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## **CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

Joint UNECE/Eurostat Seminar on Migration Statistics  
(Geneva, 21-23 March 2005)

### **INFORMATION NOTICE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 21-23 March 2005.  
The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 21 March 2005 and will finish on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

#### **I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting has the following objectives:

- To discuss information needs, definitions and sources used by countries in relation to stocks of immigrants
- To review the sections on International Migration for the UNECE Recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses

Expected outcomes of the meeting are the identification of different approaches to define stock of immigrants and possible solutions towards more comparable definitions.

In addition, it is expected that the outcome of this Work Session will contribute to the finalization of the UNECE Recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses.

#### **II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

The work programme of the meeting will consist of the following substantive topics:

##### **(i) Migration stocks: information needs, definitions and sources**

At the international level a common approach on the measurement of stocks of immigrants is still missing. In the attempt to build a unifying framework towards more comparable measures and taking into account the 1998 UN Recommendations on International Migration Statistics, three different aspects will be considered:

- Different information needs will be presented and discussed, with the intention of highlighting the perspectives of policy-makers, research community, sending countries and international organizations.
- Existing approaches to identify the immigrant population, varying from foreign citizens, foreign-born, ethnic groups, etc. will be taken into consideration, with the aim of assessing respective advantages and drawbacks.
- Many different sources are utilized to measure stocks: censuses, registers, permits of stay, labour force surveys, etc. The discussion will focus on their respective strengths and weaknesses, but also on the comparability of estimates provided by different sources.

## **(ii) International migration in the UNECE Recommendations for the 2010 round of population censuses**

Three different aspects of the forthcoming UNECE Recommendations on population censuses will be addressed and discussed:

- Definitions and questions to identify the immigrants stocks: citizenship, place of birth, citizenship at birth, place of birth of parents, etc. Which questions should be included and which definitions/classifications adopted in view of the next Census? Also the treatment of special population groups vis à vis the resident population will be addressed: how to consider undocumented migrants, asylum seekers, temporarily present foreigners and other groups in the context of the Population Census?
- In census questionnaires, two main options exist on the question to capture migratory flows:
  - Where were you living x years ago?
  - When did you come to live here?

Advantages and drawbacks of these questions for the measurement of international migratory flows will be discussed, together with possible solutions to integrate them in a unique approach. Specific attention will also be devoted to the reason for migration, an aspect that is recording a growing demand of information.

- Questions on ethnic group, religion, and language: these aspects are not always interrelated with migration flows but are in many cases relevant to better understand the social and cultural background of immigrant communities. Definitions and approaches used in recent population censuses will be discussed and reviewed, taking into account that these issues are in many countries highly sensitive.

The annotated agenda will be posted on the meeting website as soon as available.

## **III. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION**

Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations and of interested intergovernmental organizations are welcome to participate in the meeting. Participants representing non-governmental organizations in a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council may also attend. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization.

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 UNECE/Eurostat Seminar on Migration Statistics. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. This can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (fax: ++41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: [enrico.bisogno@unece.org](mailto:enrico.bisogno@unece.org))

Representatives from national statistical offices and other government bodies as well as from international organizations who wish to participate should complete the registration form and return it to the UNECE secretariat. Detailed information on registration procedures are provided in Section VII. The registration form and the plan of the UN premises at Geneva are also attached to this Information Notice.

## **IV. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The working languages of the work session are English, French and Russian. English/French/Russian interpretation will be available at the work session, but documents for the meeting will not be translated, and will be disseminated in the language in which they are submitted. Authors of papers in French or Russian are encouraged to provide a 1-2 pages abstract in English.

The following deadlines and requirements apply:

- Interested national statistical offices and other government bodies should inform the UNECE secretariat of their intention to attend the meeting and to contribute a paper (indicating the topic) **by 31 January 2005**.
- A short abstract of the paper should also be sent to the UNECE secretariat **by 31 January 2005**.
- The full versions of papers, not exceeding 15 pages, should be sent to the UNECE secretariat **by 28 February 2005**.
- The UNECE secretariat is able to process documents submitted in MS Word and RTF formats. Exceptionally, a PDF file can be accepted, provided the formatting and numbering meets the requirements for this meeting (please contact the UNECE secretariat for further information).

For each substantive item on the agenda, the Organizers will invite 2-3 speakers to write and present an **invited paper**. All other participants are welcome to submit a **supporting paper** for any topic on the agenda. The supporting papers will be distributed to the delegates, and they will not be presented but only summarized by discussants.

Invited and supporting papers will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following location: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.03.migration.htm>

Delegates are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the meeting. Documents posted on the website before the meeting will not be distributed in the conference room.

## **V. REGISTRATION, SECURITY MEASURES AND ACCESS TO THE VENUE**

Please complete the attached Conference Registration Form and send it to the UNECE secretariat by fax (+4122 917 0040) or by e-mail to: [enrico.bisogno@unece.org](mailto:enrico.bisogno@unece.org) **by 28 February 2005** at the 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 Security offices. If you will be accompanied by your spouse, please complete a separate registration form for her/him.

In order to enter the Palais des Nations where the meeting is being held, all participants and accompanying spouses need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport at the Villa Les Feuillantines (shown on the attached map) by 8:30 a.m. at the latest on Monday, 21 March 2005. 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.

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## **VI. ACCOMMODATION IN GENEVA**

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. The ECE secretariat in Geneva is 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 them in organizing their accommodation, the UNECE secretariat provides a list of hotels on its website (<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>). If difficulties are encountered, participants may contact their Permanent Mission in Geneva for assistance.

## **VII. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE**

All queries concerning the meeting should be addressed to:

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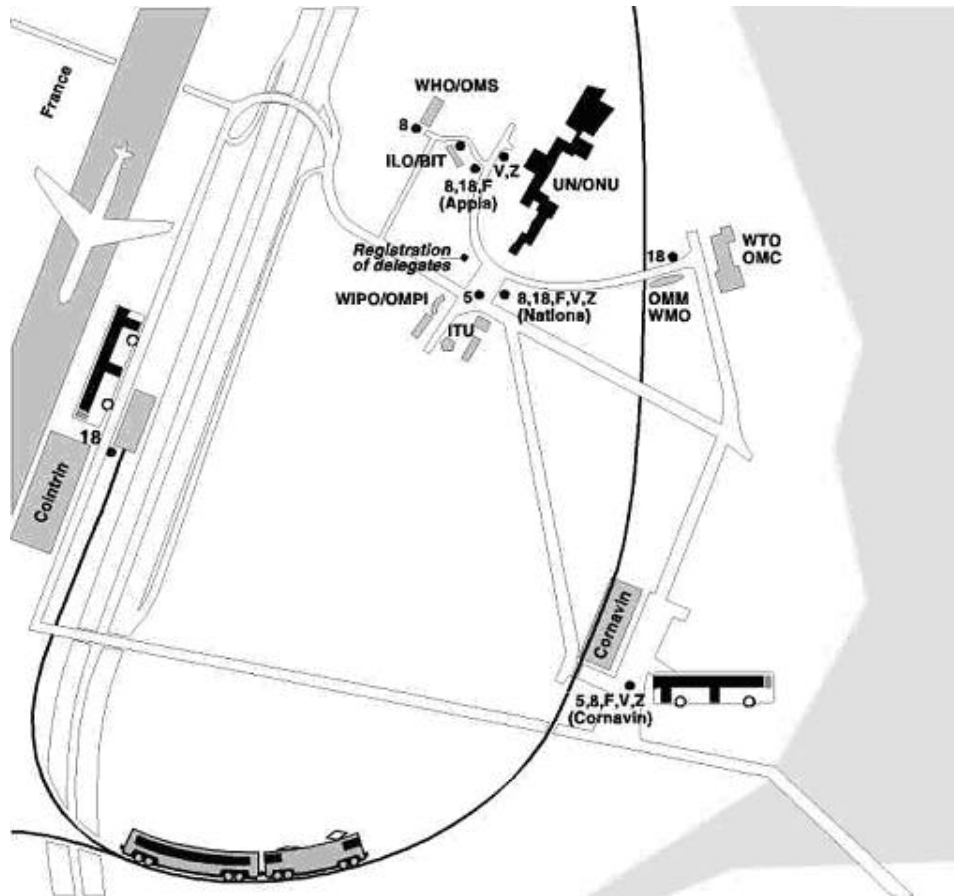
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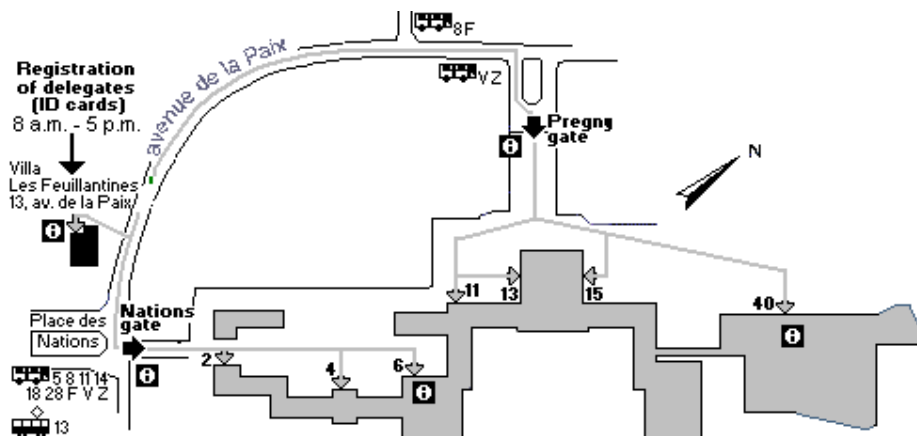
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### How to find the UN building in Geneva:



**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

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