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**UNDA 9TH TRANCHE: KICK-OFF MEETING**

10 – 11 December 2014, Grand Tien Shan Hotel, Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Draft AGENDA**

Tuesday, 9 December 2014	
18:00 - 19:00	<p><b>Arrival of participants in Almaty</b> Transport from airport to Hotel Grand Tien Shan for all participants according to their respective flight schedule.</p> <p><b>Registration/information</b> Registration, distribution of material, information</p>
19:00	<p><b>Welcome cocktail</b> Organised by UNECE</p>
Wednesday, 10 December 2014	
09:00 – 09:30	<p><b>Welcome and Opening</b> <b>Chair:</b> Gabriel Gamez, UNECE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kurt Wass, EFTA</li> <li>- Kairat Orunkhanov, Agency of Statistics of Kazakhstan</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1:</b>	<b>UNDA 9<sup>th</sup> tranche project – Objectives, implementation and follow-up</b>
09:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Chair:</b> Gabriel Gamez, UNECE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alice Kovarikova, UNECE (20') <i>UNDA project – introduction and objectives</i></li> <li>- Anna Shirkovetc, UNECE (20') <i>Tools for implementation and monitoring of the project</i></li> </ul> <p>General discussion (20')</p> <p>Coffee break (~10:30 – 11:00)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kurt Wass, EFTA (10') <i>EFTA contribution to the development of statistical capacities in EECCA countries</i></li> <li>- Claudia Junker, Eurostat (10') <i>ENP-East and beyond: Eurostat contribution to statistical capacity in EECCA countries</i></li> <li>- Yuriy Shokamanov, EEC (10') <i>Official statistics: a tool for economic integration</i></li> <li>- Gurdal Gedik, Turkish Statistical Institute (10') <i>How countries from Central Asia can benefit from the recent experience of TurkStat</i></li> <li>- Alexey Ponomarenko, Higher School of Economics (10') <i>Major challenges in harmonising official statistics with international standards in EECCA countries</i></li> <li>- Omurbek Ibraev, Statistics Norway (10') <i>Institutional cooperation between Statistics Norway and the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic - 2014-2016</i></li> <li>- Georgy Oksenoyt, Rosstat (10') <i>Rosstat contribution to technical cooperation activities in the EECCA region and beyond</i></li> </ul> <p>General discussion (20')</p>
12:30 – 13:50	Lunch
13:50 – 18:00	<p><b>Chair:</b> Kairat Orunkhanov, Agency of Statistics of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tajikistan (10') <i>Implementation of recommendations from global assessment: the experience of Tajikistan</i></li> <li>- Belarus (10') <i>Setting priorities in the implementation of recommendations from global assessment: the experience of Belarus</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Group discussions 1a: (60')</u></p> <p>Participants will be split in 3-4 groups and discuss their needs and expectations of the project, possible implementation plans, and challenges to be addressed with the support of international and bilateral partners.</p> <p>Questions will be prepared in advance to guide the discussions in the groups.</p> <p>Coffee break (~15:10 – 15:40)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Claudia Junker, Eurostat (20') <i>New round of global assessments / peer reviews in the EECCA countries</i></li> </ul>

	<p><u>Group discussions 1b: (30')</u></p> <p>Participants will be split in 3-4 groups and discuss how the possible next round of assessments of national statistical systems should be organised: what should be kept and what should be changed. Questions will be prepared in advance to guide the discussions in the groups.</p> <p><u>Plenary discussion: (90')</u></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Gabriel Gamez, UNECE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report from Group discussions 1a and 1b</li> <li>- Plenary discussion with contribution from selected panellists</li> </ul>
18:30	<b>Departure by bus from Hotel Grand Tien Shan to Hotel Samal</b>
19:00	<b>Official dinner at Hotel Samal</b> Organised by EFTA
Thursday, 11 December 2014	
<b>Session 2:</b>	<b>Legal and institutional framework of official statistics</b>
09:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Chair:</b> Kurt Wass, EFTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heinrich Brünger, Consultant UNECE (40') <i>Delineation of a national statistical system</i></li> <li>- Azerbaijan (10') <i>Definition of official statistics, administrative statistics and official statistical data in the statistical law: the example of Azerbaijan</i></li> <li>- Ukraine (10') <i>Delineation of the national statistical system of Ukraine: main challenges in the light of the UN-FPs</i></li> <li>- Armenia (10') <i>Rights and obligations of other producers of official statistics in Armenia according to the law</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Group discussions 2a: (50')</u></p> <p>Participants will be split in 3-4 groups and discuss current challenges and possible development related to the legal and institutional frameworks for national statistical systems based on specific country experiences. Questions will be prepared in advance to guide the discussions in the groups. Coffee break (~11:00 – 11:20)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan Byfuglien, Consultant UNECE (40') <i>Coordination of the production of official statistics: good practices, mechanisms and tools</i></li> <li>- Moldova (10') <i>Coordination of the national statistical system of Moldova: best practices and tasks</i></li> <li>- Mongolia (10') <i>How to re-enforce the role of the Statistical Council as the coordination body of the national statistical system: the experience of Mongolia</i></li> <li>- Georgia (10') <i>International cooperation as a driver of sustainable development in statistics: the experience of Geostat</i></li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:50	Lunch
13:50-16:30	<p><u>Group discussions 2b: (50')</u></p> <p>Participants will be split in 3-4 groups and discuss current challenges and possible development related to the coordination mechanisms for national statistical systems based on specific country experiences.</p> <p>Questions will be prepared in advance to guide the discussions in the groups.</p> <p><u>Plenary discussion: (90')</u></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Liuksina Tekeeva, Kyrgyzstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report from Group discussions 2a and 2b</li> <li>- Plenary discussion with contribution from selected panellists</li> </ul> <p>Coffee break (~16:10 – 16:30)</p>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Way Forward – UNDA 9th tranche follow-up actions</b>
16:30 – 18:00	<p><b>Chair:</b> Gabriel Gamez, UNECE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tour de table and conclusions</li> <li>- Closing</li> </ul>
18:30	<p><b>Farewell cocktail at Hotel Grand Tien Shan</b></p> <p>Organised by UNECE</p>