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.