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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

Annotated provisional agenda

To be held in room VII at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, starting at 9:30 am on Tuesday 23 September 2014.

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

The meeting is organised jointly with Eurostat following the provisions of the UNECE Statistical Programme for 2014, adopted by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) and approved by the UNECE Executive Committee.

For agenda items 3 to 13, the meeting will review and discuss various draft chapters – covering different census areas - of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, prepared by the UNECE Task Forces and the UNECE Steering Group on Censuses. National papers on significant experiences by countries in the 2010 round of censuses will also be discussed in the relevant sessions.

1. Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

The UNECE in cooperation with Eurostat organize regularly meetings for the Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses. The main purpose of the meetings is to facilitate the exchange of experiences among countries, increase knowledge on various issues related to the planning and conduction of population and housing censuses, and develop common CES Recommendations for the Censuses of Population and Housing. This results in increased capacity by countries to plan and conduct the population and housing censuses and produce data comparable across countries. The proposed provisional agenda will be presented for the approval by the participants of the meeting.

2. Update on the 2010 round of censuses and preparation of the recommendations for the 2020 census round

The UNECE Secretariat will present an update on the completion of the 2010 round of censuses in the UNECE Region, based on the results of the online survey conducted in 2013 and information from other sources. The UNECE will also report on the work carried out by the UNECE Task Forces and the UNECE Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses since the October 2013 meeting, on the preparation of the CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round. Finally, information will be presented on the revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses in view of the 2020 census round, coordinated by the United Nations Statistics Division.

3. Census methodology

In this session, the draft chapter on methodology of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Methodology) will be reviewed and discussed. Particular attention will be paid to the emerging methodologies alternative to the traditional approach, and the implications for the CES Recommendations. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences on census methodology and related issues in the 2010 census round.

4. Census technology

In this session, the draft chapter on technology of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Technology) will be reviewed and discussed. Particular attention will be paid to the emerging technologies and to the outsourcing of census activities, and the implications for the CES Recommendations. The

session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences on census technology and related issues in the 2010 census round.

5. Operational aspects of censuses

In this session, the draft chapter on operational aspects of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Steering Group on Censuses and the UNECE Task Force on Costs and Benefits) will be reviewed and discussed. The chapter covers topics such as: census legislation, communication and publicity, dissemination, documentation, metadata and archiving, costs and benefits. The appendix of the CES Recommendations on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics will also be reviewed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences on operational aspects of censuses in the 2010 round.

6. Quality management

In this session, the draft chapter on quality management of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Quality) will be reviewed and discussed. The appendix of the CES Recommendations on Quality management programme implementation will also be reviewed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences on quality related issues in the 2010 census round.

7. Population bases

In this session, the draft chapter on population bases of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Population to be enumerated and geographic characteristics) will be reviewed and discussed. The discussion will cover issues such as the definitions of population, the place of usual residence, and what population groups should be included in or excluded from the census. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to these issues in the 2010 census round.

8. Geographic characteristics

In this session, the draft chapter on geographic characteristics of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Population to be enumerated and geographic characteristics) will be reviewed and discussed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to geographic characteristics in the 2010 census round.

9. Migration and ethno-cultural characteristics

In this session, the draft chapters on migration and ethno-cultural characteristics of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Migration and ethno-cultural characteristics) will be reviewed and discussed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to migration and ethno-cultural characteristics in the 2010 census round.

10. Economic characteristics and agriculture

In this session, the draft chapter on economic characteristics of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round will be reviewed and discussed. The draft chapter will be prepared by the International Labour Office (in cooperation with the UNECE Task Force on Economic and Educational Characteristics) taking into account new concepts and terminology related to economic characteristics adopted by the International Conference of Labour Statisticians in October 2013. The draft text of the CES Recommendations on agriculture (prepared in cooperation with FAO) will also be discussed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to economic characteristics in the 2010 census round.

11. Educational characteristics

In this session, the draft chapter on educational characteristics of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Economic and Educational Characteristics in cooperation with UNESCO) will be reviewed and discussed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to educational characteristics in the 2010 census round.

12. Demographic, household and family characteristics, and disability

In this session, the draft chapters on demographic, household and family characteristics of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Demographic, Household and Family Characteristics) will be reviewed and discussed. The draft text of the CES Recommendations on disability (prepared in cooperation with the Washington Group on Disability Statistics) will also be discussed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to demographic, household and family characteristics, and disability in the 2010 census round.

13. Housing characteristics

In this session, the draft chapter on housing characteristics of the new CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round (prepared by the UNECE Task Force on Housing) will be reviewed and discussed. The session will also provide the opportunity to discuss national experiences related to housing characteristics in the 2010 census round.

14. Future work

In this session, the plans for future work to finalize the CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round will be presented and discussed.

15. Other business

In this session, the experts may discuss additional census-related items proposed by the Secretariat or the participants.
