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Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD work session on statistical metadata (METIS)
(Geneva, 9-11 February 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

The meeting will begin on Monday 9 February 2004 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Delegates are kindly asked to pick up their entry passes at the Security Identification Office, Villa Les Feuillantines, 13, avenue de la Paix[*]. The Office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Delegates are advised to arrive early to pick up the entry passes – a longer waiting time may be expected after 9 a.m. because there are numerous meetings scheduled to begin on Monday 17 February 2003.

Time	Topic	Documentation
	Monday, 9 February 2004	
9:30	**Opening of the meeting**	WP.1
Topic (i)	**Functions of metadata in statistical production**	
	Session Organizer: Jan Byfuglien, (Norway)	
	Invited papers:	
	Ireland – Using XML to store Descriptive Metadata	WP.2
	Sweden – Metadata systems in statistical production processes - for which purposes are they needed, and how can they best be organized?	WP.3
	United Kingdom – Modernizing Statistical Systems to Improve Quality - The Experiences of the Office for National Statistics	WP.4
	Supporting papers:	
	France - NOMENCLA: a tool to manage, display and disseminate metadata	WP.16
	Hungary - Metadata driven warehouse in the Hungarian Central Statistical Office	WP.17
	Netherlands - Conceptual metadata and process metadata: How to improve with these concepts comparability and coherence of statistical information	WP.18
	Norway – Variables documentation system in statistics	WP.19
	Romania - Foreign trade statistics and related metadata	WP.20
	Slovenia - Recent development of SORS metadata repositories for a faster and more transparent production process	WP.21
	United Kingdom – ONS modernization programme etc	WP.22
	Eurostat – Operational metadata for federating statistical reference systems at Eurostat	WP.23
10:00	Introduction to Topic (i) and presentation of invited papers	
11:00	Coffee break	
11:20	Presentation of supporting papers	
12:30	Lunch break	
14:30	Discussion and conclusion of Topic (i)	
16:00	Tea break	

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Topic (ii)	**Metadata interchange**	
	Session Organizer: Marco Pellegrino (Eurostat)	
	Invited papers:	
	Canada – From data to knowledge: methods and systems for sharing, searching and exploiting data and information across organizations	WP.5
	Finland - MetaAPI – improving the usability of existing metadata systems by application programming interface	WP.6
	IMF-OECD-Eurostat – Inter-agency cooperation for the dissemination and exchange of standard metadata	WP.7
	SDMX Initiative – Next steps for the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange initiative	WP.8
	Supporting papers:	
	Australia – Achieving easier interchange of data and metadata: the NAWWE project	WP.24
	France – Possible paper on EDIFLOW experience for the exchange of data and administrative metadata	WP.25
	Eurostat – CLASET – EDI message for exchanging classifications	WP.26
	ILO – ILO experience with gathering and disseminating metadata on household income and expenditure statistics	WP.27
16:30	Introduction to topic (ii) and presentation of papers WP.5, WP.6 and WP.26	
17:30	EOB	
19:30	Social programme *(Subscription dinner)*	
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9:30	Presentation of papers WP.8, WP.7 and WP.24	
10:30	Coffee break	
10:50	Presentation of papers WP.25, WP.27; General discussion and conclusion of Topic (ii)	
12:00	Lunch break	
Topic (iii)	**Metadata models and terminology**	
	Session Organizer: Daniel Gillman (United States)	
	Invited papers	
	Australia – Using ISO/IEC 11179 to help with metadata management problems	WP.9
	Italy - SDOSIS: a Terminology-based Metadata Management System	WP.10
	MetaNet – Metadata models in survey computing	WP.11
	Supporting papers:	
	Czech Republic – Which came first – terminology or models?	WP.28
	Netherlands – CRISTAL, a model for data and metadata	WP.29
	United Kingdom – ONS metadata model and relationship to other models, etc	WP.30
	United States – ISO framework on the metadata repository	WP.31
	Eurostat – Integrating statistical terminology tools within Eurostat's dissemination policy	WP.32
14:30	Introduction to Topic (iii) and presentation of invited papers	
15:20	Tea break	
15:40	Presentation of supporting papers; General discussion and conclusion of Topic (iii)	
17:00	EOB	
17:15	Meeting of the Task Force on the Future Work *(Task Force members only)*	

Time	Topic	Documentation
	Wednesday, 11 February 2003	
Topic (iv)	**Using metadata for searching and finding statistical data in websites and portals**	
	Session Organizer: Denis Ward (OECD)	
	Invited papers	
	Canada – COR: Common Object Registry – keeping STATCAN.CA visitors in context	WP.13
	Norway – Statistical metadata on the Internet revisited	WP.14
	OECD – Draft metadata content standards for statistical metadata on the Internet	WP.15
	Supporting papers	
	Canada – Use of standardized metadata to find, select and access statistical data	WP.33
	FAO – Searching and finding statistical metadata in websites and portals – an international organization perspective	WP.34
9:30	Introduction and presentation of invited papers	
10:30		
10:50	Presentations; General discussion and conclusion of Topic (iv)	
12:30	Lunch break	
14:00	**Future work in the field of statistical metadata**	
15:00	Tea break	
15:30	**Adoption of the report and summary of main conclusions**	Draft report
16:00	EOB	

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