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Seminar “The way forward in poverty measurement”
(Geneva, 2-4 December 2013)

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Seminar will be held in room VIII at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on
2-4 December 2013.

It will start at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 2 December 2013
and finish on Wednesday, 4 December by 5.30 p.m.

I. Agenda of the Seminar

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda
2. Methodological issues in poverty measurement
3. Data comparability
4. Interlinkages between poverty, inequality, vulnerability and social inclusion
5. Panel discussion about future work
6. Proposal on future work
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closing of the Seminar

II. Annotations

The Seminar is organised jointly by UNECE, OECD and CIS-STAT. It is included in the UNECE Statistical Programme for 2013, which is approved by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) and the UNECE Executive Committee. The Seminar outline has been endorsed by CES at its 61st plenary session in June 2013.

Seminar documents will be available on the UNECE website at the following location: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2013.12.poverty.html>.

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

The meeting is expected to adopt its agenda and to elect its chairperson.

2. Methodological issues in poverty measurement

The methods and data sources for poverty measurement vary greatly and reporting on bias and uncertainty of poverty data is limited. The session will discuss methodological and technical issues encountered and solutions found in measuring

poverty. Timeliness of data and the coverage of vulnerable groups and regional disparities are other topics covered by this session.

3. Data comparability

There is a strong need for data that is comparable internationally and over time. The issues for this session include, among others, retrospective estimation of any new poverty measures for understanding their trend, and international micro-data access for calculating comparable poverty indicators.

4. Interlinkages between poverty, inequality, vulnerability and social inclusion

This session will address the relevance of existing poverty indicators, the different aspects of poverty captured by absolute and relative poverty lines, and the relationship of poverty indicators with those of material and non-material deprivation. National experiences in applying conceptual frameworks of poverty measurement can be presented here as well as simulation models and other tools for presenting information on poverty to help policymakers understand the impact of their decisions.

5. Panel discussion about future work

This panel discussion will bring together the conclusions from the substantive sessions and discuss their implications for the future of poverty measurement in the UNECE region, including the perspective of developing a coherent set of indicators. The discussion is expected to identify areas where more methodological work could be undertaken, leading to recommendations for future work.

6. Proposal on future work

The Seminar will discuss and agree upon recommendations for future methodological work on poverty measurement.

7. Adoption of the report

A short report outlining the conclusions and decisions taken at the Seminar will be presented for adoption before the meeting adjourns.

8. Closing of the Seminar
