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Fourth Meeting of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development
(Bucharest, 8-9 November 2007)

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 1

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in cooperation with OECD and Eurostat, is organising the Fourth Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development (WGSSD) to be held in Bucharest on 8-9 November 2007. It will be hosted by the National Institute of Statistics of Romania.

I. PURPOSE AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting is a follow-up to the Third Meeting of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat WGSSD that was held in April 2007 in Geneva. For your information, all documents of the Third Meeting, including the final report, are available at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.03.sust-dev.htm>.
2. The main objective of the Fourth Meeting of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat WGSSD will be to discuss progress towards the preparation of the final report on Statistics for Sustainable Development. According to the work plan, the final draft should be available in Spring 2008 and presented for endorsement to the plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2008. Therefore, the major part of the meeting will be dedicated to reviewing detailed outlines of the various parts of this report. In particular, the agenda will include the following topics:
 - i) Update of the activities of the sub-groups on existing national indicator systems and on capital;
 - ii) Review of annotated outline on human capital;
 - iii) Review of annotated outline on social capital;
 - iv) Review of annotated outline on equity issues in the capital approach;
 - v) Review of annotated outline on capital-based indicator domains;
 - vi) Review of annotated outline on a capital-based measurement framework;
 - vii) Review of annotated outline on existing national indicator sets;

vii) Review of annotated outline on a comparison of existing national indicator systems and the capital approach.

II. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

3. The working language of the meeting is English and translation and interpretation facilities will not be available. The documents will be submitted in English only.
4. For each of the above topics, the Steering Committee has identified authors who will prepare the outlines. These papers will be presented at the meeting and should be sent to the UNECE secretariat in electronic form (josephine.rauss@unece.org) by **8 October 2007** at the latest, so that they can be formatted and posted on the website of the meeting.
5. All participating countries and international organizations are welcome to contribute with supporting papers on the listed topics. Supporting papers should also be sent to the UNECE secretariat in electronic form (josephine.rauss@unece.org) by **8 October 2007**.
6. All the documentation for the meeting will be made available on the UNECE Statistical Division's website at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.11.sust-dev.htm>.
7. Delegates will be advised when these materials are available and are encouraged to download them from the website and bring their own copies to the meeting.

III. REGISTRATION

8. Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations, and of interested international organizations, are welcome to participate in the meeting.
9. All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the UNECE secretariat. Please note that, since the meeting is organised by the UNECE, in principle visas should be issued free of charge.
10. Representatives from your Office who wish to participate in the meeting should register by **30 September 2007** at the latest, using the registration form attached to this letter. Registration forms should be sent by fax or e-mail to Ms. Josephine Rauss (e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org; fax: +4122 917 0040).

IV. FURTHER INFORMATION

11. Detailed information on accommodation, logistics and general information about the venue will be presented in Information Notice No.2. The notice will follow shortly and will be uploaded on the website of the meeting.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION

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