

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON PROMOTING DISABILITY DATA COLLECTION THROUGH THE  
2010 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES**

*BANGKOK, THAILAND 8-10 APRIL 2008*

**United Nations Conference Centre  
Room 4  
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue  
Bangkok 10200, Thailand  
(group discussions will take place in rooms 4, E, F, G)**

**I. WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

| <b>Tuesday 8 April 2008</b>   |            |  |  |
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| <b><i>Opening Session</i></b>   |            |  |  |
| <b>Start</b>  | <b>End</b> | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Presenter/facilitator</b>                         |
| 8:00  | 8:45       | <b>Registration</b>  | All participants                                     |
| 9:00  | 9:10       | <b>Welcome remarks</b>   | Pietro Gennari                                       |
| 9:10  | 9:20       | <b>Workshop objectives and overview of ESCAP project on improvement of disability measurement and statistics</b>   | Haishan Fu   |
| 9:20  | 9:30       | <b>Group photo</b>   | All participants                                     |
| <b><i>Session 1</i></b>   |            |  |  |
| <b>Dialogue between data users and producers: understanding the mismatch</b>  |            |  |  |
| <i>Joseph Kwok (chair)</i>  |            |  |  |
| 9:30  | 10:00      | <b>Panel session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biwako Millennium Framework and ESCAP work on disability – Aiko Akiyama</b></li> <li>• <b>Data user – Disability Focal Point presentation</b></li> <li>• <b>Data producer – National Statistical Office presentation</b></li> </ul>  | Aiko Akiyama, NSO representative, DFP representative |
| 10:00   | 10:15      | <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>  | All participants                                     |
| 10:15   | 11:15      | <b>Moderated group discussion based on country experiences</b>   | Ken Black, Susan Hirshberg, Joseph Kwok, Dan Mont    |
| 11:15   | 12:00      | <b>Panel session: review of group findings</b>   | Country representatives                              |
| 12:00   | 13:30      | <i>Lunch Break</i>   | All participants                                     |
| <b><i>Session 2</i></b>   |            |  |  |
| <b>Shifting towards the ICF-based approach for disability data collection</b> |            |  |  |
| <i>Susan Hirshberg (chair)</i>  |            |  |  |
| 13:30   | 14:15      | <b>Panel session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The ICF-based approach – Nenad Kostanjsek (via videoconference)</b></li> <li>• <b>Promoting the ICF-based approach in Asia – Dan Mont</b></li> <li>• <b>Country experience on the implementation of the ICF-based approach – National Statistical Office presentation</b></li> </ul> | Dan Mont, Nenad Kostanjsek, NSO representative       |

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| 14:15 | 16:00 | <b>Moderated group discussion on understanding the ICF-framework and its use for disability data collection</b> | Susan Hirshberg, Jennifer Madans, Dan Mont, Margie Schneider |
| 16:00 | 16:15 | <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>   | All participants   |
| 16:15 | 17:00 | <b>Panel session: review of group findings</b>  | Country representatives                                      |

**Wednesday 9 April 2008**

**Session 3**

**Applying the ICF-based approach to census data collection**

*Ken Black (chair)*

| <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Presenter/facilitator</b>      |
|--------------|------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 9:00         | 9:45       | <b>Panel session: Development of the Global Census Recommendations and the implementation guidelines</b> | Jennifer Madans, Margie Schneider |
| 9:45         | 10:30      | <b>Moderated discussion: Questions &amp; Answers</b>   | All participants                  |
| 10:30        | 10:45      | <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>  | All participants                  |

**Session 4**

**'Learning by doing': targeted training on census disability data collection methods**

*Ken Black (chair)*

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| 10:45 | 12:00 | <b>Training in selected areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Questionnaire design and translation into local languages</b></li> <li>• <b>Training of interviewers</b></li> </ul>                                 | Ken Black, Jennifer Madans, Margie Schneider                  |
| 12:00 | 13:30 | <i>Lunch Break</i>   | All participants  |
| 13:30 | 15:00 | <b>Training in selected areas (continued):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pilot testing</b></li> <li>• <b>Data compilation and tabulation</b></li> <li>• <b>Best strategies for data dissemination</b></li> </ul> | Ken Black, Jennifer Madans, Margie Schneider                  |
| 15:00 | 15:15 | <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>  | All participants  |
| 15:15 | 16:15 | <b>Group exercises in selected areas</b>   | Ken Black, Gamini De Silva, Jennifer Madans, Margie Schneider |
| 16:15 | 17:00 | <b>Panel session: review of group findings</b>   | Country representatives                                       |

**Thursday 10 April 2008**

**Session 5**

**How to convince decision makers**

*Haishan Fu (chair)*

| <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Presenter/Facilitator</b> |
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| 9:00         | 9:30       | <b>Panel session: Training on advocacy and communication skills</b> | Joseph Kwok, Hak-Fan Lau     |

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| 9:30   | 10:30 | <b>Group exercises</b>   | All Participants             |
| 10:30  | 10:45 | <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>  |                              |
| <b>Session 6</b><br><b>From censuses to surveys: national needs for support</b><br><i>Haishan Fu (chair)</i> |       |  |                              |
| 10:45  | 12:00 | <b>Moderated discussion: Identifying the main challenges in implementing the Global Census Recommendations</b>   | All Participants             |
| 12:00  | 13:30 | <i>Lunch Break</i>   | All Participants             |
| 13:30  | 14:00 | <b>Panel session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ESCAP project 'Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics in Support of the Biwako Millennium Framework and Regional Census Programme' – Haishan Fu</b></li> <li>• <b>Washington Group work on survey questionnaires – Margie Schneider</b></li> </ul> | Haishan Fu, Margie Schneider |
| 14:00  | 15:00 | <b>Moderated discussion on countries' needs for support</b>  | All Participants             |
| 15:00  | 15:30 | <b>Closing of Meeting: follow-up plans, strategy and feedback</b>  | Country representatives      |

## II. EXPLANATORY NOTES

### **Opening session**

Opening address by the Director of ESCAP Statistics Division Pietro Gennari, followed by the introduction of the objectives of the workshop as part of ESCAP project on the improvement of disability measurement and statistics, by Haishan Fu.

### **Session 1: Dialogue between data users and producers: understanding the mismatch**

Aiko Akiyama reviews the Biwako Millennium Framework and ESCAP work on disability. A Disability Focal Point talks about the experience from a user point of view and a National Statistical Office presents their perspective on data collection. In the moderated group discussions participants are expected to address their data needs, the main challenges in data collection and in its dissemination. Group discussions are moderated by Ken Black, Susan Hirshberg, Joseph Kwok and Dan Mont. Country representatives review and present each group findings.

### **Session 2: Shifting towards the ICF-based approach for disability data collection**

In this session Nenad Kostanjsek presents the ICF-based approach and talks about how it differs from conventional methods. Dan Mont explains the World Bank work on the ICF approach in Asia, followed by an NSO experience in applying the ICF-based approach to disability data collection. In the moderated group discussions participants are expected to become familiar with the ICF-approach and its use for disability data collection, discussing advantages and challenges in its implementation. Group discussions are moderated by Susan Hirshberg, Jennifer Madans, Dan Mont and Margie Schneider. Country representatives review and present each group findings.

### **Session 3: Applying the ICF-based approach to census data collection**

Jennifer Madans and Margie Schneider talk about the development of the Global Census Recommendations and the implementation guidelines. During the moderated discussion, participants have the opportunity to ask questions on the ICF framework.

**Session 4: 'Learning by doing': targeted training on census disability data collection methods**

Participants are presented with important lessons learned as well as practical information on how the proposed census questions and the global recommendations can be adapted to national and local needs. Training focuses on: questionnaire design and translation into local languages; training of interviewers; pilot testing; data compilation and tabulation; best strategies for data dissemination. Group exercises are lead by Ken Black, Gamini De Silva, Jennifer Madans and Margie Schneider. Country representatives review and present each group findings.

**Session 5: How to convince decision makers**

In this session Hak-Fan Lau and Joseph Kwok engage in interactive group exercises focusing on advocacy techniques and strengthening communication skills.

**Session 6: From censuses to surveys: national needs for support**

This session starts with an open discussion on identifying the main challenges in implementing the Global Census Recommendations. Haishan Fu presents an overview of the United Nations Development Account Project entitled 'Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics in Support of the Biwako Millennium Framework and Regional Census Programme' and Margie Schneider talks about its linkage to the Washington Group work on Extended Survey Questionnaires. Presentations are followed by an open discussion on identifying countries' interests and needs for support. Conclusions and recommendations are summarized by ESCAP.

**III. RESOURCE PERSONS**

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|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Aiko Akiyama</b>     | Social Affairs Specialist, Emerging Social Issues Division, ESCAP   |
| <b>Ken Black</b>        | Senior Statistician, Australia Bureau of Statistics and ESCAP Project Task Team Coordinator                 |
| <b>Gamini De Silva</b>  | Lecturer/Statistician, SIAP   |
| <b>Haishan Fu</b>       | Chief, Statistics Development Section, ESCAP  |
| <b>Susan Hirshberg</b>  | Senior Education Specialist and Disability Coordinator, South Asia Region, World Bank                       |
| <b>Linda Hooper</b>     | Statistician, Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE  |
| <b>Nenad Kostanjsek</b> | Technical Officer, World Health Organisation  |
| <b>Joseph Kwok</b>      | Professor, City University, Hong Kong   |
| <b>Hak-Fan Lau</b>      | Chief of Information Services, ESCAP  |
| <b>Jennifer Madans</b>  | Chair, Washington Group   |
| <b>Dan Mont</b>         | Senior Economist, Disability and Development Team, World Bank   |
| <b>Margie Schneider</b> | Member of the Washington Group the Human Science Research Council of South Africa and ESCAP Project Advisor |