I. INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is organising the Expert meeting on measuring poverty and inequality: SDGs 1 and 10 under the auspices of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) on 5-6 December 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.

2. The meeting is preceded by the Workshop on harmonization of poverty statistics to measure SDG 1 in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, which UNECE will organize in Geneva on 4 December 2019, with financial support from the United Nations Development Account. Information and documents related to the Workshop will be made available at the Workshop webpage in due course.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

3. The Expert meeting will allow countries to exchange experience on the challenges in poverty measurement and ways to address them. The objective is to take forward the methodological work on measuring poverty and inequality, achieve greater comparability and reliability of poverty statistics, and strengthen multilateral cooperation. The meeting will also discuss the progress made by the Task Force on Disaggregated Poverty Measures.

III. PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING

4. The substantive programme of the meeting will include topics listed below. For more
information and description of the topics please refer to document “Call for papers”. A detailed timetable will be prepared before the meeting.

- Disaggregation of poverty indicators for monitoring the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Improving response rate and sampling precision in surveys
- Supplemental poverty measures
  - Assets-based poverty and inequality
  - Individual level poverty measures
  - Indexes of multidimensional poverty
  - Subjective poverty
- Impact of social transfers on poverty
- Longitudinal poverty measures
- Use of administrative data for measuring poverty
- Spatial patterns of poverty

5. A concluding session will discuss directions for further work on poverty and inequality statistics in the UNECE countries.

IV. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND LANGUAGES

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

7. Participants are invited to contribute a paper for the Expert meeting according to the programme of the meeting (see document “Call for papers”).

8. The following deadlines apply:

   - Intention to participate and contribute a paper: by 1 July 2019.

9. Contributors are reminded that the success of the meeting depends upon the availability of translated materials in advance of the meetings and the opportunity for participants to read the papers before the meeting. Therefore, these deadlines must be strictly adhered to.

10. All submissions should be addressed to the UNECE Secretariat, Ms. Vania Etropolska, e-mail: vania.etropolska@un.org with copy to social.stats@un.org.

11. Papers, timetable and other documents will be made available on the meetings web pages. Participants are encouraged to download papers from the website and, where feasible, to use electronic devices to read them in order to minimize paper use. Documents posted on

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the website will not be distributed in the conference room.

V. PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

12. The meeting is open to representatives of all UNECE Member States. Representatives of other Member States of the United Nations, specialized agencies of the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may also participate in a consultative capacity, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.3, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization.

13. The meeting targets statisticians and analysts from national statistical offices and other government agencies that produce poverty statistics. Participants are expected to take an active part in the discussion and share their experiences.

14. All participants should register by 15 October 2019 (participants funded by UNECE by 20 August) by completing the online registration at the meetings web pages2.

VI. VISA

15. All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible at the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside or the nearest embassy, with reference to the UNECE Expert meeting on measuring poverty and inequality. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the Secretariat by contacting, Ms. Yana Trofimova (social.stats@un.org).

VII. VENUE

16. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport at the UN Security Identification Office at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations (Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva; buses 8, F, 20 and 28, stop Appia) on the first meeting day. The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For identification and security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

17. ATTENTION: Delegates can only enter and leave the Palais des Nations through the following three doors: C6, A17 and E40. These doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Expert meeting will take place in the Council Chamber / Salle du Conseil, 1st floor (Door C6).

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The Workshop will take place in Room VIII / Salle VIII, 3rd floor (Door C6). See the map of the United Nations premises below:

![Map of the United Nations premises](image)

**VIII. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

18. Participants not funded by UNECE are requested to make their own travel and purchase their own tickets. We advise you to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked as many events are taking place in Geneva. Maps of Geneva, information about transport in Geneva, including the free "Geneva Transport Card", a list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following website: [http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

19. The Secretariat will contact separately those participants whose participation is funded by UNECE regarding their travel arrangements.

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