MANAGEMENT SEMINAR ON GLOBAL ASSESSMENTS, YALTA, 23-25 SEPTEMBER 2009

Location: Palmira Palace, 12/a Alupkinskoye Shosse, Kurpaty city-type settlement, Yalta
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WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2009, STARTING AT 09H00 - DAY 1

CHAIR: PIETER EVERAERS, DIRECTOR, EUROSTAT

Starts	Dura-tion	Agenda Item	Presenter
09:00	30 min	**1. OPENING ADDRESSES** *Welcoming participants* *Any administrative issues and practical information*	Mr. Oleksander Osaulenko Mr. Pieter Everaers Mr. Gabriel Gamez
09:30	5 min	**2. GLOBAL ASSESSMENT – A TOOL IN BUILDING AN EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE STATISTICAL SYSTEM** *International perspectives on what constitutes a sound, efficient, and sustainable statistical system and how global assessments can benefit its development.*	Mr. Pieter Everaers
09:35	20 min	**2.1 Presentation – Title** *History and experiences*	Mr. Heinrich Bruengger
09:55	20 min	**2.2 Presentation – Title** *Refer to Fundamental Principles of Official Statistic*	Ms. Lidia Bratanova
10:15	20 min	**2.3 Implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice**	Mr. Pieter Everaers
10:35	20 min	**COFFEE BREAK**	
10:55	5 min	**3. OVERVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL ASSESSMENTS** *Main features of various global assessment approaches: short history, practices, techniques, tools*	Mr. Pieter Everaers
11:00	30 min	**3.1 Eurostat and Global Assessments: Context, Approaches, Tools** *Broader context of Eurostat assessment approach in the European Neighbourhood Policy; peer reviews, global assessments, annual reviews, light peer reviews; Eurostat tools: adapted peer review questionnaires, SMIS+, compendium*	Ms. Alina Milasiute

11:30	30 min	**3.2 UNECE and Global Assessments: main features, experience in 2000-2009, recommended practices** *Global assessment objectives and features, UNECE experts*	Mr. Petteri Baer
12:00	60 min	**LUNCH BREAK**	
13:00	5 min	**4. COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS** *Country experiences with global assessments: practices, experiences, examples. How were the global assessment findings used within a country and/or by the institute? How global assessments affected, among others, resource availability, planning, and policy-making?*	Mr. Pieter Everaers
13:05	15 min	**4.1 Global Assessment of the Statistical System of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)** *Country experience*	Ms. Blagica Novkovska
13:20	15 min	**4.2 Global Assessment of the Statistical System of the Republic of Armenia** *Country experience*	Mr. Stepan Mnatsakanyan
13:35	15 min	**4.3 Global Assessment of the Statistical System of Kazakhstan** *Country experience*	Mr. Omarov Zhaslan
13:50	15 min	**4.4 Global Assessment of the Statistical System of Moldova** *Country experience*	Mr. Vladimir Golovatiuc
14:05	15 min	**4.5 Global Assessment of the Statistical System of Belarus** *Country experience*	Ms. Irina Kostevich
14:20	15 min	**4.6 Global Assessment of the Statistical System of Azerbaijan** *Country experience*	Mr. Rauf Salimov
14:35	20 min	**COFFEE BREAK**	
14:55	5 min	**5. ASSESSORS' PRESENTATIONS** *Assessors' perspectives: examples, practices, experiences, lessons learned, general advice for countries.*	Mr. Pieter Everaers
15:00	20 min	**5.1 Global assessments/peer reviews – some issues** *Assessor perspective*	Mr. Jan Magnar Byfuglien
15:20	20 min	**5.2 Questions encountered in performing Global Assessments** *Assessor perspective*	Mr. Petteri Baer
15:40	20 min	**5.3 Global assessments/peer reviews – some issues** *Assessor perspective*	Mr. Heinrich Bruengger

16:00	60 min	**CONCLUDING DAY 1: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** *Participant reflections, ideas, views on the topics of the seminar; questions to be raised, suggestions, concern.*	Mr. Pieter Everaers
17:00		**END OF DAY ONE**	

19:00		**WELCOME COCKTAIL/DINNER**	Dress code: Business attire

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2009, STARTING AT 09H00 - DAY 2

CHAIR: GABRIEL GAMEZ, STATISTICAL ADVISER, HEAD OF EFTA STATISTICAL OFFICE

09:00	60 min	**6. INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM**	Mr. Heinrich Bruengger Mr. Hallgrímur Snorrason
10:00	30 min	Panel discussion, questions and answers, potentially followed by roundtable	Item 6 presenters
10:30	20 min	**COFFEE BREAK**	
10:50	5 min	**7. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION** *Regional and international statistical cooperation: principles and sound practices*	Mr. Gabriel Gamez
10:55	20 min	**7.1 Institutional cooperation between National Statistical Institutes** *Regional cooperation, twinning/bilateral cooperation between NSIs*	Mr. Jan Magnar Byfuglien
11:15	20 min	**7.2 International cooperation in statistics - Eurostat perspective** *Scope, main issues addressed*	Mr. Pieter Everaers
11:35	25 min	Panel discussion, questions and answers, potentially followed by roundtable.	Item 7 presenters
12:00	60 min	**LUNCH BREAK**	
13:00	50 min	**8. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND PRIORITY SETTING UNDER BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS; HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY**	Mr. Hallgrímur Snorrason
13:50	20 min	Panel discussion, questions and answers, potentially followed by roundtable	Item 8 presenters
14:10	5 min	**9. ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICAL DOMAINS** *Expert presentation(s) on assessing statistical domains: general practices, approaches, focusing on specific examples of technical assessment of domain*	Mr. Gabriel Gamez

14:15	30 min	**9.1 Social and demographic statistics – some issues** *Assessment of demographic and social statistics in the framework of global assessments*	Mr. Jan Magnar Byfuglien
14:45	20 min	**COFFEE BREAK**	
15:05	30 min	**9.2 Issues and challenges in economics statistics in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia**	Ms. Lidia Bratanova
15:35	20 min	Panel discussion, questions and answers, potentially followed by roundtable.	Item 9 presenters
15:55		**END OF DAY TWO**	

16:00		**SOCIAL EVENING: EXCURSION AND DINNER**	Offered by SSCU / Dress code: casual

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2009, STARTING AT 09H00 - DAY 3

CHAIR: PETTERI BAER, REGIONAL ADVISER, UNECE

09:00	50 min	**10. DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING, DATA QUALITY** Data confidentiality, use of administrative data, administrative burden	Mr. Heinrich Bruengger
09:50	20 min	Panel discussion, questions and answers, potentially followed by roundtable.	Item 10 presenters
10:10	20 min	**COFFEE BREAK**	
10:30	5 min	**11. DISSEMINATION POLICIES, BUILDING RELATIONS WITH USERS** *Expert presentations on principles, their assessment, good practices*	Mr. Petteri Baer
10:35	15 min	**11.1 Dissemination and communication policies in modern statistical offices**	Mr. Pieter Everaers
10:50	15 min	**11.2 Trust in official statistics – dissemination policies and practices**	Mr. Jan Magnar Byfuglien
11:05	15 min	**11.3 Why is it important to assess the state of user relations in a Global Assessment?** *Strategic importance of good user relations, relations with main stakeholders, importance of customer database, using feedback to generate improvements*	Mr. Petteri Baer
11:20	15 min	**11.4 Objects to be assessed in relation to user relations in a Global Assessment** *How user relations are evaluated within the framework of a global assessment*	Mr. Petteri Baer
11:35	25 min	Panel discussion, questions and answers, potentially followed by roundtable.	Item 11 presenters
12:00	60 min	**LUNCH BREAK**	

13:00	5 min	**12. GLOBAL ASSESSMENTS: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PLANNING** *Ongoing and future initiatives, foreseen developments, procedures for requesting and organising global assessments in the near future.*	Mr. Petteri Baer
13:05	15 min	**12.1 Organisation presentation – Title** *Scope, main points*	Mr. Petteri Baer
13:20	15 min	**12.2 Global assessments and peer reviews in an era of partnership: an old tool in a new environment**	Mr. Pieter Everaers
13:35	15 min	**12.3 EFTA contribution to the forthcoming global assessment round in Eastern European and Central Asian countries** *EFTA cooperation with Eurostat and UNECE*	Mr. Gabriel Gamez
13:50	60 min	**SEMINAR CONCLUSIONS: WORKING GROUPS DISCUSSIONS** *Participant will be split into two groups that will reflect on future actions, initiatives, and follow up in respect to global assessment of national statistical systems in the region. Issues to be discussed might be the following:* *What are the goals regarding the global assessments that need to be achieved by participating organisations?* *What could help countries to understand and prepare for the global assessment exercise even better?*	Mr. Petteri Baer
14:50	20 min	**COFFEE BREAK**	
15:10	60 min	**SEMINAR CONCLUSIONS: PLENUM DISCUSSION** *The speakers of both groups will report to the plenary, followed by questions and answers, and a general discussion. S*ummary of the general conclusions of the seminar. *Farewell address, any administrative issues and practical information*	Mr. Petteri Baer Mr. Gabriel Gamez Mr. Pieter Everaers Mr. Oleksander Osaulenko
16:10		**END OF DAY THREE**	