

Second Meeting of the 2011/2012 Bureau
Geneva, Switzerland, 2-3 November 2011

For decision

Item 11 (e) of the Provisional
Agenda

**REVISED DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE 2012 CES PLENARY SESSION**
(Paris, 6 – 8 June 2012)

The plenary session will start at 9:30 on Wednesday, 6 June 2012 and will finish on Friday 8 June at 12:30. It will be held in Paris, France. It will take place back-to-back with the meeting of the OECD Statistics Committee.

Documents for the meeting may be downloaded from the following web site:
<http://www.unece.org/statshome/meetings-and-events.html>

1. The 2012 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) will continue to follow the format introduced by the 50th CES. The plenary session includes a formal session and two seminars. The formal session will deal with the review of general issues related to the international statistical work in the region, while the two seminars will focus on specific topics of current interest to the Heads of national and international statistical agencies. The seminar topics are selected through a survey of all CES members.

2. The secretariat would like to turn the attention of the Bureau to the following issues in relation to the CES 2012 plenary session agenda:

Agenda item 2: Meetings of the parent bodies of CES (10 minutes)

3. Each year, a short overview of meetings of the parent bodies of the CES, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC), is given. Since a few years, the ECE meets every second year and there will be no meeting in 2012. Therefore, only the outcomes of the 2012 Session of the UNSC will be presented in June 2012.

Agenda items 3 and 4: the seminars

4. See documents ECE/CES/BUR/2011/NOV/18 and 19 which provide more detailed information on the seminars.

Agenda item 5. Reports, guidelines, recommendations, etc. prepared under the umbrella of the Conference

Agenda item 5a: Measuring sustainable development (20 minutes)

5. The Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD Task Force on Measuring Sustainable Development is working on its final report. An extended Summary of the report was consulted with the CES Bureau and the CES member countries in the beginning of 2011.

The full report is expected to be ready for circulation to the CES Bureau in the beginning of January 2012. At the February 2012 meeting, the Bureau will be invited to discuss the report and whether it is ready for submission to the CES 2012 plenary session.

6. The inclusion of this item in the CES 2012 plenary session agenda is subject to the outcome of the CES Bureau discussion at the February 2012 meeting.

Agenda item 5b: Principles and framework for an international classification of crimes for statistical purposes (20 minutes)

7. Between 2009 and 2011 the Task Force on Crime Classification produced a report presenting a set of principles for, and framework approach to, the international classification of crimes for statistical purposes. The report was circulated among countries for comments in spring 2011, and then revised following the consultation. The revised report was submitted to the CES Bureau for review at its meeting in November 2011. The Bureau will be invited to decide whether the Report is ready for submission to the CES 2012 plenary session.

8. The inclusion of this item in the CES 2012 plenary session agenda is subject to the outcome of the CES Bureau discussion in November 2011.

Agenda item 6: Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

9. This agenda item is concerned with the coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region and the decisions and recommendations that the Conference is expected to take on the respective issues.

Agenda item 6a: Pre-discussion on a topic that will be reviewed in-depth by the Bureau in 2012-2013 (topic to be selected in February 2012) (45 minutes)

10. The CES Bureau undertakes regularly in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas. The aim of the reviews is to improve coordination of statistical activities in the UNECE region, identify gaps or duplication of work, and address emerging issues.

11. During the last few years, one of the in-depth review topics has been discussed at the CES plenary session before the review by the Bureau allowing to get input from all CES members. This discussion has provided many useful comments and has been appreciated by the participants.

12. The Bureau will select the topics to be reviewed in-depth in 2012-2013 at its February 2012 meeting. In February, the Bureau will be asked to decide which of these topics should be discussed at the CES 2012 plenary session.

Agenda item 6b: Outcome of the in-depth reviews by the CES Bureau carried out in November 2011 – February 2012 (10 minutes per topic)

13. Traditionally, the Conference is informed about outcome of the in-depth reviews by the Bureau under this agenda item. In June 2012, the Conference will be informed about the three reviews undertaken in November 2011, namely on **education statistics, global manufacturing and household survey methods**, and two reviews in February 2012, **measurement of poverty, and banking, insurance and financial statistics**.

Agenda item 7. Follow-up to the CES 2011 seminars: on organization of data collection and sharing, and on measuring human capital (10 minutes)

14. The CES 2012 plenary session will be informed about the follow-up actions undertaken to implement the decisions of the two seminars carried out at the CES 2011 plenary session.

- (a) The seminar on data collection in June 2011 noted that there is currently no forum to discuss organisational and management aspects of data collection. The Conference will be informed about the developments in this area (**subject of the outcome of the Bureau discussion under agenda item 4(e) in November 2011**);
- (b) The 2011 Conference decided that there is a need for an inventory of work on measuring human capital. The Conference will be informed about the next steps in this area (**subject of the outcome of the Bureau discussion under agenda item 10 in November 2011**).

Agenda item 8. The high-level group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics (15 minutes)

15. In 2010 the CES Bureau created the high-level group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics to reflect on and guide strategic developments in the ways in which official statistics are produced. The CES 2011 plenary session supported the work and the vision of the high-level group and requested an update on progress at the next plenary session in 2012.

Agenda item 9. Progress reports and approval of the UNECE Statistical Programme 2012-2013 (10 minutes)

16. Under this agenda item, the Conference will be informed about the implementation of the UNECE Statistical Programme and progress of work of the Teams of Specialists working under the umbrella of the Conference.

17. The UNECE biennial programme in statistics 2012-2013 will be presented for approval. The Reports of the CES Bureau Meetings, progress reports of the Teams of Specialists (Steering Groups, Task Forces) working under the auspices of the Conference, and the reports from expert meetings will be submitted to the Conference for information only.

Agenda item 10: Selection of topics for seminars to take place during the 2013 CES plenary session (10 minutes)

18. The Conference will select the topics for the CES seminars in 2013 based on a proposal by the CES Bureau.

Agenda item 11: Other business (5 minutes)

19. Any additional issues that the Conference needs to be informed of can be taken up under this agenda item.

Agenda item 12: adoption of the report

20. The Conference is expected to adopt the report of the plenary session including the main decisions before it adjourns.

21. **The Bureau is invited to comment on and approve the preliminary agenda for the CES 2012 plenary session.** The final provisional agenda will be prepared for the 2012 February meeting of the Bureau.

Provisional agenda and timetable

Time	Item	Topic	Document
First day (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30 – 9:40	1	OPENING ADDRESSES and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	
9:40 – 9:50	2	MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES - 2012 session of the UN Statistical Commission (February 2012)	
9:50 – 17:30	<i>FIRST SEMINAR</i>		
	3	Seminar on “IMPLEMENTING THE UN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATED TO COORDINATION OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS”	
9:50 – 9:55		Introduction by the Seminar Organiser (the United States)	
9:55 – 11:00		Session I: Implementing the fundamental principles of official statistics Session Organiser: the United Kingdom <i>Organization of the seminar to be discussed by the Bureau under item 11b of the CES Bureau meeting</i>	
11:00 – 11:20		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:20– 12:30		Session I continued with general discussion Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser	
12:30 – 14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:50		Session II: Coordination of national statistical systems Session Organiser: Austria (to be confirmed)	
15:50 – 16:10		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:10 – 17:30		Session II continued with general discussion Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser	
Second day (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-16:50	<i>SECOND SEMINAR</i>		
	4	Seminar on “CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES BASED ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LAST CENSUS ROUND”	
9:30 – 9:45		Introductory comments by the Seminar Organiser (Canada)	
9:45 – 11:00		Session I: 2010/2011 round of censuses –innovations and lessons learned Session Organiser: Statistics Canada <i>Organization of the seminar to be discussed by the Bureau under item 11c of the CES Bureau meeting</i>	
11:00 – 11:20		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:20 – 12:30		Session I continued with general discussion Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser	
12:30 – 14:30		<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:50		Session II: The future of censuses and their role for national statistics systems Session Organiser: CIS-STAT	
15:50 – 16:10		<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:10 – 16:50		Session II continued with general discussion	

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		Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser	
16:50 – 17:30	<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>		
	5	REPORTS, GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED UNDER THE CES	
<i>16:50 – 17:10</i>	5a	o Measuring sustainable development	
<i>17:10 – 17:30</i>	5b	o International classification of crimes for statistical purposes	
Third day (9:30-12:30)			
9:30 – 12:30	<i>FORMAL BUSINESS</i>		
9:30 – 9:35	6	COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION Chairman's introductory comments	
9:35 – 10:20	6a	Discussion to obtain input to the in-depth review(s) to be carried out by the CES Bureau in 2012 and 2013 o Topic(s) to be selected by the Bureau in February 2012	
10:20 – 11:30	6b	Outcome of the in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas:	
<i>10:20 – 10:30</i>		o Education statistics	
<i>10:30 – 10:40</i>		o Global processing	
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
<i>11:00 – 11:10</i>		o Household survey methods	
<i>11:10 – 11:20</i>		o Measurement of poverty	
<i>11:20 – 11:30</i>		o Banking, insurance and financial statistics	
11:30 – 11:40	7	Follow-up to the CES 2011 seminars o Organization of data collection and sharing o Measurement of human capital	
11:40 – 11:55	8	The high-level group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics	
11:55 – 12:05	9	PROGRESS REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF THE UNECE STATISTICAL PROGRAMME 2011 o UNECE Statistical Programme: Programme of work for 2012-2013 and more detailed plans for 2012 o Progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES, follow-up to decisions taken by the CES and its Bureau – for information.	
12:05 – 12:15	10	SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINARS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION	
12:15 – 12:20	11	OTHER BUSINESS	
12:20 – 12:30	12	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	Draft report
12:30		CLOSING OF THE MEETING	

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