepare long-term plans.
End of 1951	Initial experimental draft of the First Five-Year Plan prepared.
Early 1952	Central leadership established a group to organise and supervise preparation of the First Five-Year Plan.
7 March 1952	中财委 issued the Outline for Strengthening Planning Work (《关于加强计划工作大纲》).
June 1952	Major administrative regions instructed to submit their five-year plans and ten-year development outlines by the end of June.
November 1952	State Planning Commission (国家计划委员会) established.

The March 1952 outline was especially important. It required the major administrative regions to submit:

- The principal objectives and tasks of their five-year plans.
- The principal economic indicators.
- Preliminary outlines of their development programmes.
- Recommendations concerning the country's overall long-term economic plan.

Remarks:

concerned with building the institutional machinery for nationwide economic planning, rather than simply preparing an annual economic plan.