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Joint UNECE/WHO/Eurostat Meeting
on the Measurement of Health Status
(Geneva, 24-26 May 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

The meeting will start on Monday, 24 May 2004, at 10:00 a.m.
Salle XII , Palais des Nations, Geneva *

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE WORK SESSION

1. Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda.
2. Session 1: Keynote speeches.
3. Session 2: A framework to conceptualize health.
4. Session 3: The achievement of international comparable measures – a review of the work done to achieve international comparability.

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings held at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form available from the Internet Web site of the UNECE Statistical Division (<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.05.health.htm>) and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the session, by fax (+41-22-917-0040). On the first day of the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13, Avenue de la Paix (a map is available on the website <http://www.unece.org/oes/about/practical.htm>) for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact by telephone the UNECE secretariat (internal extension 74147 or 74121).

5. Session 4: The achievement of international comparable measures – strategies for ensuring international comparability.
6. Session 5: The achievement of summary measures at population level.
7. Session 6: Implementation and co-ordination of health surveys in the region.
8. Future work
9. Adoption of the report

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Time	ten	Session/Activity	Doc. number
MONDAY, 24 MAY 2004			
8:30-10:00		Registration of participants	
10:00-10:10 10:10-10:15	1.	Opening of the meeting and welcoming comments by the Director of the Statistical Division, ECE Adoption of agenda	
10:15-11:00 10:15-10:30 10:30-10:45 10:45-11:00	2.	SESSION I: Keynote speeches Chair: Heinrich Bruengger ♦ <i>The Measurement of Health Status: A national perspective</i> Speaker: Jennifer Madans, US National Center for Health Statistics ♦ <i>The Measurement of Health Status: An international perspective</i> Speaker: Bedirhan Ustun, WHO ♦ <i>The Measurement of Health Status: A regional perspective</i> Speaker: Marleen De Smedt, EUROSTAT	WP 2 WP 3 WP 4
11:00-11:20		Coffee break	
11:20-11:50	2.	SESSION I (Cont.): Plenary discussion	
11.50-12.30 11:50-12:10 12:10-12:30	3.	SESSION II: A framework to conceptualize health Chair: UNECE ♦ <i>Towards a conceptualization of health</i> Presenter: Colin Mathers, WHO ♦ <i>What should be measured in relation to health status</i> Presenter: Antoni Montserrat Moliner, DG SANCO	WP 5 WP 6
12:30-14:00		Lunch break	
14:00-16:00 14:00-14:20 14:20-14:40 15:00-15:20 15:20-16:00 16:00-16:20	3.	SESSION II (Cont.): ♦ <i>The purpose of measuring health status</i> Presenter: Sally Goodspeed, Australian Bureau of Statistics ♦ <i>Measurement of health in multiple dimensions / domains</i> Presenter: Somnath Chatterji, WHO ♦ Discussant: Howard Meltzer, Office for National Statistics, UK Plenary discussion	WP 7 WP 8 WP 20
16:00-16:20		Tea break	
16:20-17:00 16:20-16:40 16:40-17:00	4.	SESSION III: The achievement of international comparable measures – a review of the work done to achieve international comparability Chair: Marijke de Kleijn de Vrankrijker ♦ <i>Experiences on policy-driven selection of health indicators. Should the measurement tools be developed after agreeing on common outputs (indicators) or should indicators be developed considering the feasibility and availability of measures?</i> Presenter: Jozsef Vitrai, Hungarian National Center for Epidemiology Co-authors: Eva Gardos (Hungarian Central Statistical Office), Zoltan Voko (Hungarian Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs) ♦ <i>Recent Developments on Comparable Health Status Measures in Canada.</i> Presenter: Jean-Marie Berthelot, Statistics Canada	WP 10 WP 9

TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2004			
9:30-11:00 9:30-9:50	4.	SESSION III (Cont.): ♦ <i>Eurostat Health Interview Survey program: How the issue of comparability of health status measurement is addressed at European level?</i> Presenter: Didier Dupre/Lucian Agafitei, EUROSTAT	WP 11
9:50-10:10			WP 12
10:10-10:30			WP 21 WP 22
10:30-11:00			WP 23 WP 25
11:00-11:20	Coffee break		
11:20-12:20 11:20-11:40	5.	SESSION IV: The achievement of international comparable measures – strategies for ensuring international comparability Chair: WHO ♦ <i>Health examination surveys in the European Union: role in measurement of population health status.</i> Presenter: Arpo Aromaa, European HIS/HES Core Group	WP 13
11:40-12:00			WP 14
12:00-12:20			WP 15
12:20-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:20 14:00-14:20	5.	SESSION IV (Cont.): ♦ <i>The challenge of developing comparable measures across countries.</i> Presenter: Jean Marie Robine, EuroREVES Co-authors: Carol Jagger and Herman Van Oyen, EuroREVES	WP 16
14:20-14:40			
14:40-15:20			Plenary discussion
15:20-15:40	Tea break		
15:40-17:20 15:40-16:00	6.	SESSION V: The achievement of summary measures at population level Chair: Marleen De Smedt ♦ <i>Summary measures of population health</i> Presenter: Colin Mathers, WHO	WP 17
16:00-16:20			WP 18
16:20-16:40			WP 19
16:40-17:20			WP 26 WP 24

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2004			
9:30-11:00	.	SESSION VI: Implementation and co-ordination of health surveys in the region Chair: Jennifer Madans	WP 27
9:30-9:50		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Agenda for future work</i> Presentation of position paper: WHO/ECE/Eurostat 	
9:50-11:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Panel discussion.</i> Questions for the panellists 1) To identify a survey module, which addresses the fundamental problems of comparability of self-report health data, and the domains to be included, to be tested in national survey programmes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can we identify the key elements of a short health module? ✓ Are there unsolved problems that need to be addressed? ✓ Can we identify a number of countries that are ready to test these questions? ✓ What is the role of health examination surveys? ✓ What should be done in the area of longitudinal health surveys? 2) To discuss the implementation of health surveys as part of official statistics in the region and develop a common strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to optimally combine data collection that is focused on providing the specific data needed by country with the need for international comparability? ✓ What obstacles might be at national level to introduce the health status questions identified in (1) in national survey programmes? ✓ How can this be integrated into national health information systems? 	
11:00-11:20	Coffee break		
11:20-12:00	7.	SESSION VI (Cont.)	
11:20-11:50		Plenary discussion	
11:50-12:00		Conclusions	
12:00-12:15	8.	Future work: work plan	
12:15-12:30	9.	Adoption of the report and closing of the Work Session	
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-18:00	EUROSTAT PHARE MEETING		
