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Tentative timetable

The meeting will take place in Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Time	Item	Topic	Document
Tuesday, 14 June 2011 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30 – 9:45	1	OPENING ADDRESSES and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	ECE/CES/80, Add.1
9:45 – 10:00	2	MATTERS ARISING FOR THE CES FROM - February 2011 session of the UN Statistical Commission - March 2011 Session of Economic Commission for Europe	ECE/CES/2011/18
10:00 – 16:45	<i>SEMINAR ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</i>		
	3	Seminar on “ORGANIZATION OF DATA COLLECTION AND SHARING, AND THE MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDMX”	
10:00 – 10:20		Introduction and keynote speech by the Seminar Chair (Enrico Giovannini, Italy)	
10:20 – 12:30		Session I: The organisation of data collection and sharing Session organiser: the Netherlands (Mr Hank Hermans) Introduction by the session organiser <i>Invited papers:</i> “Data collection and data sharing at Statistics Netherlands: yesterday, today, tomorrow” (Ger Snijkers, Robert Göttgens and Hank Hermans, Statistics Netherlands) “Towards efficient data collection at Statistics Sweden – organisational issues” (Johan Erikson, Statistics Sweden) <i>Supporting papers:</i> “Organization of data collection and sharing for national statistical organizations” (Statistics Canada) “On data collection and improvement of data quality in Kyrgyzstan” (N. Tulegabylov, National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic) “The euro area Household Finance and Consumption Survey: survey mode, oversampling wealthy households and other methods to reduce non-response bias” (Carlos Sánchez-Muñoz, European Central Bank)	ECE/CES/2011/20 ECE/CES/2011/21 ECE/CES/2011/30 ECE/CES/2011/54 ECE/CES/2011/48
11:00 – 11:20		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	

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14:30 – 16:45		<i>SEMINAR ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES -- CONTINUED</i>	
		Questions from the session organiser General discussion Summary by the session organiser	
12:30 – 14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 16:35		<p>Session II: The management challenges of SDMX implementation Session organiser: World Bank (Ms Shaida Badiee) Introduction by the session organiser <i>Invited papers:</i> “Improving interoperability in statistics – the impact of SDMX” (Rune Gløersen, Statistics Norway) “Experience of the Federal State Statistics Service of Russia in using the SDMX standard” (Rosstat, Russian Federation) <i>Supporting papers:</i> “Integrating SDMX into existing processes and information technology systems at Destatis” (Dieter Sarreither, Federal Statistical Office of Germany) “The management challenges of SDMX implementation. Israel Central Bureau of Statistics as a case study” (Shahar Katz, Central Bureau of Statistics of Israel) “The Use of SDMX in Istat” (Francesco Rizzo, Istat, Italy) “SDMX: strategic and operational challenges for a national implementation” (Bertrand Loison, Petko I. Yanev and Jean-François Fracheboud, Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland) “SDMX in statistics, complexity, costs and benefits” (Blagica Novkowska, State Statistical Office, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) “The experience of the ECB with SDMX: more than ten years benefiting from the use of the standards” (C. Androvitsaneas, P. van der Ark, J. Karila, European Central Bank) "Report on SDMX global conference 2011" (IMF, World Bank) Questions from the session organiser General discussion</p>	<p>ECE/CES/2011/22 ECE/CES/2011/23 ECE/CES/2011/36 ECE/CES/2011/50 ECE/CES/2011/52 ECE/CES/2011/31 ECE/CES/2011/33 ECE/CES/2011/49 ECE/CES/2011/51</p>
16:10 – 16:30		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:30 – 16:35		Summary by the session organiser	
16:35 – 16:45		<p>Summary and conclusions Final remarks by the seminar Chair</p>	
16:45 – 17:30	4	<p>Strategic vision of the High-level group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics (HLG-BAS) Presentation by the Chair of the Group (Netherlands) General discussion</p>	ECE/CES/2011/1

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Wednesday, 15 June 2011 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-16:00	<i>SEMINAR ON EMERGING ISSUES</i>		
	5	Seminar on “MEASURING HUMAN CAPITAL”	
9:30 – 9:35		Introductory comments by the Seminar Organiser (New Zealand)	
9:35 – 11:05		Session I: Why: Drivers for human capital measurement Session Organiser: Canada (Louis Marc Ducharme)	
		<i>Invited papers:</i>	
		“Human capital: why is it important, why measurement matters” (John Baldwin, Wulong Gu, Statistics Canada)	ECE/CES/2011/24
		“Human capital and economic growth - about feasibility to treat human capital as an asset” (Arto Kokkinen, Statistics Finland and European University Institute)	ECE/CES/2011/25
		“Policy drivers for human capital measurement in New Zealand” (Department of Labour, Ministry of Education, Treasury and Statistics New Zealand)	ECE/CES/2011/32
		<i>Supporting papers:</i>	
		“The use of human capital” (Hans-Olof Hagén, Statistics Sweden)	ECE/CES/2011/35
		“Measuring human capital” (World Bank)	ECE/CES/2011/28
		Presentation by the Session Organiser of the key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers	
		Replies by the invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
		General discussion	
		Short summary of the session by Session Organiser	
11:05 – 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
11:30 – 12:30		Session II: How: Alternative approaches to measuring human capital Session Organiser: Norway (Olav Ljones)	
		<i>Invited papers:</i>	
		“Using the Jorgenson-Fraumeni approach to develop measures of human capital: the experience of the Australian Bureau of Statistics” (ABS, Australia)	ECE/CES/2011/26
		“Measurements in formal education: estimates from the United States” (Ana Aizcorbe and Sarah Pack, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)	ECE/CES/2011/27
		<i>Supporting papers:</i>	
		“Health expenditure: investment in human capital and measuring human capital from the health status perspective” (Alena Kukharevich, National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus)	ECE/CES/2011/37
		“Towards human capital satellite accounting” (Istat, Italy)	ECE/CES/2011/34
		“Human capital surveys and research in the Polish official statistics - current state and the future work” (Central Statistical Office of Poland)	ECE/CES/2011/39
		“Ukraine's experience in measuring the human capital” (State Statistics Service of Ukraine)	ECE/CES/2011/38
		“Monetary measures of human capital for comparative analysis: the OECD experience” (OECD)	ECE/CES/2011/29
		Presentation by the Session Organiser of the key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers	
		Replies by the invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser	
		General discussion – part 1	
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		

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14:30 – 16:00		<i>SEMINAR ON EMERGING ISSUES -- CONTINUED</i>	
14:30 – 15:00		Session II - continued	
		General discussion – part 2	
		Short summary of the session by Session Organiser	
15:00 – 16:00		Session III: Bringing the why and how together - conclusions and recommendations for follow up work Seminar Organiser: New Zealand (Geoff Bascand)	
		Presentation by New Zealand to introduce the discussion	
		General discussion	
		Conclusions and summary of the seminar	
16:00 – 16:30		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:30 – 17:30		<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>	
16:30 – 17:30	6	CES MANUALS, GUIDELINES AND FRAMEWORKS	
	6a	Impact of globalization on national accounts – practical guide (Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalization on National Accounts, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/2, Add. 1-3
	6b	Canberra Group Handbook on Household Income Statistics. Second edition (Task Force on updating the Canberra Group Handbook, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/3, Add.1-3
	6c	Summary of the report on measuring sustainable development (UNECE/Eurostat/OECD Task Force on Measuring Sustainable Development, UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/4, Add. 1-3
18:15 – 20:15		“Geneva – hub of international statistics”. Reception at the Musée de l’Ariana, Avenue de la Paix 10, Geneva, organised by the Canton of Geneva, the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, and UNECE.	

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Thursday, 16 June 2011 (9:30-12:30)			
9:30 – 12:30	<i>FORMAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED</i>		
9:30 – 9:35	7	COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION Chairman's introductory comments	
	7a	Outcome of the in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas:	
9:35 – 9:45		(i) Use of secondary and mixed sources for official statistics (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/5
9:45 – 9:55		(ii) Time-use surveys (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/6
9:55 – 10:05		(iii) Measuring information society, and statistics on science, technology and innovation (Australia, UNECE, ITU)	ECE/CES/2011/7, Add.1
	7b	Discussion to obtain input to the in-depth reviews to be carried out by the CES Bureau in autumn 2011	
10:05 – 10:50		o Education statistics (Australia)	ECE/CES/2011/8
10:50 – 11:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
11:10 – 11:25	8	Follow-up to the CES 2010 seminar on impact of global crises on statistical systems: update of Data Gaps Initiatives; progress with the compilation of lessons learned from the crisis (IMF/OECD/Eurostat; Canada)	ECE/CES/2011/9
11:25 – 11:35	9	Developments in statistical confidentiality; summary of country replies to the electronic consultation (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/10, Add.1
11:35 – 11:45	10	PROGRESS REPORTS AND WORK OF THE CES TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS	
		a) UNECE Statistical Programme: report on 2010 and plans for 2011 (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/11, Add.1-2 ECE/CES/2011/19, 41, 43
		b) Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA) (UNECE)	ECE/CES/2011/53
		c) Reports of the CES Bureau meetings and expert meetings, progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES, follow-up to decisions taken by the CES and its Bureau – for information.	ECE/CES/2011/12 – 14, 40, 42, 44 – 47
11:45 – 11:50	11	ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS AND ITS BUREAU	ECE/CES/2011/17
11:50 – 12:00	12	SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINAR(S) TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE 2012 CES PLENARY SESSION	ECE/CES/2011/15
12:00 – 12:05	13	ELECTION OF THE CES BUREAU	ECE/CES/2011/16
12:05 – 12:10	14	OTHER BUSINESS	
12:10 – 12:30	15	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	Draft report
12:30		CLOSING OF THE MEETING	