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HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON MODERNIZATION OF STATISTICAL PRODUCTION AND SERVICES

INFORMATION NOTICE No.2

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
3-5 October 2012

Attendance note for participants

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

1. Organizers: Rosstat and the UNECE Statistical Division

2. Place: St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

3. Dates: 3-5 October 2012

4. Participants: The Seminar is targeted at the Heads of national statistical organizations of the UNECE region. Other interested countries outside the UNECE region are also invited to contribute and participate.

II. DOCUMENTATION

5. Abstracts and presentations to the conference should be provided to UNECE :
   a. **By 31 July:** a short abstract of max 1 page of your presentation,
   b. **By 7 September:** your Power point presentation of max 10 slides.

6. All papers and presentations will be made available on the website of the UNECE Secretariat at: **http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.10.hls.html**

7. Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the work session. Documents posted on the website before the work session will **not** be distributed in the conference room.

III. WORKING LANGUAGE

8. The working languages of the Seminar are Russian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the Seminar.

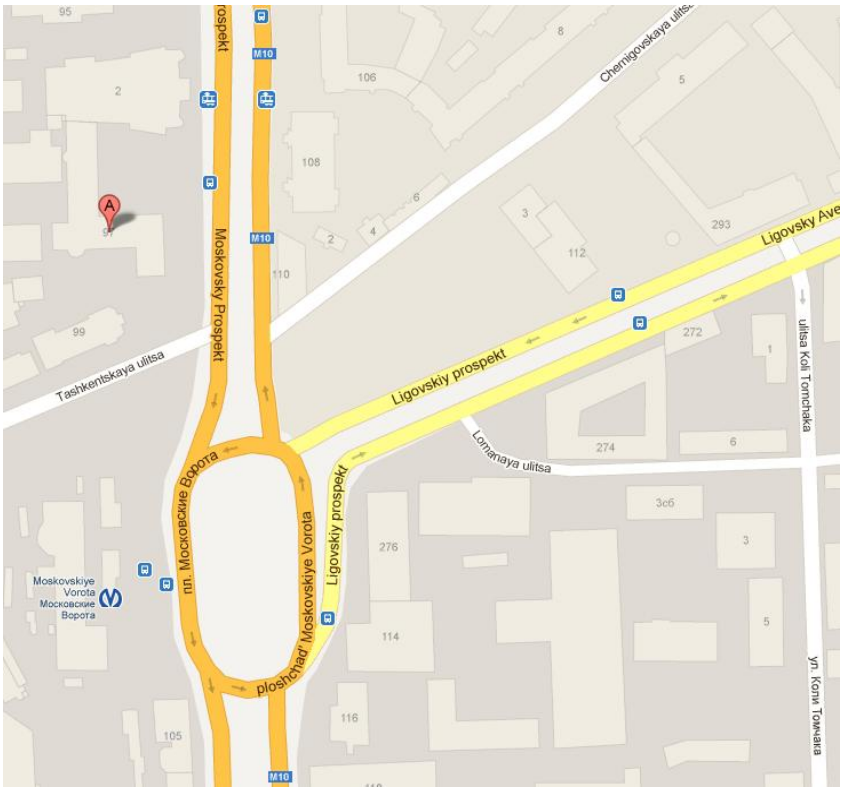
IV. TIME AND VENUE

9. The first day of the seminar (3 October) will take place at the Kochubey Palace (Tsarskoye Selo).

4, Radischev Street
Pushkin, 196602
St. Petersburg,
Phone: + 7 812 449-54-38
http://congresscomplex.ru/#

10. Transport will be organised to and from the hotel. The second and third days (4-5 October) will take place at the **Holiday Inn** hotel:

Holiday Inn
97a, Moskovsky Prospekt
Tel: +7-812-448 7171
Nearest subway station: Moskovskye Vorota
E-mail: http://www.hi-spb.com/eng/



V. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

11. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements**.** However, **travel for Heads of statistical organizations from CIS countries will be arranged by the UNECE Secretariat and communicated to them in due course**.
12. Transport between the hotel and St. Petersburg (Pulkovo) airport will be organised by Rosstat for all registered participants. To facilitate this**, please indicate your dates and time of arrival and departure, and flight numbers, in the enclosed attendance form.**
13. Upon request the organizers will assist with Hotel reservation. There are two Hotels in our list. Please put your request to the attendance form.
14. **For participants from CIS countries Holiday Inn Hotel is booked and paid by UNECE Secretariat.**

Holiday Inn
97a, Moskovsky Prospekt
Tel: +7-812-448 7171
Nearest subway station: Moskovskye Vorota
E-mail: http://www.hi-spb.com/eng/

The organizing committee has booked a block of rooms for the Seminar participants at the Holiday Inn Hotel, at a cost of 3226 RUR* per night for a standard room (double room – 5000 RUR*).The price includes breakfast.

* Indicated prices are preliminary. Current prices will be known after reservation. Prices include taxes.

Sokos Hotel Olympia Garden
3a, Bataisky pereulok,
190013 St. Petersburg, Russia
Tel. +7 812 335 22 70
Fax +7 812 335 22 71
Nearest subway station: Tekhnologicheskiy Institut
http://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/

The organizers have booked a limited number of rooms
Standard room (1 person) – 5650 RUR* per night.
Standard room (2 persons) –7100 RUR* per night.
The price includes breakfast.

Transfer from the hotel to the venue will be available.

VI. TRAVEL FORMATITIES

15. **All participants attending the work session are requested to have a valid passport (valid until at least 10 April 2013) and, if required, a visa.** If you require a visa to enter the Russian Federation, please indicate so in the attendance form and notify Rosstat (Ms. Elena Katkova: katkova@gks.ru). Rosstat will issue an invitation letter, which you will need to submit with your visa application.

16. Invitation letters for obtaining Russian visa will be sent after receiving the enclosed attendance form. This attendance form should be completed and returned to the UNECE Secretariat and Rosstat Secretariat by **15 September 2012**.

17. **Accompanying persons are requested to have a valid passport (valid until at least 10 April 2013) and, if required, a visa.** If you require a visa to enter the Russian Federation, please complete the attached **Application form for Accompanying Persons and send it to Rosstat** (Ms. Elena Katkova: katkova@gks.ru). Rosstat will issue an invitation letter, which you will need to submit with your visa application. The application form should be sent to Rosstat by **15 September 2012**

VII. LOCAL INFORMATION

18. Exchange rates as of 7 August:

    1 USD = 31.94 RUR
    1 EUR = 39.54 RUR
    For real time exchange rate, please refer to: http://www.cbr.ru/

19. *Local time*
Moscow, GMT+4

20. *Weather*
The average daily temperature in St. Petersburg during October is about +8-15°C (46-59°F), but it can be colder -1°C (28°F) or so and there is a possibility of rain.
For real time weather, please refer to:
http://www.intellicast.com/Local/Weather.aspx?location=RSXX0063

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21. *Airports*

Saint Petersburg is served by Pulkovo International Airport, and by three smaller commercial and cargo airports in the suburbs.

Pulkovo airport opened to passengers as a small aerodrome in 1931. As of 2011, the airport is the 3rd busiest in Russia after Moscow's Domodedovo and Sheremetyevo airports. With two main terminals (one domestic, one international), Pulkovo is widely regarded as one of the larger and more modern airports in the Russian Federation.

There is a regular, 24/7, rapid-bus transit connection (marshrutka) between Pulkovo airport and the city center.

Please note that for all registered participants, the transport from the airport to the hotel and back is provided by organizers.

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

Any enquiries about this event should be addressed to:

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ATTENDANCE FORM

This form should be completed in duplicate by each participant and returned **by 15 September**

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1. Surname (Family name):	**Mr.** ☐ **Ms.** ☐	**4. Tel. No.:**
2. First name:	**3. E-mail address:**	**5. Fax No.:**
6. Organization:		
7. Date and time of arrival in St. Petersburg, and flight number	**8. Date and time of departure from St. Petersburg, and flight number**	
9. Citizenship:	**10. Country of residence:**	
11. If you want the organizers to book a Hotel please indicate your choice below:		

Date_____

Signature_____

Application form for Accompanying Persons

Surname (Latin spelling):	
Name (names) (Latin spelling):	
Date of birth:	
Place of birth (city, country/region):	
Sex:	
Citizenship:	
Passport number:	
Date of issue:	
Regular work (full name of the company):	
Occupation:	
Office address:	
Purpose of entry to RF:	accompanying person
Planned entry to RF:	
Planned depart from RF:	
Type of visa requested (single, double, multiple):	
City(ies)/Place(s) to be visited:	
Place of issuing visa (where the Consul Section of RF Embassy is available and convenient for the Applicant):	

Please enclose a copy of your passport (main page).