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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

The meeting will take place in Salle XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Time	Item	Topic	Document
8 June 2009 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30 – 9:45	1	OPENING OF THE MEETING and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	ECE/CES/75 and Add.1
9:45 – 10:00	2	MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES - 2009 session of the UN Statistical Commission (February 2009) - 2009 Session of Economic Commission for Europe (April 2009)	ECE/CES/2009/43
10:00 – 17:30	<i>FIRST SEMINAR SESSION: ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</i>		
	3	Seminar on “BALANCING PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONAL AUTONOMY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITH THE MANDATE TO PRODUCE POLICY RELEVANT DATA”	
10:00 – 10:10		Introductory comments by the Seminar Organiser (Gerry O’Hanlon, Central Statistics Office, Ireland)	
10:10 – 12:30		Session I: Relationships between statisticians and policy makers: defining the boundaries of official statistics: maintaining independence while addressing demands Session Organiser and Discussant: Karen Dunnell (United Kingdom) <i>Invited papers:</i> Are the boundaries of official statistics being challenged? (Brian Pink, ABS, Australia) The relationship between statisticians and policy makers: the Canadian case of maintaining independence while addressing data demands (Munir Sheikh, Statistics Canada) Interpreting Chilean reality through national statistics (Mariana Schkolnik, National Statistical Institute, Chile) Statistics and policy making in the Netherlands (Frans Hoeve, Statistics Netherlands) Ukraine’s experience in assuring both the professional independence of state statistics bodies and the objectivity of statistical information (State Statistics Committee of Ukraine) Boundary issues in relation to UK official statistics (Richard Laux, UK Statistics Authority, United Kingdom)	ECE/CES/2009/21 ECE/CES/2009/20 ECE/CES/2009/42 ECE/CES/2009/38 ECE/CES/2009/22 ECE/CES/2009/23

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		Supporting paper: Ensuring professional independence of state statistical authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic (Orozmat Abdykalykov, National Statistical Committee, Kyrgyzstan)	ECE/CES/2009/40
10:10 – 10:30		Presentation by the Session Organiser of the key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers	
10:30 – 10:50		Part 1: Understanding the boundaries of 'official' and 'unofficial' statistics - Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
10:50 – 11:10		General discussion	
11:10 – 11:30		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
		Session I – continued	
11:30 – 11:50		Part 2 - Understanding the relationships between statisticians and policy makers - Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
11:50 – 12:20		General discussion	
12:20 – 12:30		Short summary of the session by Session Organiser	
12:30 – 14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:30		Session II: Beyond the production of official statistics: creating synergies, avoiding conflict Session Organiser and Discussant: Norbert Rainer (Austria)	
		Invited papers: Modelling, forecasting and scenario building when producing official statistics – experience of Latvia (CSB, Latvia)	ECE/CES/2009/24
		Forecasting and policy analyses in a statistical agency - the Norwegian experience (Ådne Cappelen, Statistics Norway)	ECE/CES/2009/25
		Limits for national statistical offices to engage in activities beyond the production of official statistics: what is compatible with the fundamental principles of official statistics? (Heinrich Brügger, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2009/19
		Supporting paper: The introduction of a business identification number in Switzerland (Pascal Utz, Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Switzerland)	ECE/CES/2009/39
14:30 – 14:50		Presentation by the Session Organiser of the key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers	
14:50 – 15:10		Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
15:10 – 15:25		General discussion	
15:25 – 15:30		Short summary of the session by Session Organiser	
15:30 – 15:45		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
15:45 – 16:45		Session III: Accountability 'beyond the budget': measuring and addressing public expectations Session Organiser and Discussant: Mr. Jean-Philippe Cotis (INSEE, France)	
		Invited papers: The Australian Bureau of Statistics - does it operate independently from government and successfully maintain public confidence? (ABS, Australia)	ECE/CES/2009/26
		Accountability of official statistics (Mariana Kotzeva, NSI, Bulgaria)	ECE/CES/2009/27
		Efficient customer dialogue at Statistics Sweden (Helena Fredin, Statistics Sweden)	ECE/CES/2009/28
15:45 – 16:05		Presentation by the Session Organiser of the key points from the invited papers	
16:05 – 16:25		Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
16:25 – 16:40		General discussion	
16:40 – 16:45		Short summary of the session by Session Organiser	
		Session IV: General discussion and conclusions Session Organiser: Gerry O'Hanlon (Ireland)	
16:45 – 17:25		Round table discussion (Seminar Organiser and Session Organisers)	
17:25 – 17:30		Concluding remarks by the Seminar Organiser	
17:45 – 19:30		Reception at the Delegates' Restaurant (8 th floor, Palais des Nations)	

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9 June 2009 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-16:00	<i>SECOND SEMINAR SESSION: ON EMERGING ISSUES</i>		
	4	Seminar on “STRATEGIC ISSUES IN BUSINESS STATISTICS”	
9:30 – 9:45		Introductory comments by the Seminar Organisers (Peter Bekx, Eurostat, and Louis Marc Ducharme, Statistics Canada)	
9:45 – 11:00		Session I: Reducing respondent burden Session Organiser and Discussant: Genovefa Ružić, Statistics Slovenia	
		<i>Invited papers:</i> The measurement and reduction of statistical respondent burden on businesses: the current state of affairs (Peter Bekx, Eurostat) Simplified business information – producing quality statistics based on administrative data: a true possibility? (Humberto Jorge Pereira, National Statistical Institute, Portugal) Business statistics with strong emphasis on administrative data sources: experience of Slovenia (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia)	ECE/CES/2009/13 ECE/CES/2009/14 ECE/CES/2009/15
		<i>Supporting papers:</i> The management of business response burden at Statistics Canada (Peter Lys, Monique Gaudreau, Statistics Canada) Integrated measurement and control of business respondent burden via business register at Statistics Sweden (Elisabeth Bolin, Eva Bolin, Statistics Sweden) Development of a sample coordination system for enterprise surveys at the FSO (Paul-André Salamin, Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Switzerland) Redesigning French structural business statistics: how can the response burden on companies be decreased? (Jean-Marc Béguin, INSEE, France) A quality concept for business statistics (Joachim Weisbrod, Carsten Schumann, Federal Statistical Office, Germany) Reduction of respondent burden through the use of new production techniques (Vilija Lapėnienė, Statistics Lithuania)	ECE/CES/2009/29 ECE/CES/2009/30 ECE/CES/2009/31 ECE/CES/2009/35 ECE/CES/2009/36 ECE/CES/2009/37
9:45 – 10:00		Presentation by the Session Organiser of key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers	
10:00 – 10:15		Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
10:15 – 10:55		General discussion	
10:55 – 11:00		Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
11:30 – 15:50		Session II: Emerging areas, new developments and user needs in business statistics Session Organiser and Discussant: Benjamin Camus, INSEE, France	
11:30 – 11:50		Keynote speech by Tom Mesenbourg (U.S. Census Bureau)	
11:50 – 12:00		Summary presentation of the first invited paper by the Session Organiser	
		<i>Invited paper:</i> Challenges when using administrative and survey data in the compilation of statistics on the structure and activities of multinational enterprises (Lise Dalen Mc Mahon et al., Statistics Norway)	ECE/CES/2009/16
12:00 – 12:05		Replies by the invited author to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
12:05 – 12:30		General discussion	
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		

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		Invited papers: Evolution in the R&D and innovation statistics. Problems and challenges in measuring innovation (Fernando Cortina García, Belén González Olmos, National Statistical Institute, Spain)	ECE/CES/2009/17
		Domestic outsourcing and imported inputs in the U.S. economy: insights from Integrated Economic Accounts (Robert E. Yuskavage, Erich H. Strassner, and Gabriel W. Medeiros, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)	ECE/CES/2009/18
		Supporting papers: Measuring innovation in Brazil: problems, actions and challenges (Mariana Martins Rebouças, IBGE, Brazil)	ECE/CES/2009/32
		Why official statistics did not see the financial crisis coming – lessons to be learned (Mieke Berends-Ballast, Statistics Netherlands)	ECE/CES/2009/33
		Measuring entrepreneurship: the OECD-Eurostat entrepreneurship indicator programme (Axel Behrens, Eurostat and Tim Davis, OECD)	ECE/CES/2009/34
		New developments in production of official business statistics (Institute of Statistics, Albania)	ECE/CES/2009/41
14:30 – 14:45		Presentation by the Session Organiser of the key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers	
14:45 – 14:55		Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
14:55 – 15:45		General discussion	
15:45 – 15:50		Concluding remarks by the Session Organiser	
15:50 – 16:00		Concluding remarks by the Seminar Organiser	
16:00 – 16:25		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
		<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>	
16:25 – 16:30		Chairman's introductory comments	
	5	COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION	
		In-depth reviews of selected statistical areas (a) outcomes of the in-depth reviews by the Bureau held in October 2008 and February 2009	
16:30 – 17:00		- housing statistics (Central Statistical Office of Poland, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2009/4 and Add.1
17:00 – 17:15		- agriculture statistics, including forestry and fisheries (Eurostat)	ECE/CES/2009/5
17:15 – 17:30		- statistics on labour cost (OECD)	ECE/CES/2009/6

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10 June 2009 (9:30-12:30)			
9:30 – 12:30	<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>		
	5	COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION - continued	
9:30 – 10:20		(b) in-depth review of statistical dissemination, communication and publications (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2009/7
10:20 – 10:40	6	Principles on confidentiality and privacy aspects of statistical data integration (Task Force on Confidentiality and Privacy Aspects of Statistical Data Integration, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2009/3 and Add.1
10:40 – 11:00	7	Guidelines on the use and dissemination of data on international immigration to facilitate their use to improve emigration data of sending countries (Task Force on Measuring Emigration Using Data Collected by the Receiving Country, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2009/10 Add. 1 and Add.2 ECE/CES/2009/11
11:00 – 11:20	8	Manual on victimization surveys (UNECE-UNODC)	ECE/CES/2009/12 Add.1 and Add.2
11:20 – 11:40	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
11:40 – 11:55	9	PROGRESS REPORTS	
		a) UNECE Statistical Programme: report on 2008 and plans for 2009 (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2009/44
		b) reports of the CES Bureau meetings, progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES.	ECE/CES/2009/1 ECE/CES/2009/2 and Add.1
11:55 – 12:00	10	SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINARS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION	ECE/CES/2009/45
12:00 – 12:05	11	ELECTION OF THE CES BUREAU	ECE/CES/2009/8
12:05 – 12:10	12	OTHER BUSINESS	ECE/CES/2009/9
12:10 – 12:30	13	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	Draft report
12:30		CLOSING OF THE MEETING	

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