

Meeting of the 2016/2017 Bureau
Ottawa (Canada), 11-12 October 2016

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Bureau meeting will start at 9:30 on Tuesday, 11 October, and is planned to finish at about 16:30 on Wednesday, 12 October 2016. The meeting will take place at Statistics Canada, in the Ivan Fellegi conference room on the 26th floor of the R.H. Coats Building, 100 Tunney's Pasture Driveway, Ottawa, Canada.

The traditional subscription dinner will be organised on Tuesday, 11 October 2016.

The meeting will be held in English only. The documents for the meeting will be uploaded on the following wiki site: www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/bureau/CES+Bureau (username: ces; password: bureau8).

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY WAYNE SMITH

II. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS OF SELECTED STATISTICAL AREAS

1. The CES Bureau regularly reviews selected statistical areas in depth. The aim of the review is to improve coordination of statistical activities in the UNECE region, identify gaps or duplication of work, and address emerging issues. The reviews often lead to new work in topical areas and result in tangible outputs such as guidelines or recommendations.

(a) **Measuring governance** – *for discussion and recommendations*
(ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/2 by Turkey and OECD)

2. The discussion will be based on a paper by Turkey and OECD. **Additional contributions from the CES Bureau members are welcome in advance of the Bureau meeting.**

(b) **Exchange of economic data and data sharing** – *for discussion and recommendations* (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/3 by Finland)

3. The discussion will be based on a paper by Finland. **Additional contributions from the CES Bureau members are welcome in advance of the Bureau meeting.**

III. UNECE STATISTICAL PROGRAMME FOR 2017

(a) **Statistical programme for 2017 and a list of meetings** – *for decision*
(ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/4 by UNECE)

4. The draft programme of work for the UNECE Statistical Division in 2017 will be presented to the Bureau for discussion and approval. The discussion will focus on the new or substantially changed activities of the work programme.

5. The work of steering groups and task forces set up by the CES Bureau is also reviewed under this agenda item. The groups are created for a particular task with concrete terms of reference, output, timeframe (2-3 years) and a sunset clause. The work results in methodological and practical guidelines, collections of leading practices and training materials available on the web. The terms of reference of active steering groups and task forces are available at www.unece.org/stats/ToS.html

(b) **Statistics for SDGs: updated road map** – *for discussion and recommendations*
(ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/5 by the Steering Group)

6. In June 2015, the Conference decided to launch work on a road map for the development of official statistics for monitoring SDGs. In October 2015, the Bureau set up a Steering Group to prepare a road map on statistics for SDGs. The Steering Group presented the first draft of the road map at the CES plenary session in April 2016. The Bureau is invited to review the progress of work and provide guidance for further work on the road map.

(c) **Climate change-related statistics: outcome of the 2016 Expert Forum** – *for discussion and recommendations* (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/6 by the Steering Group and Task Forces)

7. The Bureau will be informed of the outcome of the 2016 Expert Forum on climate-change related statistics to be held in Geneva on 5-7 October 2016. This includes the progress with the two Task Forces that are working under the Steering Group on climate change-related statistics, namely the Task Force on a set of key climate change-related statistics and indicators, and the Task Force on measuring extreme events and disasters. The final report of the Task Force on climate change-related statistics and indicators is planned to be submitted for approval to the February 2017 meeting of the Bureau.

8. Furthermore, the UN Statistical Commission reviewed work on climate change related statistics in March 2016, expressed its appreciation of the work and requested UNSD to review and consider it as a basis for developing a global set of climate change statistics and indicators, applicable to countries at various stages of development (Decision 12(h)).

9. The Bureau will be invited to review the progress made and provide advice on further steps.

(d) Waste statistics: proposal for work – for decision
(ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/7 by UNECE)

10. The Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators is working under the umbrella of CES and the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy to improve environmental statistics and reporting in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe. At the recent meetings of the Joint Task Force in May 2015 and June/July 2016 countries discussed the problems related to waste statistics and asked for developing a framework for waste statistics. The Task Force decided to bring the conceptual and methodological problems related to waste statistics to the attention of the CES Bureau, with a proposal for further work.

11. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the proposal for work on waste statistics.

(e) Global production: further work – for discussion and recommendations
(ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/8 by UNECE)

12. The Bureau will be informed of the work since the endorsement of the *Guide to Measuring Global Production* at the 2015 CES plenary session. On that occasion, the Conference supported the organization of expert meetings on issues related to global production and supported the research agenda identified in the Guide. The Secretariat will present the proposals for further work from the recent meetings on National Accounts and global production held on 7-9 July 2015 and 17-20 May 2016.

13. The Bureau will be invited to provide advice on further steps.

(f) High-level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS) – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/9 by HLG-MOS)

14. In October 2013, the Bureau confirmed the governance structure for the modernization work and approved the terms of references for the High-level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS), its Executive Board and four modernisation committees. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the updated terms of reference and a new governance structure, and decide on the extension of the mandate of HLG-MOS and its subgroups.

(g) Capacity building to respond to the challenges of SDGs, geospatial statistics and modernization – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/10 by UNECE)

15. In February 2016, the CES Bureau strongly supported the proposal to continue capacity building activities for the countries with developing statistical systems and to organize workshops and meetings for all UNECE countries to respond to new developments at global level in the context of SDGs, geospatial statistics and modernization. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the plans to address these challenges with capacity building.

IV. FOLLOW-UP TO THE 2016 CES PLENARY SESSION

(a) Evaluation of the 64th plenary session – for information
(ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/11 by UNECE)

16. The results of the evaluation questionnaires of the 2016 CES plenary session will be presented for information.

(b) Follow-up to the 2016 CES seminar on strategic partnerships – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/12 by Canada and UNECE)

17. The 2016 CES seminar on strategic partnerships concluded that it would be useful to undertake further work on selected issues around partnerships, and decided on a number of follow-up actions. The Bureau is invited to decide on the next steps based on a proposal by the seminar organiser (Canada) and the Secretariat.

(c) Follow-up to the 2016 CES seminar on geospatial services based on official statistics – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/13 by Austria and UNECE)

18. The 2016 CES seminar on geospatial information services based on official statistics recognized the growing importance of integrating statistical and geospatial information and discussed the way forward. The Conference decided on a number of actions and asked the Bureau to follow up on these. The Bureau is invited to decide on the next steps based on a proposal by the seminar organiser (Austria) and the Secretariat.

19. In July 2016, ECOSOC adopted a resolution on strengthening the institutional arrangements on geospatial information management, and requested the Regional Commissions to discuss with their member States the implementation of the resolution. The Bureau will be informed about the discussions on this issue at UNECE based on a paper by the Secretariat.

V. PREPARATION FOR THE 2017 CES PLENARY SESSION

(a) Organization of the 2017 CES seminar on measuring poverty – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/14 by Israel, Mexico and UNECE)

20. The CES plenary session selected this topic for one of the 2017 CES seminars. The Bureau is invited to discuss the organization of the seminar based on an outline prepared by the seminar organizers, Israel, Mexico and UNECE. The CES Bureau will decide on the format and duration of the seminar.

(b) Organization of the 2017 CES seminar on the next generation of statisticians and data scientists – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/15 by Finland and Eurostat)

21. The CES plenary session selected this topic for one of the 2017 CES seminars. The Bureau is invited to discuss the organization of the seminar based on an outline prepared by the seminar organizers, Finland and Eurostat. The CES Bureau will decide on the format and duration of the seminar.

(c) Provisional agenda for the 2017 CES plenary session – for decision (ECE/CES/BUR/2016/OCT/16 by UNECE)

22. The Bureau is invited to discuss the provisional agenda of the CES plenary session in 2017, including the format of the seminars and substantive discussions, based on a proposal by the Secretariat.

VI. CES GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENT

(a) *The Guide on Measuring Human Capital and proposal for further work for final approval – for decision* (ECE/CES/BUR/OCT/17 by the Task Force)

23. The 2016 CES plenary session supported the *Guide on Measuring Human Capital*, subject to reflecting the comments made during the electronic consultation and at the plenary session, and agreed with the need for further work. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the finalized *Guide* and decide on the next steps based on a proposal by the Secretariat.

(b) *Defining and Measuring Circular Migration for final approval – for decision* (ECE/CES/BUR/OCT/18 by the Task Force)

24. The 2016 CES plenary session supported the report on *Defining and Measuring Circular Migration*, subject to reflecting the comments made during the electronic consultation and at the plenary session. The Bureau will be informed about the outcome of the discussions on the definition of circular migration at the UNECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics, held on 18-20 May 2016. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the finalized report.

(c) *The Recommendations on Ageing-Related Statistics and proposal for further work for final approval – for decision* (ECE/CES/BUR/OCT/19 by the Task Force)

25. The 2016 CES plenary session supported the *Recommendations on ageing-related statistics*, subject to reflecting the comments made during the electronic consultation and at the plenary session, and agreed with the need for further work. The Bureau is invited to review and approve the finalized *Recommendations* and decide on the next steps based on a proposal by the Secretariat.

VII. PRESENTATION BY STATISTICS CANADA – for discussion

26. The CES Bureau regularly discusses the work and strategies of statistical organizations. A number of organizations have presented their statistical activities over the years, most recently UNCTAD, UNEP, WHO and the World Economic Forum.

27. As the meeting will be held in Ottawa, Statistics Canada will be invited to present its work to the Bureau meeting.

VIII. DATES AND VENUE OF THE NEXT CES BUREAU MEETINGS – for decision

28. The Bureau is expected to confirm the dates and venue of its next meetings. In April 2016, the Bureau decided that its next meetings will take place on 14-15 February 2017 in Geneva and 10-11 October 2017, venue to be decided. The next CES plenary session is scheduled to be held on 19-21 June 2017 in Geneva.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS – for decision

29. Any other topics can be taken up under this agenda item. Furthermore, the Bureau is expected to decide on the papers that will be made publicly available on Internet.