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Joint ECE-EUROSTAT Work Session on Migration Statistics
organised in cooperation with the UN Statistics Division
(Geneva, 28-30 April 2003)

Provisional agenda and tentative timetable

The Work Session will start at 9:30 on Monday 28 April in the Palais des Nations, Salle H-3, 3rd floor (see attached map). The meeting is expected to end in the early part of the afternoon of Wednesday 30 April. If there is time permitting, immediately after the meeting (e.g., possibly from 15:30-17:00), there will be a **side meeting** organised by UNSD in cooperation with ECE and Eurostat.

The main purpose of the side meeting is to introduce participants to the UN recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, explain the proposed format and content of the joint questionnaire and possible revisions to it, and elicit feedback from participants on their experience in compiling international migration statistics. The side meeting is mainly targeted to statisticians from Eastern European countries, EU Candidate/Applicant countries and countries from other developing regions who will be attending the work session. However, all participants in the work session are invited to participate in the side meeting.

Participants are kindly requested to pick up their conference accreditation cards (badges) at the Security Identification Office, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix, opposite the main entrance of the Palais des Nations (see attached map). The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants should note that the formalities for the issuance of badges might take a long time. Therefore, they are encouraged to go to the Security Identification Office early, in order to obtain the badge on time to reach the conference room before the meeting starts.

After having obtained the badge, participants can enter the UN premises through two gates: the pedestrian passage at Place des Nations (buses 5, 8, 11, 14 and 18: stop Nations) and the Pregny Gate (Avenue de la Paix, 14; buses 8 and 18: stop Appia).

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE WORK SESSION

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Designation of officers
4. **Session I: First results on international migration from the 2000 round of population censuses, comparison with other sources and any indications on coverage and reliability -- Organizer: David Pearce (ONS, United Kingdom)**
5. **Session II: Results of the pilot exercises on border card systems and work on residence permit systems carried out in 2002 in specific MED-MIGR and other countries, and the collection of international migration data from the MED-MIGR countries -- Organizer: Eurostat**
6. **Session III: Estimates of undocumented migration and of other major categories of migrants not included in standard immigration and emigration statistics -- Organizer: Eurostat**
7. **Session IV: Synergies between international migration statistics and statistics on other topics with particular relevance to policy needs, including the need for international flow statistics in providing services across borders -- Organizer: United Nations Statistics Division**
8. **Session V: Development of a regional strategy to promote progress by ECE and Eurostat countries towards complying more fully with the UN recommendations on international migration statistics -- Organizer: UNECE**
9. Future work
10. Other business
11. Adoption of the report

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Time	Item	Session/Activity	Doc. number
MONDAY 28 APRIL 2003			
8:00-9:30		Registration of participants (Security Identification Office, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix)	
9:30-10:00	1. 2. 3.	Opening of the meeting Adoption of agenda Designation of officers	INF.2
10:00-11:00 10:00-10:10 10:10-10:30 10:30-11:10	4.	SESSION I: First results on international migration from the 2000 round of population censuses, comparison with other sources and any indications on coverage and reliability Introduction by session organiser: David Pearce (ONS, United Kingdom) Presentation of invited paper: ♦ <i>International mobility from the view of the Czech 2001 Census</i> Author: Bohdana Hola (Czech Republic) Comments of the discussant and discussion on the paper	WP 7 (Czech Rep.)
11:10-11:30		Coffee break	
11:30-12:30 11:30-11:50 11:50-12:30	4.	SESSION I (Cont.) - Presentation of invited papers: ♦ <i>Implications on the annual estimates of international migration from the One Number 2001 Census; problems and potential solutions</i> Authors: Michael Rendall and Emma Wright (UK) Comments of the discussant and discussion on the paper	WP 10 (UK)
12:30-14:00		Lunch break	
14:00-16:00 14:00-14:20 14:20-15:00	4.	SESSION I (Cont.) - Presentation of invited paper: ♦ <i>Migration results from the 1995 Malta Population and Housing Census: comparison with other data sources regarding coverage and reliability</i> Author: Reno Camilleri (Malta) Comments of the discussant and discussion on the paper	WP 8 (Malta)
15:00-15:20		Tea break	
15:20-17:00 15:20-15:40 15:40-16:20 16:20-17:00	4.	SESSION I (Cont.) - Presentation of invited paper: ♦ <i>The year of entry in France: interest of a new question in the 1999 Census</i> Author: Xavier Thierry (INED, France) Comments of the discussant and discussion on the paper General discussion on session I	WP 4 (France)
19:00		Optional subscription dinner (additional information will be given in the morning)	

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2003			
9:30-11:00	7.	SESSION IV: Synergies between international migration statistics and statistics on other topics with particular relevance to policy needs, including the need for international flow statistics in providing services across borders	
9:30-9:40		Introduction by session organiser (United Nations Statistics Division) Presentation of invited papers:	
9:40-10:00		♦ <i>A needle in a haystack: migration statistics and GATS mode 4</i> (OECD)	WP 1 (OECD)
10:00-10:30		Comments of the discussant and discussion on the paper	
10:30-10:50		♦ <i>GATS, modes of supply, and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services</i> (WTO)	WP 2 (WTO)
10:50-11:20		Comments of the discussant and discussion on the paper	
11:20-11:40	Coffee break		
11:40-12:30	7.	SESSION IV (Cont.): General discussion on synergies between international migration statistics and topics relevant to policy needs	
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:30	7.	SESSION IV (Cont.): Presentation of invited country papers:	
14:00-14:10		♦ <i>Harmonization of tourism and migration statistics: The Case of Spain</i> Author: Natalia Rodriguez Salmones (Spain)	WP 9 (Spain)
14:10-14:20		♦ <i>North American Mobility: Regional Synergies in Collecting Migration Statistics</i> Authors: Kevin Deardorff (USA) and Margaret Michalowski (Canada)	WP 11 (United States and Canada)
14:20-14:40		Comments and discussion on the papers	
14:40-15:30		General discussion on session IV	
15:30-15:50	Tea break		
15:50-17:00	5.	SESSION II: Results of the pilot exercises on border card systems and work on residence permit systems carried out in 2002 in specific MED-MIGR and other countries, and the collection of international migration data from the MED-MIGR countries	
15:50-16:10		Presentation of the achievements of MED-Migr project and plans for the future (Eurostat)	WP 12 (Eurostat)
16:10-17:00		General discussion on session II	

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2003			
9:30-11:00	6.	SESSION III: Estimates of undocumented migration and of other major categories of migrants not included in standard immigration and emigration statistics Introduction by session organiser (Eurostat) Presentation of invited papers: ♦ <i>Estimating illegal immigrants in a census or survey: The three-card method – An innovative technique</i> Authors: Nancy Kingsbury, Judith Droitcour and Eric Larson, General Accounting Office (United States) ♦ <i>[Title to be communicated]</i> (European Commission) Comments and questions on the papers General discussion on session III	WP 3 (United States) WP 13 (European Commission)
9:30-9:40 9:40-10:00 10:00-10:20 10:20-10:40 10:40-11:00			
11:00-11:20	Coffee break		
11:20-12:10	8.	SESSION V: Development of a regional strategy to promote progress by ECE and Eurostat countries towards complying more fully with the UN recommendations on international migration statistics (including discussion on future work) Introduction by session organiser (ECE) Presentation of notes: ♦ <i>Action plan for the development of EU statistics on migration and asylum over the next few years (Eurostat)</i> ♦ <i>Possibilities of developing a regional strategy to promote progress by ECE and Eurostat countries towards complying more fully with the UN Recommendations on international migration statistics (ECE)</i> General discussion on session V	WP 14 (Eurostat) WP 5 (ECE)
11:20-11:30 11:30-12:00 12:00-12:30			
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:00 (approx.)	9. 10. 11.	Future work Other business Adoption of the report and closing of the Work Session	WP 6 (ECE) Draft report
Side meeting for approx. 1-1.5 hours		Side meeting on the UN Recommendations on statistics of international migration, format and content of the revised questionnaire, and experience in compiling international migration statistics (organised by UNSD, ECE and Eurostat)	

Annex: Map of the Palais des Nations

