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Workshop on the use of administrative data to measure migration

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Organized in cooperation with
the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT),
with support from the European Free Trade Association
and the United Nations Development Account

INFORMATION NOTE

The workshop will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, on 17-18 May 2016

It will start at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 May 2016
and will finish on Wednesday, 18 May by 12:30 p.m.

I. BACKGROUND

1. In accordance with its statistical work programme, UNECE develops capacities in migration statistics in its member States. At its April 2014 plenary session, the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) identified the use of administrative records and cooperation with register authorities to be the most important ways for improving the measurement of international migration.

2. For the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, the High-level Seminar on Population Censuses and Migration Statistics (Gelendzhik, 2013) concluded on specific further work on this topic. In 2014 and 2015, UNECE organized in cooperation with CISSTAT and Rosstat two workshops on migration statistics addressing this matter, and prepared the handbook "Use of administrative sources and sample surveys to measure international migration in the CIS region".

II. PURPOSE

3. The purpose of this workshop is to review the progress in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia in using administrative sources for measuring migration in the light of the agreed recommendations in the handbook. The staff of national statistical offices in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia will also learn from countries that have advanced experience in this field, including in integration of administrative sources with survey and census data.

III. PROGRAMME

4. The workshop will include conceptual presentations from invited experts, presentations on country practice countries, discussion sessions and group work. The workshop will be held back-to-back with the 2016 UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics (18-20 May), allowing participants to interact with migration statistics experts from all over the UNECE region.
5. The workshop agenda will include the following items:
 - 1) Opening and introduction
 - 2) The handbook "Use of administrative sources and sample surveys to measure international migration in the CIS region": main messages and recommendations
 - 3) CIS action plan for improving migration statistics/ Measurement of labour migration
 - 4) How to use administrative sources to measure migration and how to improve cooperation between data producers: training session with group work; country presentations
 - 5) Linking administrative sources to survey or census data
 - 6) Discussion on future work

IV. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

6. The working languages of the meeting are English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.

V. PARTICIPATION

7. The workshop targets staff of national statistical offices in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Representatives of migration data producers from outside statistical offices and selected experts from outside the region will also be invited.

VI. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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