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UNFPA/UNECE/NIDI Training Programme on International Migration
(Geneva, 24–28 January 2005)

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on 24 – 28 January 2005.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m on Monday, 24 January 2005 and will finish on Friday,
28 January 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting has the following objectives:

- to familiarize participants with issues concerning data, analysis and policy planning regarding international migration;
- to facilitate the dialogue between data producers/statisticians-demographers and policy-makers

The meeting will be held in English and Russian with simultaneous translation. More information on the agenda for the meeting are presented in Annex 1.

II. PARTICIPATION, VISA REQUIREMENTS AND ACCREDITATION

Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations and of interested intergovernmental organizations in a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council may also attend. All participants attending the meeting 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 UNFPA/UNECE/NIDI Training programme. If necessary, the UNFPA secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. This can be requested from the UNFPA secretariat (fax:+41 22 917 8016 or e-mail:jeannette.Zouiten@undp.org)

Representatives from national statistical offices and other government bodies who wish to participate, should print and complete the Conference Registration form (see annex 2). The registration form should be sent to the UNECE secretariat by fax (+41 22 917 0040) **by 7 January 2005 latest**, so that it may be processed well in advance of the meeting. The

information will be used to register participants with the UN Security Section and to obtain ID badges from Securities offices. If you will be accompanied by your spouse, please complete a separate registration form for her/him.

III. ACCOMODATION IN GENEVA

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. The ECE and UNFPA Secretariats in Geneva are not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, because hotels in Geneva are often fully booked in coincidence with large conferences or other events. In order to assist participants in organizing their accommodation, the UNECE secretariat provides a list of hotels on its website: (<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.01.migration.htm>). If difficulties are encountered, participants may contact their Permanent Mission in Geneva for assistance.

IV. SECURITY MEASURES AND ACCESS TO THE VENUE

In order to enter the Palais des Nations, where the meetings will be held, all participants and accompanying spouses need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport and the original of the Conference Registration form at the Villa Les Feuillantines (see the map in Annex of this Note) by 8.30 a.m at the latest on the first day of the meeting. The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m. (non-stop). For identification and security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

There are two gates that can be used by participants to enter the UN premises (see the map in annex of this Note): the pedestrian passage at Place des Nations (tram 13, buses 5 and 8, stop Nations) and the Pregny Gate (Avenue de la Paix 14, buses 8 and 18, stop Appia). For security reasons, the Police can at any time temporarily close the Place des Nations gate. Participants may contact the Security Operations and Control Centre at 022 917 2902 to obtain the latest information relating to the security situation at the gates.

V. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

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ANNEX 1

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION Geneva, 24-28 January 2005

**Organised by UNFPA -UNECE
In collaboration with
the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), The Hague**

1. Background

The target group for this workshop are statisticians/demographers and policy makers working in ministries, planning agencies and statistical offices of CIS, Balkan and Baltic countries. Thus, some will have a good knowledge of statistics and demography, but not necessarily migration issues, while others may have limited knowledge of statistics, but possibly a general knowledge of migration issues. It is expected that participants have at least a basic knowledge of statistics. In order to increase inputs in the discussion, it is recommended that, prior to the course, participants collect basic information about data sources and data availability (including perceived shortcomings) on international migration in their respective countries.

The purpose of the 5-day training course is to familiarise the participants with a series of issues concerning data, analysis and policy planning regarding international migration: concepts and measurement, data collection systems and data availability, quality, and comparability, causes and consequences of migration for the countries concerned, and migration policies and management. Particular attention will be devoted to on-going international work on definitional and methodological issues, as for example the process for the 2010 Census Recommendations of UNECE. Furthermore, the workshop aims to facilitate the much-needed dialogue between data producers/statisticians-demographers and policy makers.

By the end of the training course, participants should have acquired knowledge of:

- the concepts, definitions and classifications relating to international migration and asylum;
- the potential data sources that may be used for policy planning and analysis;
- the major causes and consequences of international migration;
- some analytical measures and methods of estimation;
- migration management and policy issues.

Type of course: classroom lectures (power point), with inputs from participants/discussions, short exercises. Teaching background materials: a reader and annotated reading list. Some time will be reserved for guest lecturers (IOM, UNHCR, Global Commission).

A workshop day consists of a morning and an afternoon session. A session consists of two lectures of about 75 minutes duration, covering closely related topics. After and during the lectures, participants are encouraged to raise questions and share experiences. To further understanding and fine-tuning of development planning and migration research needs, a final evaluation and debate session is included, in which participants are expected to share and discuss their views on: (1) data needs, (2) current and future migration research, and (3) interaction between migration research and policy planning.

The overview of sessions, below, includes an outline per session, describing learning objectives and specific topics covered. At the beginning of the course, participants will receive a reader to be used for reviewing (technical) issues covered by the workshop.

2. Timing of sessions

Morning session: Lecture 1: 09.30-10.45
Break: 10.45-11.15
Lecture 2: 11.15-12.30

Afternoon session: Lecture 3: 14.30-15.45
Break: 15.45-16.15
Lecture 4: 16.15-17.30

3. Description of sessions (TENTATIVE AGENDA)

DAY 1

Morning, lecture 1

Subject: (Brief) **Introduction**

- Purpose and goals of the training
- Participant introductions
- Programme outline

Staff: Jeannette Schoorl

Morning, lecture 2

Subject: **Main trends in international migration**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Main trends in global migration
- Main trends in European migration

Discussion: Identification of data problems: lack of data, incomparability of data

Staff: George Groenewold

Afternoon, lectures 3-4

Subject: **Concepts, definitions, classifications regarding statistics on international migration**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Flows and stocks
- Concepts of citizenship, residence, time reference, purpose of stay, place of birth in relation to the definition of migration
- International recommendations on the definition of international migration
- Classifications of international migrants/migration, including labour migrants, family reunification, asylum seekers and refugees, student migrants, short- and long-term migration, transit migration, irregular/illegal/undocumented migration, etc.
- Differences resulting from different definitions

Staff: Jeannette Schoorl and Enrico Bisogno

DAY 2

Morning, lectures 1-2

Subject: Data sources on international migration

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Type, quality, reliability, and coverage of migration data derived from:
 - population censuses
 - population registers
 - registers of foreigners
 - residence permits
 - work permits
 - regularisations
 - border data collection systems
 - other administrative sources
 - general and special surveys
 - Data availability

Staff: Jeannette Schoorl and Enrico Bisogno

Discussion: To what extent do national data sources fit in with international recommendations? Do international recommendations fit individual countries' needs?
(Input/discussions by participants on country-specific data sources. Issues e.g., data source availability, strengths and limitations, potential adaptations, variables; amount of detail included)

Afternoon, lecture 3

Subject: Data sources on refugees and asylum seekers

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Type, quality, reliability, and coverage of migration data derived from:
 - general data sources on international migration
 - specialised data sources (in particular UNHCR)
 - Data availability
 - Overlap with data on international migrants

Staff: Guest lecturer/Jeanette Schoorl

Afternoon, lecture 4

Subject: Data sources/analysis of trafficking, transit migration, and undocumented migration

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Data and analysis of types of migration generally not covered by regular statistical sources, in particular trafficking, transit migration, and undocumented migration

Staff: Guest lecturer/Jeanette Schoorl

DAY 3

Morning, lectures 1-2

Subject: **Causes and consequences of migration**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Theoretical insights and empirical examples on:
 - the causes of international migration
 - the consequences of international migration for countries of origin and destination (including e.g. demographic consequences for the labour force and the age structure of populations)
- migration and development

Staff: George Groenewold and Jeannette Schoorl

Afternoon, lectures 3-4

Subject: **Analytical measures and methods**

Objectives: Participants learn about measures and methods of analysing data on international migration:

- Migration rates (longitudinal and period)
- Intercensal (cohort) component methods
- Estimation of migration flows from census and administrative data sources
- Estimating migration based on partial data
- Other methods (time permitting)

Staff: George Groenewold

DAY 4

Morning, lectures 1-2

Subject: **Analysis of migration issues**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Analysis of migration/migrant issues based on specialised surveys. Topics, for instance:
 - migrant profiles and types of migration
 - undocumented migration
 - return migration and re-integration
 - remittances
 - sampling
- Purpose, advantages and limitations of specialised surveys
- Comparison with alternative data sources

Staff: Jeannette Schoorl and George Groenewold

Afternoon: **Exercises**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- using and interpreting some major data sources

Staff: George Groenewold, in collaboration with Jeannette Schoorl & Enrico Bisogno

DAY 5: Migration management and policies

Morning, lectures 1-2

Subject: **Migration management and migration policies**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Policies concerning immigration and admission: migration management strategies
- Return and re-integration
- Examples: European Union, USA, Canada

Staff: Guest lecturer/Jeanette Schoorl

Discussion: Data needs for policy planning

Afternoon, lecture 3

Subject: **Integration policies**

Objectives: Participants learn about:

- Stay and integration
- Examples: European Union, USA, Canada

Staff: Jeanette Schoorl

Discussion: Data needs for policy planning

Afternoon

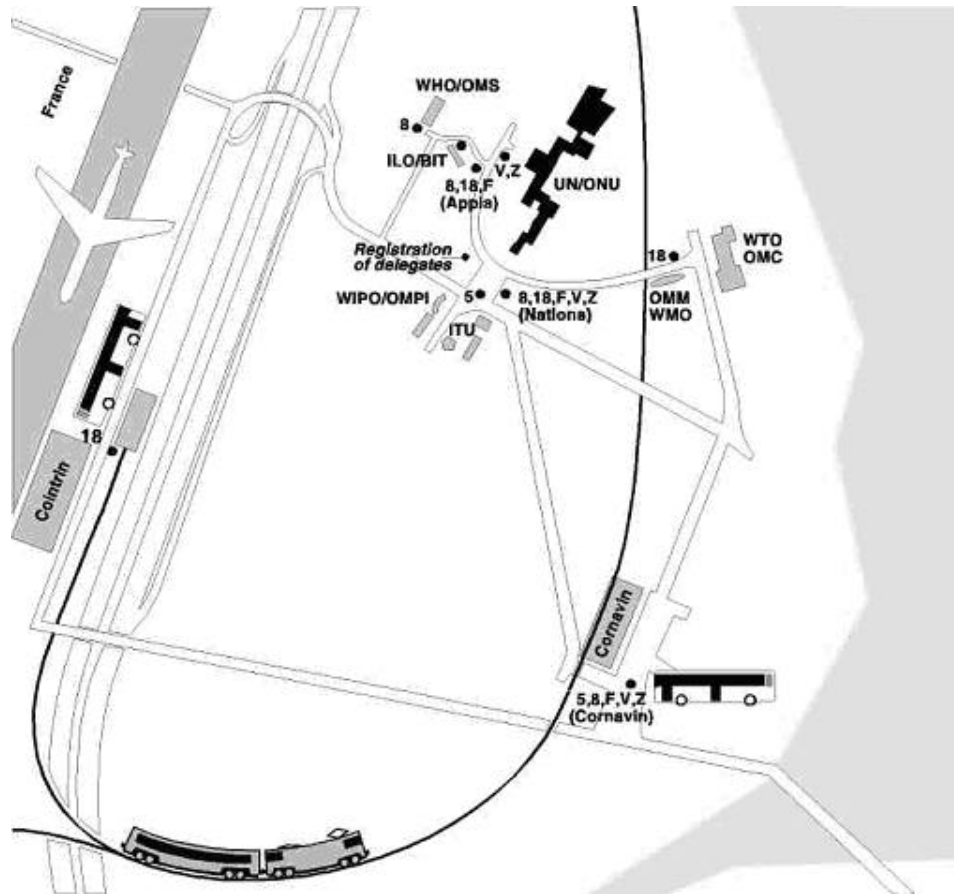
Subject: Evaluation, needs for the future

Objectives: Evaluation; discussion of future needs for data collection, training, research.

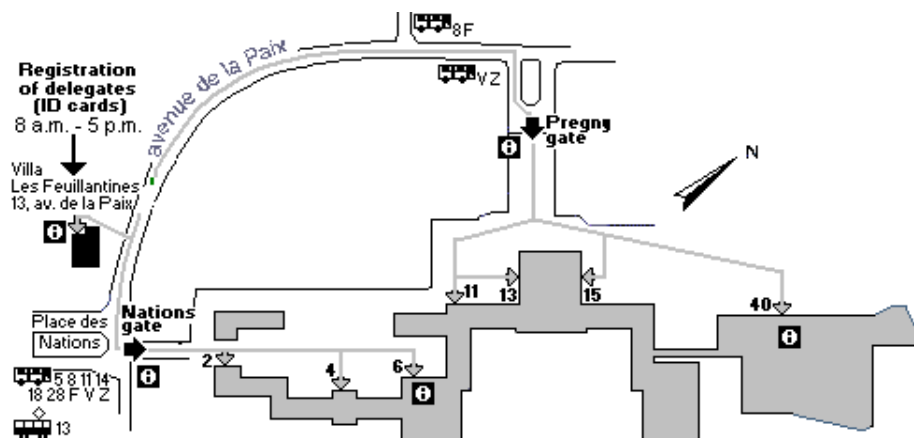
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ANNEX 2

How to find the UN building in Geneva:



Where to obtain the entry pass (Security Identification Office, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 avenue de la Paix):



Entry for delegates with valid ground pass: "Place des Nations gate" and "Pregny gate"
Entry for visitors: "Pregny gate" only
Note: a valid photo ID is needed to obtain the ground pass and to gain the entry to the UN premises.



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Conference Registration

Date

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