Workshop on Human Resources Management and Training
Building Resilience in Statistical Organizations
12-14 September 2018, Oslo

Information Notice No. 2

DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP
1. At the invitation of Statistics Norway, UNECE and EFTA will organise a workshop on Human Resources Management and Training: Building Resilience in Statistical Organizations at the Radisson Blu Scandinavia hotel, on 12-14 September 2018 in Oslo, Norway.

2. The workshop will be held at the following location:
   Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel
   Meeting room Scandinavia Scene
   Holbergsgate 30
   0166 Oslo
   Telephone +47 23 293000

3. The workshop will start at 09.00 on 12 September and will end by 12.30 on 14 September. There will be a registration counter on 12 September from 08:30 to 09:00 in front of the meeting room.

4. On 14 September from 14.00 to 17.00 there will be a special session for the Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian countries in the meeting room Scandinavia Scene.

WEBSITE ADDRESS AND DOCUMENTATION
5. The documents for the workshop will be available at the following website: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47800

6. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them as no documents will be made available in the meeting room. Free Wi-Fi is available in the meeting room.

ACCOMMODATION AND VISA ARRANGEMENTS
7. Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The UNECE secretariat regrets not being able to offer any financial assistance regarding travel and accommodation arrangements.

8. Participants wishing to stay at the Radisson Blu Scandinavia hotel may reserve a room for the duration of the workshop at the price of NOK 1515 for single room and NOK 1715 for double room per night, including breakfast, using the booking code HRMT18 until 31.07.2018.
9. Booking methods:

   **Internet:** [http://www.radissonblu.com/scandinaviahotel-oslo](http://www.radissonblu.com/scandinaviahotel-oslo)
   Add the booking code as promotional code under “More search option” or press the following link:

   **Call:** +47 02525 and refer to the booking code “HRMT18”

10. If you would like to book alternative accommodation you can consult the following web-sites:

   [https://www.tripadvisor.com/](https://www.tripadvisor.com/)
   [https://www.booking.com](https://www.booking.com)

11. All participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Norwegian Embassy in the country in which the participant resides, with a reference to the UNECE Workshop on Human Resources Management and Training. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from Statistics Norway ([norway.estp.contact@ssb.no](mailto:norway.estp.contact@ssb.no)).

**IV. MEALS AND SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Meals**

12. Lunches and coffee breaks will be provided at the conference venue. Lunches will be served in the Brasseriet room, which is located on the ground floor of the hotel. Delegates are requested to confirm their participation in the lunches and provide us with information about any special dietary requirements (vegetarian, gluten free etc). See registration link in the paragraph 15.

**Reception**

13. A cocktail reception, offered by the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and Statistics Norway, will be organised on Wednesday 12 September, between 17:30 and 20:00, in the new Statistics Norway building, which is a 10-15 minute walk from the hotel. If the weather is nice, participants can enjoy the view from the rooftop terrace.

**Boat trip**

14. All participants of the workshop are invited to a boat trip on Thursday 13 September. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and Statistics Norway would love to show you the Oslo fiord. Please bring with you warm clothing and good walking shoes. Participants will start walking from the hotel to the boat pier at 17.00 after the closing of day 2. The boat, S/V Legend, will be waiting at Rådhusbrygge 3. The boat trip will be from 17.30 to 21:30.

**Registration for the meals and social events**

15. Please register for lunches, reception and boat trip using the link below:

16. At the same link you can also find programme of the workshop and map that indicates location of the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Statistics Norway building and the pier from where the boat will depart to the Oslo fiord.

17. **Deadline for registrations for lunches, reception and boat trip is Saturday 21 July at the latest**

V. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND DIRECTIONS FROM AIRPORT**

*Public transport*

18. Information about public transport in Oslo could be found here:

https://ruter.no/en/

*Directions from airport*

19. To arrive to Radisson Blu Scandinavia from Gardermoen Airport, please take the city airport express bus, Flybussen (Stop: Hotel Scandinavia Linje FB2 /FB5 – Norgebuss ekspress) which will take you to the Radisson Blu Scandinavia hotel in approximately 1 hour. The bus departs every 30 minutes throughout the day from the entrance of the airport terminal. The bus ticket could be bought from the bus driver, the cost is 195 NOK. Guests of the hotel should receive 25 % discount on the bus ticket when they will show their hotel booking. Bus ticket can also be bought online in advance and a return costs just 260NOK – and one way cost is 169 NOK. For more information, please consult: https://www.flybussen.no/en/kundeservice/oslo

20. You can also take the Flytoget Airport Express Train that will take you from the airport terminal to Nationaltheateret station in approximately 20 minutes. From the Nationaltheateret station the hotel is about 10min walk. There are ticketing machines at the airport where you can buy train tickets (by using bank or credit card). Ticket price is 190 NOK. For more information, please consult: https://flytoget.no/en/

21. There is also a possibility to take NSB train to the city, from the stop Oslo Lufthavn to the Nationaltheateret station in approximately 27 minutes. The price of the ticket is 101 NOK. The ticket could be bought in advance on-line, at the airport and on the train. There is a special wagon marked on each train (information displayed outside the doors and inside close to the roof), where you can buy ticket but the price will be around 40-50 NOK higher. For more information, please consult: https://www.nsb.no/en/frontpage

VI. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

22. Tourist information about Oslo can be found here: www.visitoslo.com/en/

23. September may be windy, rainy and cold – or it may be quite warm and nice. Anyway, we are planning to walk to the premises of Statistics Norway for a cocktail reception, and we are planning for a boat trip on the Oslo fiord. So please bring good walking shoes and warm clothing. Check the weather forecast closer to the workshop date: https://www.yr.no/place/Norway/Oslo/Oslo/Oslo/

24. The currency in Norway is NOK (Norwegian kroner), with the exchange rate of 1 EUR = 10 NOK, 1 USD = 8,50 NOK (June 2018).
VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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VIII. MAP OF THE HOTEL AND LOCATIONS OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Hotel map: https://www.radissonblu.com/en/scandinaviahotel-oslo/map