

**Conference of European Statisticians**
***Sixty-eighth plenary session***

22-24 June 2020

Virtual meeting (Geneva)

ECE/CES/98/Rev.1/Add.1

12 June 2020

**Tentative timetable**

Time	Item	Topic	Documents
<b>Monday, 22 June 2020 (12:00 - 14:30)</b>			
(Hybrid meeting)			
<b>FORMAL CES SESSION (with E-F-R interpretation)</b>			
12:00 – 12:10	1	<b>Opening</b>	ECE/CES/98/Rev.1 & Add.1
12:10 – 12:25	4	<b>New CES guidelines and recommendations</b>	
		- endorsement of the guidelines/recommendations where consensus was reached	2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and their addenda, 17/Add.1-2
		- endorsement of outcomes of in-depth reviews carried out by the CES Bureau	19, 20, 21
12:25 – 12:30	5	<b>UNECE Statistical Programmes 2020 and 2021</b>	
		- approval of work programmes	14, 15, 16, 16/Add.1
		- information on the Regional UN Coordination Group for Data and Statistics in Europe and Central Asia	13
12:30 – 14:00	2	<b>Globalization and the future of economic statistics – discussion led by Canada, Finland and Norway</b>	
		- session outline by Canada, Finland and Norway	23
		- papers by Poland, Ireland and Mexico	22, 24, 25
12:30 – 12:40		Introduction to session	
12:40 – 12:55		Keynote: globalisation, policy needs and data gaps (Elliot Harris, UN Chief Economist)	
12:55 – 13:15		Questions & answers and discussion	
13:15 – 13:20		Increased need for collaboration and coordination	
13:20 – 13:25		Update of the Friends of the Chair on economic statistics	
13:25 – 13:55		General discussion	
13:55 – 14:00		Conclusions and next steps	
14:00		Closing of the formal session	
<b>INFORMAL SESSION (English only)</b>			
14:00 – 14:30	3	<b>Measuring digital transformation</b>	
		- Paper by Eurostat, IMF and OECD; and by Canada	3, 20

<b>Tuesday, 23 June 2020 (12:00 - 14:30)</b> (Virtual meeting)		
<b>JOINT INFORMAL CES AND UN-GGIM: EUROPE SESSION (English only)</b>		
<b>12:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>New roles for statistical and geospatial agencies in emerging national data ecosystems</b> – discussion led by Canada and Denmark
		- Papers by Estonia et al., France, Poland, Portugal, UNECE <span style="float: right;">10, 11, 26, 27, 28</span>
12:00 – 12:10		Introduction to session
12:10 – 12:25		Keynote: New roles for statistical agencies (Estonia)
12:25 – 12:40		Keynote: New roles for geospatial agencies (Slovenia, chair of UN-GGIM: Europe)
12:40 – 12:50		Summary of key points in contributed papers (UNECE)
12:50 – 13:05		Concrete steps taken by NSOs and the geospatial communities to modernize their role
13:05 – 13:50		General discussion
13:50 – 14:00		Conclusions and next steps
<b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>How official statistics and geospatial data can help to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic, including supporting SDGs</b>
		Sharing experience in implementing the <i>CES Recommendations on measuring hazardous events and disasters</i> and using geospatial data and tools
14:00 – 14:10		Overview of case studies by countries (UNECE)
14:10 – 14:25		Presentations by UK and Mexico
14:25 – 14:30		Conclusions and next steps
<b>Wednesday, 24 June 2020 (12:00-15:00)</b> (Virtual meeting)		
<b>JOINT INFORMAL CES – CSSP SESSION IMPACT OF COVID-19 CRISIS ON OFFICIAL STATISTICS (English only)</b>		
<b>12:00 – 13:15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Data stewardship – NSOs in the changing world</b> (organized by UNECE)
		- Papers by Estonia et al., and Ireland <span style="float: right;">10, 29</span>
12:00 – 12:10		Introduction and overview of case studies by countries (UNECE)
12:10 – 12:30		Presentations by Estonia, the Netherlands and Switzerland
12:30 – 13:05		General discussion
13:05 – 13:15		Conclusions and summary of the session
<i>Short break</i>		
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Business continuity of official statistics</b> (organized by OECD) - Panel discussion <span style="float: right;">SDD/CSSP(2020)6</span>
		Panellists: New Zealand, Romania, United States and Eurostat
		- Papers by Albania, France, Serbia <span style="float: right;">30, 31, 32</span>
13:30 – 14:00		How NSOs have adapted to disruptions due to Covid-19?
14:00 – 14:25		Questions and answers
14:25 – 14:50		Which new practices will remain for longer term and what are the lessons learned?
14:50 – 15:00		Conclusions and summary of the session
<b>15:00</b>		<b>Closing of the CES plenary session</b>

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**TOPICS FOR INFORMATION**

(not discussed due to the shortened agenda)

**Statistics for SDGs**

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