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Provisional agenda and tentative timetable

Time	Item	Topic	Document
Tuesday, 8 June (14:30-17:30)			
14:30-14:50	1	OPENING ADDRESSES and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	ECE/CES/65 Rev.1 CES/821
14:50-17:30		FORMAL BUSINESS	
	2	MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES	
14:50-15:00 15:00-15:15		-The February 2004 annual session of the ECE -The March 2004 annual session of the UN Statistical Commission	CES/2004/1 CES/2004/2
	3	INTEGRATED PRESENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE ECE REGION	
15:15-15:20 15:20-16:05		Chairman's introductory comments In-depth review: PE 5: Environment Statistics - paper by Statistics Norway	CES/2004/7
16:05-16:20		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:20-17:00 17:00-17:10 17:10-17:30		Progress report on the Confidentiality and Microdata project Progress report on the MNE project Comments on the Integrated Presentation - comments by countries - statistical activities of other UN Regional Commissions UNECE Statistical Programme Guidelines for establishing teams of specialists within CES UNECE Biennial Programme Plan Technical cooperation Follow-up to decisions	CES/2004/WP.1 CES/2004/WP.2 CES/2004/3 and 4 CES/2004/5 CES/2004/4/Add.1 CES/2004/6 CES/2004/8 CES/2004/WP.3 CES/2004/WP.4 CES/2004/WP.5

Time	Item	Topic	Document
Wednesday, 9 June (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
09:30-17:30		FIRST SEMINAR SESSION ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS	
	4	Seminar on “NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS”	
09:30-09:35		Introductory remarks by the Chairperson: Heli Jeskanen-Sundström (Finland)	
09:35-10:55		Session I: Coordination within National Statistical Systems (excluding regional/federal coordination) (organised by France) <u>Discussant:</u> Tadeusz Walczak (Poland)	
		<u>Invited papers:</u> <i>The system of official statistics in Sweden: coordination through cooperation</i> (Sweden)	CES/2004/9
		<i>The system of official statistics in France: decentralized but closely coordinated</i> (France)	CES/2004/10
		<u>Supporting papers:</u> <i>Experience in coordination within the Bulgarian National Statistical System</i> (Bulgaria)	CES/2004/31
		<i>The importance of coordination for the credibility of the statistical systems</i> (Portugal)	CES/2004/33
		<i>Coordination of activity of entities of the state statistical system in Ukraine</i> (Ukraine)	CES/2004/36
		General discussion	
10:55-11:10		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:10-12:30		Session II: Independence and integrity and credibility of official statistics (including all producers) (organised by Czech Republic) <u>Discussant:</u> Len Cook (United Kingdom)	
		<u>Invited papers:</u> <i>Maintaining the credibility of official statistics</i> (Canada)	CES/2004/11
		<i>Independence, integrity and credibility of official statistics</i> (Italy)	CES/2004/12
		<i>Factors and principle measures influencing credibility and independence of official statistics</i> (Czech Republic)	CES/2004/13
		<u>Supporting paper:</u> <i>Restructuring the Turkish Statistical System</i> (Turkey)	CES/2004/34
		General discussion	
<i>12:30-14:30</i>		<i>LUNCH</i>	
14:30-17:30	4	Seminar on “NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS” (cont.)	
14:30-15:45		Session III: Issues generating demand for statistics (organised by the Netherlands) <u>Discussant:</u> Jean-Michel Charpin (France)	
		<u>Invited papers:</u> <i>Pro-activity: a prerequisite?</i> (Netherlands)	CES/2004/14
		<i>How to anticipate users’ needs when defining priorities within a statistical programme: experience of a Candidate Country</i> (Romania)	CES/2004/15

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15:45-16:00		General discussion	
16:00-17:15		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
		Session IV: Official statistics as a brand (organised by the Russian Federation)	
		<u>Discussant:</u> Vladimir Sokolin (Russian Federation)	
		<u>Invited papers:</u>	
		<i>How to communicate statistics</i> (Germany)	CES/2004/16
		<i>How is the quality of statistics managed and understood for a wider audience?</i> (Poland)	CES/2004/17
		<u>Supporting paper:</u>	
		<i>Official statistics - a recognisable and enduring national resource</i> (New Zealand)	CES/2004/18
		<i>Quality of the statistical data: the experience of Kazakhstan</i> (Kazakhstan)	CES/2004/32
		General discussion	
		Concluding remarks by the Chairperson	
17:15-17:30	6	SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINAR TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION	CES/2004/WP.6 CES/2004/WP.7
Thursday, 10 June (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-16:50		SECOND SEMINAR SESSION ON NEW EMERGING ISSUES	
9:30-12:30	5	Seminar on “MEASURING PRICES AND VOLUME OF THE SERVICE SECTOR”	
09:30-09:35		Introductory remarks by the Chairperson: Len Cook (United Kingdom)	
09:35-10:55		Session I: Current international practice for measuring price and volume in the service sector I	
		<u>Discussant:</u> Brian Newson (Eurostat)	
		<u>Invited papers:</u>	
		<i>Development of an OECD index of services production manual</i> (OECD)	CES/2004/19 Rev.1
		<i>Measurement of services: recent ABS experience</i> (Australia)	CES/2004/20
		<i>International services statistics strategy and coordination – problems and progress with price and volume measurement in the services sector</i> (OECD)	CES/2004/21
		<u>Supporting papers:</u>	
		<i>Service statistics in Georgia</i> (Georgia)	CES/2004/38
		<i>Measuring volume and prices in the services sector in the Kyrgyz Republic</i> (Kyrgyzstan)	CES/2004/40
		<i>Service statistics in Ukraine</i> (Ukraine)	CES/2004/42
		General discussion	
10:55-11:10		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	

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11:10-12:30		<p>Session II: Current international practice for measuring price and volume in the service sector II <u>Discussant:</u> Peter Van de Ven (Netherlands)</p> <p><u>Invited papers:</u> <i>The Atkinson review of UK government output measurement – a progress report</i> (United Kingdom) <i>Constructing a volume index for hospital services in the Netherlands</i> (Netherlands)</p> <p>General discussion</p>	<p>CES/2004/22</p> <p>CES/2004/23</p>
12:30-14:30		LUNCH	
14:30-16:50	5	<p>Seminar on “MEASURING PRICES AND VOLUME OF THE SERVICE SECTOR” (cont.)</p> <p>Session III: Output measures of services volume <u>Discussant:</u> Ole Berner (Denmark)</p> <p><u>Invited papers:</u> <i>Measuring services in the Producer Price Index</i> (U.S. Bureau for Labor Statistics) <i>The Dutch strategy for realizing PPIs and volume measures for the service sector</i> (Netherlands) <i>Progress in the development of producer price indices for the service industries in Europe</i> (Sweden)</p> <p><u>Supporting papers:</u> <i>Improving business services price indexes in Canada</i> (Canada) <i>The development of producer price indices in the field of legal activities, tax consultancy and auditing services</i> (Germany) <i>The measuring of prices in the services sector in Portugal</i> (Portugal)</p> <p>General discussion</p> <p>Coffee/tea break</p> <p>Session IV: The use of service sector statistics by external users <u>Discussant:</u> Werner Bier (European Central Bank)</p> <p><u>Invited papers:</u> <i>View of central banks</i> (European Central Bank) <i>Service sector statistics and monetary policy</i> (Bank of England)</p> <p>General discussion</p> <p>Concluding remarks by the Chairperson</p>	<p>CES/2004/25</p> <p>CES/2004/26</p> <p>CES/2004/27</p> <p>CES/2004/37</p> <p>CES/2004/39</p> <p>CES/2004/41</p>
14:30-15:40			
15:40-15:55			
15:55-17:05			
17:05-17:10	7	OTHER BUSINESS	
17:10-17:30	8	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	<p>CES/2004/CRP.1 and Add.1-4</p>