



**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Statistical Division**

The Way Forward in Poverty Measurement

In-depth Review and Seminar

Conference of European Statisticians
61st plenary session
Geneva, 10-12 June 2013

Timeline

- ❖ In-depth review Nov 2012 → proposal to organize a seminar
- ❖ Draft seminar outline discussed by Bureau in February 2013
- ❖ Revised outline → consultation March-May 2013
- ❖ *Conference invited to endorse the outcome of the in-depth review and the seminar*



Seminar

- ❖ Background: no coherent set of indicators in the UNECE region
- ❖ Organizers: UNECE, OECD, CIS-Stat
- ❖ Target audience: statisticians and analysts
NSOs, ministries and other government agencies that produce or use poverty statistics
- ❖ Time and place:
2-4 December 2013, Palais des Nations

Structure of the Seminar

- ❖ Session 1: Methodological issues in poverty measurement
- ❖ Session 2: Data comparability
- ❖ Session 3: Inter-linkages between poverty, inequality, vulnerability and social inclusion
- ❖ Session 4: Panel discussion about future work, including on possible development of a coherent set of poverty indicators

Comments

- ❖ 22 countries
- ❖ 4 international organizations
- ❖ General support
- ❖ No opposition

Comments on the structure

- ❖ Emphasis on exchange of experience and discussion
- ❖ Emphasis on methodological issues
- ❖ Conceptual issues to the beginning
- ❖ Reference to existing sets of indicators
- ❖ Support to inviting data users from ministries of social affairs, academics, agencies working on poverty issues

Comments on the duration

- ❖ General support to the proposed three days
- ❖ Two countries suggested a shorter seminar with a more specific focus
- ❖ Alternatively: a design that allows participants to attend for part of the event

Comments on the topics

- ❖ A great number of issues mentioned, grouped under ...
 - Methodological
 - Data comparability
 - Conceptual framework and interlinkages
- ❖ Comments by country in the annex
- ❖ Will be considered in the organization of the seminar



The Conference is invited to ...

... endorse organization of the seminar with a broad range of topics and a duration of three days.