

Work Session on Geographic Information Systems
(Ottawa, Canada, 5-7 October 1998)

Provisional Agenda

The Work Session will be held at Statistics Canada, Simon Goldberg Room
of the R.H. Coats Building, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, starting on 5 October at 9:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. **Survey on GIS use in statistical offices**
Overview of the survey by Canada
4. **Research in geographic information science**
Working paper by United States (WP.3)
5. **Integration of statistics and geography**
Working papers by Austria (WP.5), Canada (WP.4), Germany (WP.6), Italy (WP.7), Sweden (WP.8) and United Kingdom (WP.9)
6. **Common aspects of GIS applications in different subject-matter areas**
Working papers by United Kingdom (WP.10), Finland (WP.11), Kazakhstan, (WP.12), Sweden (WP.13), United Kingdom (WP. 15 and 16), United States (WP.17, 18, 19) and Belgium (WP.20)
7. **Progress in GISCO and SIRE projects conducted by Eurostat**
Working papers by Eurostat (WP.21 and WP.22)
8. **Policy issues dealing with the implementation of GIS**
Working papers by Eurostat/Netherlands (WP.23), United States (WP.25) and ISO (WP.24)
9. **Methodological materials**
Working papers by Estonia/Sweden (WP.26) and Finland/United Kingdom (WP.27)
10. Future work
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the conclusions reached at the Work Session.

NOTE

The Conference of European Statisticians, at its 1997 plenary session, included this Work Session in its meeting programme (see 97/CES/52)

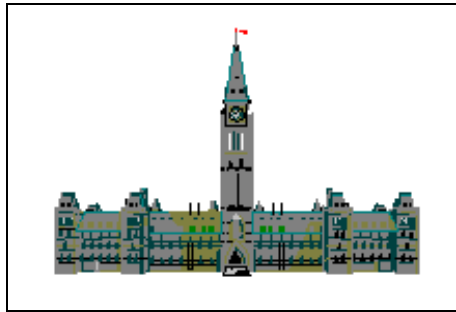
Experts envisaging participation in the Work Session are kindly asked to inform the Secretariat of their interest. Discussion papers will be mailed by the Secretariat only after receipt of this notification.

Documentation for the meeting will be available on the WWW at the address:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/edp/Welcome.html>

The Work Session will be held in English only.

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Come Experience Ottawa !

Located along the border of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Ottawa is the capital of Canada. With a population of over one million, the Ottawa-Hull area is Canada's fourth largest census metropolitan area, and is internationally renowned as a major government centre

At the heart of the nation's capital lies the Ottawa River, which forms the border between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This mighty waterway was used by native explorers.

The many bridges across the Ottawa River to Quebec will also serve as gateways to

Also an integral part of Ottawa's history, the Rideau Canal provides a popular link for boaters in the Summer, and acts as the world's longest skating rink during the winter.

capital area allow Work Session participants to experience the ambiance of Ottawa at their leisure.



Accommodation

Hotel arrangements have been made for all participants at the Minto Place Suite Hotel museums, restaurants and shopping facilities. A special rate of \$125.00 Canadian per night has been secured for those involved in the Work Session. This rate does not include any

meals, but the suites are equipped with a kitchenette containing a microwave, toaster, coffee maker and small refrigerator. Supplies for both coffee and tea are replenished daily for each room.

Reservations should be made no later than **August 30, 1998**, and please quote Reservation No. 444586. Contact information is as follows: Minto Place Suite Hotel, 433 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa, Ontario Canada, Tel. (613) 232-2200, Fax. (613) 232-6962, E-mail. Mpshotel@minto.com.

The Work Session meetings will be held at the offices of Statistics Canada. Located just west of the downtown core, in the federal government complex known as Tunney's Pasture. The meetings will be held in the Simon Goldberg Room of the R.H. Coats Building, and will start at 0900 hrs.



Travel

Ottawa International Airport (MacDonald Cartier Airport) is located approximately 15 km from the downtown core of Ottawa, and is serviced by many international and charter airlines, including Air Canada, Canadian Airlines, Canada 3000, British Airways, American Airlines, Royal, and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

When travelling from the airport to the hotel, participants have a variety of options. Numerous car rental agencies are located at the airport for those who wish to use a vehicle during their visit, and many taxi companies also provide service from the airport to downtown (\$30.00 Can.). Participants may also choose to travel from the airport to downtown using public transit, by taking the #96 bus which runs every hour (\$1.85 Can.), or a hotel shuttle bus service which operates every 30 minutes (\$10.00 Can.), and services all of the major downtown hotels.

For those participants flying into either Montreal, Quebec (Dorval Airport) or Toronto, Ontario (Pearson International Airport), the following travel times apply:

	By Air	By Train	By Bus/Car
Montreal to Ottawa	30 min.	2 hrs.	2 hrs.
Toronto to Ottawa	1 hr.	4 hrs.	4.5 hrs.

When travelling from the hotel to Statistics Canada at Tunney's Pasture, participants again have a variety of options. If travelling by rental car, Tunney's Pasture can be reached in approximately 10 minutes, and paid parking is located nearby (\$8.00 Can. Daily). Similar travel times apply for those travelling from the hotel to Tunney's Pasture by taxi (\$10.00 Can.). Those participants using public transit have the choice of several different buses that all travel west along the Transitway at 10-30 minute intervals (\$1.85 Can.). A bus map is included with your Participant Information Package, showing all bus numbers and associated routes for the City of Ottawa and surrounding areas. Finally, interested participants can walk

from the hotel to Tunney's Pasture in approximately 45 minutes, and shower facilities and changing rooms are available at the Statistics Canada offices.



Costs

Each participant is responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses related to the Work Session. Currency exchange facilities are located at Ottawa International Airport, as well as in several downtown locations close to the Minto Place Hotel. A tax refund application will also be included with the Participant Information Package.



Registration

A registration form is included with this package. This should be completed by each participant, and a copy returned to both the UN/ECE Secretariat and the event coordinator in Canada. **The deadline for registration is June 30, 1998**, so please ensure that your forms are submitted before this date.



Additional Information?

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