High-level Seminar on Harmonisation of Poverty Statistics in CIS Countries

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AGENDA

Venue: Solis Sochi Hotel, Sochi, Russian Federation
31 October – 2 November 2016

Monday, 31 October 2016

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome and opening
- Andres Vikat, Chief Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE
- Konstantin Laykam, Deputy Head, Rosstat, Russian Federation
- Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman, CISSTAT
- A representative of local authorities

10:15–13:00 Session 1: Measuring poverty to review progress on Sustainable Development Goals

10:15 Chair: Vitalie Valcov, Director General, National Bureau of Statistics, Republic of Moldova

10:20 – Ben Slay, Senior Advisor, and Elena Danilova-Cross, Poverty and Inequality Programme Specialist, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS
The 2030 Development Agenda: Regional approach to poverty reduction
- Questions and answers

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 – Valentina Bryseva, Deputy Chief of the Department of Social-Demographic Statistics, CISSTAT
Assessing the readiness of CIS countries for monitoring progress towards SDGs in poverty reduction and inequality
– Inna Konoshonok, Head of Living Standards Statistics and Household Surveys, National Statistical Committee, Belarus
Measuring poverty to review progress on Sustainable Development Goals
– Galina Samohleb, Head, Household Statistics Department, National Statistical Committee, Kyrgyzstan
Measuring poverty to evaluate progress in implementing SDGs in Kyrgyzstan

12:10 Discussion
### 12:55 Summary by the Chair

### 13:00 Lunch

**14:30–16:00 Session 2: Country experiences in responding to latest challenges in producing poverty statistics**

14:30 **Chair:** Elena Kukharevich, Deputy Chair, National Statistical Committee, Belarus

14:35 – Valentina Bryseva, Deputy Chief of the Department of Social-Demographic Statistics, CISSTAT  
*Assessment of poverty in CIS countries: conceptual and methodological approaches*

14:35 – Yashar Pasha, Head of Department, State Statistical Committee, Azerbaijan  
*Poverty measurement in Azerbaijan*

14:35 – Natalya Belonossova, Head of the Department of Labour Statistics and the standard of living, Statistics Committee, Kazakhstan  
*Measuring poverty in Kazakhstan*

14:35 – João Pedro Azevedo, Lead Economist, World Bank  
*World Bank global poverty monitoring in CIS countries: present and future*

15:35 Discussion

15:55 Summary by the Chair

16:00 Coffee break

**16:20–17:30 Session 3: Round table on poverty measurement in the context of new political demands and the role of statistical offices**

**Moderator:** Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman, CISSTAT

Panel members:

– Diana Martirosova, Head, Households Surveys Division, National Statistical Service, Armenia

– Matthias Till, Head of Unit, Directorate Population, Statistics Austria

– Yusif Yusifov, Deputy Chairman, State Statistical Committee, Azerbaijan

– Ben Slay, Senior Advisor, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS

18:00 Reception
### Tuesday, 1 November 2016

#### 9:30–12:45  
**Session 4: Improving comparability of household surveys in CIS countries**

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| 9:35  | – Vania Etropolska, Statistical Division, UNECE  
       – Matthias Till, Head of Unit, Directorate Population, Statistics Austria  
       – Viktors Veretjanovs, Head of Income and Living Conditions Statistics Section, Central Statistical Bureau, Latvia  
       – Elena Frolova, Director of Department, Rosstat, Russian Federation  
       **UNECE Guide on poverty measurement**  
       **Austrian experience with household surveys**  
       **Survey for poverty measurement in Latvia**  
       **Development of quality and poverty measurement methodology during transition to new data sources: experience and challenges** |
| 10:30 | Discussion                                                            |
| 10:50 | Coffee break                                                         |
| 11:10 | – Andres Vikat, Chief Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE  
       – João Pedro Azevedo, Lead Economist, World Bank  
       **Project “Harmonized poverty indicators for monitoring sustainable development”**  
       **Improving the comparability of household surveys from CIS countries: how an ex ante approach can benefit from the ex post experience**  
       **Comparability issues in household surveys in the CIS region** |
| 12:10 | Discussion                                                            |
| 12:40 | Summary by the Chair                                                 |
| 12:45 | Lunch                                                                |
| 14:00 | Excursion                                                            |
# Session 5: Multidimensional poverty: what could be the options for CIS countries?

**Chair:** Kairat Orunkhanov, Vice Chairman, Statistical Committee, Kazakhstan

- Adriana Conconi, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative  
  *Multidimensional poverty measurement*
- Diana Martirosova, Head, Households Surveys Division, National Statistical Service, Armenia  
  *Finalization of a national measure of multidimensional poverty in Armenia*
- Oyunchimeg Dandar, Director of Population and Social Statistics Department, National Statistics Office, Mongolia  
  *Mongolian multidimensional poverty index*

**Coffee break**

**Veronica Nica,** Senior consultant, National Bureau of Statistics, Republic of Moldova  
*Measuring multidimensional poverty, an experience in testing Alkire-Foster methodology in the Republic of Moldova*

- Bunafsha Sharipova, Head of Department, Agency on Statistics, Tajikistan  
  *Multidimensional poverty in Tajikistan*

**Discussion**

**Summary by the Chair**

# Session 6: Conclusions on the way forward with harmonisation of poverty statistics

**Moderator:** Andres Vikat, Chief, Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE

**Panellists:**
- Elena Kukharevich, Deputy Chair, National Statistical Committee, Belarus
- Vitalie Valcov, Director General, National Bureau of Statistics, Republic of Moldova
- Konstantin Laykam, Deputy Head, Rosstat, Russian Federation
- Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman, CISSTAT

**General discussion**

**Adoption of the report**

**Closing of the Seminar**

**Lunch**