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Paris, 10-12 June 2008

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Time	Item	Topic	Document
Tuesday, 10 June 2008 (14:30-17:30)			
14:30 – 17:30	<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>		
14:30 – 14:40	1	OPENING ADDRESSES and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	ECE/CES/73 and Add.1 Rev.2
14:40 – 14:45	2	MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES - 2008 session of the UN Statistical Commission (February 2008)	
14:45 – 14:50	3	COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION Chairman's introductory comments	
14:50 – 15:10		a) Business statistics – outcomes of the in-depth review by CES Bureau in 2007 and follow-up	ECE/CES/2008/5 and Add.1
15:10 – 15:40		In-depth review of selected statistical areas:	
		b) statistics on income, living conditions and poverty	ECE/CES/2008/6 and Add. 1 ECE/CES/2008/33
		c) gender statistics	ECE/CES/2008/7 and Add. 1
		d) culture statistics	ECE/CES/2008/9 and Add. 1
		e) environment statistics	ECE/CES/2008/8 and Add. 1
15:40 – 16:00	4	Statistical metadata	ECE/CES/2008/3
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
16:20 – 17:20	5	Report on measuring sustainable development	ECE/CES/2008/29, Add.1 and Add.2
17:20 – 17:30	6	UNECE STATISTICAL PROGRAMME AND WORK OF THE CES TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS	
		a) UNECE Statistical Programme: report on 2007 and plans for 2008;	ECE/CES/2008/31
		b) progress report on impact of globalization on National Accounts;	ECE/CES/2008/32
		c) progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES; follow-up to decisions taken by the CES and its Bureau.	ECE/CES/2008/1, 2, 4 and Add.1-3

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Wednesday, 11 June 2008 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
<i>FIRST SEMINAR SESSION: ON EMERGING ISSUES</i>			
9:30 – 17:30			
	7	Seminar on “STRATEGIC ISSUES LINKED TO THE MEASUREMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS”	
9:30 - 9:35		Introductory comments by the Chairman: Steve Landefeld (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)	
9:35 – 10:50		Session I: Policy drivers Session Chair: Rob Edwards (IMF) Key speakers: - Mark Allen, IMF - Nathan Sheets, U.S. Federal Reserve Board General discussion	ECE/CES/2008/10 ECE/CES/2008/11
10:50 – 11:10		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:10 – 12:30		Session II: Selected measurement issues	
		Session IIa: Some current account issues Session Chair: João Cadete de Matos, Banco de Portugal Discussant: Schlomo Yitzhaki, CBS, Israel	
		Invited papers: - The changed treatment of goods for processing and merchandising in the revised System of National Accounts (SNA93, rev. 1) and the sixth balance of payment manual (Hong Kong SAR, China) - The work of the Luxembourg Group on remittances (Mushtaq Hussain, Eurostat)	ECE/CES/2008/12 ECE/CES/2008/13
		Supporting paper: - About a valuation problem of transactions with the rest of the world (Sándor Csizmazia, Statistics Hungary)	ECE/CES/2008/37
		General discussion	
12:30 – 14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 14:40	1	Address by Marek Belka, Executive Secretary of the UNECE	
14:40 – 15:40	7	Session IIb: Asymmetries in partner country data Session Chair: Adelheid Burgi-Schmeltz, SFSO, Switzerland Discussant: Steven Keuning, ECB	
		Invited papers: - FDI Statistics, the problem or the solution in measuring globalisation? (Pim Claassen, Gerrit van den Dool, Netherlands Central Bank) - Preliminary investigations into asymmetries in bilateral trade in services between the USA and the UK (Tom Orford and John Lowes, ONS, UK, Ed Dozier, BEA, USA)	ECE/CES/2008/14 ECE/CES/2008/15
		Supporting papers: - Statistics of foreign trade in goods - asymmetry of partner-country data. The experience of Ukraine (State Stat. Committee, Ukraine)	ECE/CES/2008/34
		General discussion	
15:40 – 16:00		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:00 – 17:20		Session III: Institutional arrangements for compilation of international accounts statistics Session Chair: Irena Krizman, SORS, Slovenia Discussant: Lucie Laliberte, IMF	
		Invited papers: - Conceptual linkages among systems of macroeconomic accounts statistics and implications for institutional arrangements (Michel A. Di Pietro, SFSO, Switzerland)	ECE/CES/2008/16
		- Cooperation with the National Bank on statistics on international transactions – minimizing respondents’ burden through cooperation, use of administrative sources and by using estimation models (Statistics Austria)	ECE/CES/2008/17
		- Issues of the compilation of national and international accounts in the Russian Federation (Rosstat, Russia)	ECE/CES/2008/18
		- Canada-United States data exchange (Statistics Canada)	ECE/CES/2008/19
		- Canada-United States bilateral reconciliation of international accounts (Statistics Canada)	ECE/CES/2008/38
		General discussion	
17:20 – 17:30		Concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Seminar	

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Thursday, 12 June 2008 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-17:00	<i>SECOND SEMINAR SESSION: ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</i>		
	8	Seminar on “MEASURING POPULATION MOVEMENT AND INTEGRATION IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD”	
9:30 – 9:35		Introductory comments by the Chairman: Walter Radermacher (German Federal Statistical Office)	
9:35 – 10 :55		Session I. Demographic impact of migration Session Organizer/Chair: Gunter Brückner (Germany) Discussant: Marcel Heiniger (Switzerland)	
		Invited papers: - Migration statistics: conceptualisation and measurement in the European Union (Stephan Marik-Lebeck, Statistics Austria) - The demographic perspective of an emigration country (CSO, Poland)	ECE/CES/2008/20 ECE/CES/2008/39
		- Measuring quarterly the effect of foreign migrations on the population of Spain: the nowcast population estimates (Ignacio Duque, INE, Spain)	ECE/CES/2008/40
		Supporting papers: - International migration in Brazil: an overview (IBGE, Brazil) - Impact of international migration on Latvia’s population (CSB, Latvia) - Population dynamics in the four big municipalities in the Netherlands: selective migration flows to and from the big cities (Han Nicolaas, Statistics Netherlands)	ECE/CES/2008/35 ECE/CES/2008/36 ECE/CES/2008/45
		General discussion	
10:55 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
11:15 – 12:30		Session II. Migration and labour markets Session Organizer/Chair: Michel Glaude (Eurostat) Discussant: Poul Hansen (Danish Immigration Service)	
		Invited papers: - The labour market situation of non-nationals and foreign born in selected EU Member States (Justus Henke, Statistics Austria) - Immigrant economic and social integration in Canada: research, measurement and data development (Garnett Picot, Statistics Canada) - Globalization and influence on active population in a country in transition (Blagica Novkovska, State Statistical Office, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	ECE/CES/2008/21 ECE/CES/2008/22 ECE/CES/2008/23
		General discussion	
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:30 – 15:30		Session III. Migration and society Session Organizer/Chair: Denise McGregor (New Zealand) Discussant: Jean-Christophe Dumont (OECD)	
		Invited papers: - The feasibility of determining successful integration with statistical means - using microcensus data for attempted integration analysis (Gunter Brückner, FSO, Germany, and Thomas Schäfer, Fachhochschule Gelsenkirchen) - Diaspora, integration, population mobility and the Asia-Pacific region: a view from the edge (Robert Didham, Denise McGregor, Statistics New Zealand) - Why it is important to know about diasporas? (Alan Gamlen, University of Oxford)	ECE/CES/2008/24 ECE/CES/2008/25 ECE/CES/2008/26
		General discussion	
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		

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15:50 – 16:50		<p>Session IV. Emerging statistical needs Session Organizer/Chair: George Lemaître (OECD) Discussant: Eivind Hoffmann (Norway)</p> <p>Invited papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responding to the emerging policy needs for statistical information on migrants (David Thorogood, Eurostat) - The need for improved statistics and data on international remittances (Neil Fantom, World Bank) - Improving statistics on international migration: some priorities (Enrico Bisogno, UNECE) - Do integration policies matter? The MIPEX study and a ‘joined-up approach’ to measuring success (Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group) <p>Supporting papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistics on migration in Italy: a reassessment of sources and methods (Istat, Italy) - Current challenges in collecting and compiling comparable statistics on international migration (Mariana Kotzeva and Jordan Kaltchev, NSI, Bulgaria) 	<p>ECE/CES/2008/27</p> <p>ECE/CES/2008/41</p> <p>ECE/CES/2008/42</p> <p>ECE/CES/2008/28</p> <p>ECE/CES/2008/43</p> <p>ECE/CES/2008/44</p>
		General discussion	
16:50 – 17:00		Concluding remarks by the Chairman of the Seminar	
17:00 – 17:05	9	SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINARS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION	ECE/CES/2008/30
17:05 – 17:15	10	OTHER BUSINESS	
17:15 – 17:30	11	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	Draft report

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