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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND UPDATED TIMETABLE
FOR THE FIFTY-FIFTH PLENARY SESSION**

The plenary session will start at 9:30 on Monday, 11 June and will finish on Wednesday 13 June at 12:30. It will be held in Salle XVIII, Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Documents for the meeting may be downloaded from the following Website:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.06.ces.htm>

INTRODUCTION

1. The 2007 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) will continue to follow the format introduced in 2002 by the 50th CES. The plenary session includes a formal session and two seminars. The formal session will deal with the review of general issues such as the international statistical work in the region, while the two seminars will focus on foundational issues of statistical systems and on new emerging issues.

2. All the documents for the meeting are posted on the UNECE Statistical Division's web site as they become available. **Delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of documents with them, as no paper copies will be made available in the meeting room.**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND UPDATED TIMETABLE

Time	Item	Topic	Document
Monday, 11 June (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-9:45	1	OPENING OF THE MEETING and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	
9:45-9:55	2	MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES - 60 th session of the UNECE (April 2007) - 38 th session of the UN Statistical Commission (March 2007)	ECE/CES/2007/1
9:55-10:00	9	Announcement on the election of the Bureau	ECE/CES/2007/2 ECE/CES/2007/8
10:00-17:30	<i>FIRST SEMINAR SESSION: ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</i>		
	5	Seminar on “INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF STATISTICAL OFFICES”	
10:00-10:05		Introductory comments by the Chairman: Aija Zigure (Latvia)	
10:05-12:30		Session I: Effectiveness of statistical programmes Session Organizer/Chair: Walter Radermacher (Germany) Discussant: Jan Plovsing (Denmark)	
		Invited papers:	
		Statistical program planning at Statistics Canada (Paul Johanis, Statistics Canada)	ECE/CES/2007/18
		Effectiveness of statistical programmes (Thomas Wöll, Federal Statistical Office, Germany)	ECE/CES/2007/32
		Statistical programme planning in the European statistical system (Steve Kaiser, Eurostat)	ECE/CES/2007/33
		General discussion	
11:05-11:25		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
		Session I – continued	
12:30-14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 17:20		Session II: Efficiency of statistical offices Session Organizer/Chair: Yoel Finkel (Israel) Discussant: Donal Garvey (Ireland)	
		Invited papers:	
		Improvement of productivity - a continuous and strategic target of Statistics Finland (Heli Jeskanen-Sundström, Jarmo Hyrkkö and Hilikka Vihavainen, Statistics Finland)	ECE/CES/2007/24
		Increasing the efficiency and productivity in a small statistical office (Hallgrímur Snorrason, Statistics Iceland)	ECE/CES/2007/30
		Pros and cons for using administrative records in statistical bureaus (Shlomo Yitzhaki, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel)	ECE/CES/2007/22
		Counting on statistics: Statistics Netherlands modernization program (Winfried Ypma, Kees Zeelenberg, Statistics Netherlands)	ECE/CES/2007/20
		Supporting papers: Hungary, Israel	ECE/CES/2007/31, 35
		General discussion	
16:00-16:20		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
		Session II - continued	
17:20 – 17:30		Concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Seminar	
18:00 – 19:30		Reception in Bar Escargot (next to Salle XVIII)	

Time	ten	Topic	Document
Tuesday, 12 June (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-17:30		<i>SECOND SEMINAR SESSION: ON EMERGING ISSUES</i>	
	6	Seminar on “MEASURING CAPITAL – BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL MEASURES”	
9:30 – 9:35		Introductory comments by the Chairman: Geert Bruinooge (the Netherlands)	
9:35 – 10:00		Keynote speech: Innovation, intangibles and economic growth: towards a comprehensive accounting of the knowledge economy (Bart van Ark, University of Groningen, Charles Hulten, University of Maryland)	ECE/CES/2007/39
10:00 – 11:05		Session I: Policy drivers Session Organizer/Chair: Steve Landefeld (BEA, United States)	
		Presentation: Issues in nonmarket accounting: pollution accounting in theory and practice (William Nordhaus, Yale University, USA)	ECE/CES/2007/38
		General discussion	
11:05 - 11:25		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:25 – 12:30		Session II: Capital boundaries in the revision of the System of National Accounts 1993 Session Organizer/Chair: Rob Edwards (IMF) Discussant: Walter Radermacher (Destatis, Germany)	
		Invited papers: An integrated system of capital flow and stock statistics (Peter Harper, ABS Australia)	ECE/CES/2007/27
		Capital Measurement in the Netherlands (Mark de Haan, Dirk van den Bergen and Myriam van Rooijen-Horsten, Statistics Netherlands)	ECE/CES/2007/21
		The Capital Boundary in the 1993 SNA, Rev. 1 – Challenges for National Statistical Offices (Pierre Sollberger, Philippe Stauffer and Ruth Meier, SFSO, Switzerland)	ECE/CES/2007/26
		Capitalisation of research and development expenditure: points of view and experiences in the european union (Gallo Gueye and Francis Malherbe, Eurostat)	ECE/CES/2007/28
		Supporting paper: Korea	ECE/CES/2007/29
		General discussion	
12:30 - 14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:45		Session III: Measurement of human capital Session Organizer/Chair: Brian Pink (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Discussant: Oystein Olsen (Statistics Norway)	
		Invited papers: Measuring Australia’s human capital development: the role of post-school education and the impact of population ageing (Hui Wei, ABS, Australia)	ECE/CES/2007/23
		The measurement of human capital, also with reference to elderly population (Luigi Biggeri, Italy)	ECE/CES/2007/36
		Measuring the education output of government using a human capital approach: what might estimates show? (Barbara M. Fraumeni, University of Southern Maine and the National Bureau of Economic Research, United States)	ECE/CES/2007/17
		General discussion	
15:45-16:05		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	

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Tuesday, 12 June (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30) cont.			
16:05 – 17:20		Session IV: Measurement of social capital Session Organizer/Chair: Joe Grice (ONS, United Kingdom) Discussant: Michel Glaude (Eurostat)	
		Invited papers: Social capital - ways ahead and ways blocked in national assessment and international comparisons (Laura Iisakka, Statistics Finland, Jussi Simpura, National Research and Development Center for Social Welfare and Health, Finland)	ECE/CES/2007/19
		From measuring social capital to measuring societal well-being: some early thoughts from the UK (Paul Allin, ONS, UK)	ECE/CES/2007/25
		Social capital: measurement and meaning (OECD)	ECE/CES/2007/34
		General discussion	
17:20 – 17:30		Concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Seminar	
Wednesday, 13 June (9:30-12:30)			
9:30-12:30		<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>	
9:30 – 9:40	3	COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION Chairman's introductory comments	
9:40 – 10:00		(a) Review of population statistics	ECE/CES/2007/3, Add.1, Add.2
10:00 – 10:15		(b) Coordination of health statistics	ECE/CES/2007/6 and 7
10:15 – 10:40		(c) Developing an implementation strategy for the System of National Accounts Rev.1	ECE/CES/2007/9
10:40-11:00		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:00 – 11:10		Address by Paolo Garonna, the Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE	
11:10 – 11:40	4	PROGRESS REPORTS	
		(a) measuring sustainable development	ECE/CES/2007/10
		(b) globalisation	ECE/CES/2007/11
		(c) follow-up to the CES seminar on human resources management in 2006	ECE/CES/2007/12
		(d) confidentiality and privacy of statistical data integration	ECE/CES/2007/13
		(e) report on donor activities on technical cooperation in the field of statistics in Central Asia	ECE/CES/2007/5
		(f) progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES	ECE/CES/2007/4
		(g) UNECE Statistical Programme: report on 2006 and plans for 2007	ECE/CES/2007/14
		(h) 2007 issue of the Database of International Statistical Activities (formerly called Integrated Presentation)	ECE/CES/2007/15
		(i) follow-up to decisions taken by the CES and its Bureau	ECE/CES/2007/16
11:40 – 11:45	7	INFORMATION ON TOPICS FOR IN-DEPTH REVIEW BY THE CES BUREAU	ECE/CES/2007/40
11:45 – 11:55	8	SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINARS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION	ECE/CES/2007/37
11:55 – 12:05	9	ELECTION OF THE CES BUREAU	ECE/CES/2007/2 and 8
12:05 – 12:10	10	OTHER BUSINESS	
12:10 – 12:30	11	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	Draft report
12:30		CLOSING OF THE MEETING	