

**UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION and
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UNECE Workshop on Developing Data Dissemination Systems
(12 May 2008, Geneva, Switzerland)

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 1

The meeting will be held in Geneva, on 12 May, starting at 10 a.m.

I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. The aim of the meeting is to exchange experience among statisticians and other experts regarding best practice in the development and implementation of statistical dissemination systems. It is particularly targeted at organizations that are in the early stages of developing such systems, including CIS and Western Balkan countries, and will focus on the use of PC-Axis and related software tools.

2. This meeting is held back-to-back with three other events:

- Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication (13-15 May 2008)
- Joint UNECE/Eurostat Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses (13-15 May 2008)
- Workshop on Communication and Dissemination of Census Results (16 May 2008);

For more information, links to the web sites of these other meetings can be found at <http://www.unece.org/stats/archive/docs.date.e.htm>. Participants are encouraged to arrange their travel so that they can benefit from attending more than one of these events.

II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will include the following substantive topics:

(1) Current data management and dissemination tools and systems

Presentations and discussions on current systems and issues.

(2) The UNECE approach including the PC-Axis suite of software

The UNECE will demonstrate an approach that may be suitable for CIS and Western Balkan countries, based around the PC-Axis suite of software tools, developed specifically for disseminating official statistics by a consortium of national and international statistical agencies.

(3) Practical applications of PC-Axis in various organizations

This will include experiences of those who have recently implemented PC-Axis, and its use for a wide range of statistics including census data.

(4) The scope for future joint development of data management and dissemination tools

Participants are invited to identify ways in which they could both contribute to, and benefit from a joint approach to developing and implementing data management and dissemination tools.

III. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

4. Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations, and of interested intergovernmental organizations, are welcome to participate in the meeting, and particularly those from CIS and Western Balkan countries.

5. All participants attending the work session are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the UNECE Meeting on Developing Data Dissemination Systems. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa.

6. Representatives from national statistical offices and international organizations who wish to participate should complete the attached registration form and return it to the UNECE secretariat by the deadline shown on that form.

IV. ACCOMMODATION

7. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, since available rooms are limited because of other meetings taking place in Geneva during the month of May. Maps of Geneva, list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following website:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>

V. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

8. The working languages of this one-day meeting are English and Russian, with consecutive translation.

9. Papers will be made publicly available on the website of the UNECE Secretariat at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2008.05.dissemination3.htm>. Delegates are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the meeting.

VI. FURTHER INFORMATION

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