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**Expert Group Meeting on the
Contribution of Household Surveys to Measuring Remittances
January 14-15, 2008
AGENDA**

**U.S. Census Bureau
Conference Center
Suitland, Maryland 20746**

Monday, January 14, 2008

Auditorium

- 8:30 AM **Coffee/Tea and Danish**
- 9:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions** (45 minutes)
Howard Hogan, Associate Director, Demographic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau
Enrique Lamas, Chief, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau
Victoria Velkoff, Assistant Division Chief, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau
Angela Me, Chief, Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE
Shaida Badiie, Director, Development Data Group, World Bank
- 9:45 AM **Census Bureau Safety and Emergency Procedures** (15 minutes)
George Barnett, Safety and Health Office, U.S. Census Bureau
- 10:00 AM **SESSION I:** (30 minutes)
Objectives of the Expert Group Meeting
Neil Fantom, Senior Statistician, Development Data Group, World Bank, and
Werner Haug, Deputy Director, Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland
- 10:30 AM **Break – Coffee/Tea** (15 minutes)
- 10:45 AM **SESSION II:** (1 hour 30 minutes)
Use of Remittance Data from Household Surveys
Moderator: Bela Hovy, Chief, Migration Section, UN Population Division
Presenter: Alan Simmons, Professor, Department of Sociology, York University
Presenter: Jobst Koehler, IOM
Presenter: Michael Mann, Chief, Current Account Services Branch, Balance of Payments
Division, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Presenter: Dilip Ratha, Senior Economist, Development Prospects Group, World Bank
- 12:15 PM **Lunch – On Your Own – Census Bureau Cafeteria** (1 hour 15 minutes)

1:30 PM **SESSION III:** (1 hour 45 minutes)
Measuring Remittances Using Household Surveys: An Assessment of Efforts in Remittance Sending Countries
Moderator: Mushtaq Hussain, Eurostat
Background paper: Philippe Wanner, Professor, and Mathias Lerch, Professor, University of Neuchatel
Presenter: Elizabeth Grieco, Chief, Immigration Statistics Staff, U.S. Census Bureau
Presenter: David MacKenzie, World Bank

3:15 PM **Break – Water/Sodas/Cookies** (15 minutes)

3:30 PM **SESSION IV:** (1 hour 45 minutes)
Measuring Remittances Using Household Surveys: An Assessment of Efforts in Remittance Receiving Countries
Moderator: Margaret Michalowski, Chief, Population and Dwelling Certification, Census Subject Matter Program, Statistics Canada
Background paper: Richard Bilsborrow, Professor, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina
Presenter: Grace Bediako, Government Statistician, Statistical Service

5:15 PM **Adjourn**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Auditorium

8:30 AM **Coffee/Tea and Danish**

9:00 AM **SESSION V:** (1 hour)
Internationally Coordinated Surveys and Survey Modules on Migration and Remittances: An Assessment of Existing Proposals and Initiatives
Moderator: Enrico Bisogno, Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE
Background paper: Jason Schachter, ILO
Presenter: Gero Carletto, World Bank
Presenter: Jose Antonio, IADB

10:00 AM **Break – Coffee/Tea** (15 minutes)

10:15 AM **SESSION VI:** (1 hour 45 minutes)
Overcoming Methodological Challenges When Measuring Remittances: Lessons From Fielding Surveys
Moderator: Angela Me, Chief, Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE
Panel member: Gero Carletto, World Bank
Panel member: Richard Bilsborrow, UNC Chapel Hill
Panel member: Freddie Navarro, U.S. Census Bureau
Panel member: Roman Mogilevski

12:00 PM **Lunch – On Your Own – Census Bureau Cafeteria** (1 hour 30 minutes)

1:30 PM **SESSION VI:** (2 hours)

Best Practices: Conclusions and the Way Forward

Olivier Dupriez, World Bank

Werner Haug, Deputy Director, Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland

Neil Fantom, Senior Statistician, Development Data Group, World Bank

3:00 PM **Adjourn**