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UNECE Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication
(12 - 14 September 2006, Washington D.C., United States of America)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

The meeting will start on Tuesday, 12 September 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), HQ2 Building, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, United States of America

Time	Agenda Item	Documentation
Tuesday 12 September		
9:00	Registration and coffee	
9:30	**Welcome and opening of the meeting**	WP.1
Topic (i): Communicating effectively on the Web		
Session Organisers: Colleen Blessing, United States Energy Information Administration	Laurie Brown, United States Social Security Administration		
10:00	Introduction to the topic by Session Organisers	
	DESIGN EXPERIENCES	
10:05	**Usability** Wendy Yee (UserCentric Inc.)	WP.2
11:05	Coffee break	
11:25	**Using Paper Prototypes to Test Website Navigation** Nicholas Johnson and Adrie Custer (US Department of Agriculture)	WP.3
	Moving into the 21st Century: the IMF's Transition to New Environment for the Web Dissemination of its Statistical Databases Cathy Wright (International Monetary Fund)	WP.4
	Standing Out in a Crowd: Improving Customer Utility on a Centrally Administered, Shared Web Site Barry Johnson (US Internal Revenue Service)	WP.5
12:10	**WEB TAPAS**	
	Blind Friendly Web Helena Koláčková (Czech Statistical Office)	WP.6
	FedStats' Work on Accessibility Marianne Zawitz (US Bureau of Justice Statistics) and Laurie Brown (US Social Security Administration)	WP.7
12:40	Lunch break	
14:10	**Perception, Process, Performance: What We Need to Know to Improve the Quality and Usefulness of Our Web Writing** Thom Haller (Executive Director, Center for Plain Language)	WP.8
15:10	**Blogs - are there business applications for statistical agencies?** Jessica Gardner (UNECE)	WP.9
15:40	Coffee break	
16:00	**Three years of 'intelligent graphics'** Doris Stärk (Germany Federal Statistics Office)	WP.10
	Rich Internet Applications (paper only) - Laurie Brown (US Social Security Administration)	WP.11

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Time	**Agenda Item**	**Documentation**
16:15	**SUCCESS STORIES**	WP.12
	Chez INE (our way for 'serving' and 'presenting' data) Fernando Villa (Spain INE)	
16:30	General Discussion, summary and conclusions	
17:15	Close Day 1	

Wednesday 13 September		
Topic (ii): Statistical literacy: Is what we have here a failure to communicate? **Session Organisers:** Rick Devens, United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Colleen Flannery, United States Census Bureau		
Time	**Agenda Item**	**Documentation**
8:30	**Coffee**	
9:00	Introduction to the topic by Session Organisers	
9:10	**Interrelation with Users and Policy on Dissemination of Information** Meri Amirova and Nemat Khuduzade (State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan)	WP.31
	The Dimensions of Statistical Literacy: conceptual and practical evaluations Jussi Melkas (Statistics Finland)	WP.13
	Communication and Perception: which world do statistics live in? Sibylle von Oppeln-Bronikowski (German Federal Statistics Office)	WP.14
10:10	General discussion	
10:40	Coffee break	
11:00	**Panel: Bringing Numbers to Print** Paul Overberg (USA Today) John Berry (Bloomberg) and Ken Meyer (US Census Bureau)	
12:20	**News releases published on special occasions** Ida Reprovz-Grabnar (Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia)	WP.16
12:40	General discussion	
13:00	Lunch break	
14:30	**Taking a horse to water…. and giving it a bottle** David Marder (Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom)	WP.17
	Top 10 Statistical Writers' Blocks Rick Devens (US Bureau of Labor Statistics)	WP.18
	Developing Statistical Literacy in the case of Macedonia (paper only) Mira Todorova (State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia)	WP.15
15:20	General discussion	
15:40	Coffee break	
16:00	Discussion, summary and conclusions	
17:00	Close Day 2	

Thursday 14 September		

Topic (iii): How to present metadata **Session Organiser:** Vicki Crompton (Statistics Canada)		

Time	Agenda Item	Documentation
8:30	**Coffee**	
9:00	Introduction to the topic by Session Organiser	
9:05	**Understanding the role of metadata in finding and using statistical information** Carol Hert (University of Washington)	WP. 19
	Research-based metadata requirements for a BLS reports archive Scott C. Berridge, John J. Bosley, and Daniel W. Gillman (US Bureau of Labor Statistics)	WP. 23
	Publishing Metadata with Data - XML based dissemination process of statistical information (COSSI) Harri Lehtinen (Statistics Finland)	WP. 25
	Creating a User-Friendly Glossary and Other Metadata Makeovers Melinda Hobbs (US Energy Information Administration)	WP. 24
	Metadata and dissemination of microdata to researchers - examples from a webpage under construction at Statistics Norway (Presentation only) Fride Eeg-Henriksen (Statistics Norway)	WP. 21
	Presentation of descriptive metadata on the ABS website Mano Georgopoulos (Australian Bureau of Statistics)	WP. 22
	Keeping www.statcan.can visitors in the metadata loop Louis Boucher (Statistics Canada)	WP. 20
	Metadata on the Statistical Portal for the Border Region of Saarland – Lorraine – Luxembourg – Rhineland-Palatinate – Wallonia (paper only) Guy Zacharias (STATEC Luxembourg)	WP. 32
10:50	General discussion, summary and conclusions	
11:20	Coffee break	

Topic (iv): Managing revisions and version control to maintain credibility **Session Organiser:** David Marder (Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom)		

Time	Agenda Item	Documentation
11:40	Introduction to the topic by Session Organiser	
11:50	**How to Use Mistakes to Improve Credibility** Leon Østergaard (Statistics Denmark)	WP.26
	Corrections to Publications at Statistics Sweden Anna Östergren (Statistics Sweden)	WP.27
	Informing the User about corrections: the policy of Statistics Netherlands Huib Van de Stadt (Statistics Netherlands)	WP.28
12:50	Lunch break	
14:10	**Fixing mistakes on the Internet: a case history at Statistics Canada** John Flanders (Statistics Canada)	WP.29
	Presenting updates and revisions of statistics to a sceptical audience David Marder (Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom)	WP.30
15:00	General discussion, summary and conclusions	
15:20	Coffee break	
15:40	**Discussion on future work**	
16:10	**Adoption of the report, closing of the meeting**	Draft report
16:40	End of Meeting	