

Third Meeting of the 2011/2012 Bureau  
Luxembourg, 7-8 February 2012

Approved

Item 9 (d) of the Provisional  
Agenda

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR  
THE 2012 CES PLENARY SESSION**  
(Paris, 6 – 8 a.m. 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 at the OECD Conference Centre, 2, rue André-Pascal, 75016 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 Bureau is invited to comment on and approve the provisional agenda for the CES 2012 plenary session.**

Agenda item 2: Meetings of the parent bodies of CES: outcomes of the UN Statistical Commission session in 2012 (10 minutes) – for information

3. Traditionally, the Director of the UN Statistical Division informs the Conference about the outcomes of the UNSC session and its implications for the work of the Conference.

Agenda items 3 and 4: the seminars – for discussion and recommendations

4. The seminar on “Challenges for future population and housing censuses based on lessons learned from the last census round” will take place on Wednesday, 6 June 2012. The seminar on “Implementing the UN fundamental principles of official statistics, including issues related to coordination of national statistical systems” will take place on Thursday, 7 June 2012. See documents ECE/CES/BUR/2012/FEB/16 and 17 for more detailed information on the seminars.

Agenda item 5. Impact of crises on statistical systems (follow-up to the CES 2010 seminar on this topic) (10 minutes) – for discussion and recommendations

5. As a follow-up to the CES seminar on impact of crises on statistical systems in 2010, the CES Bureau decided that a paper on lessons learned from the financial crises be prepared by Statistics Canada. In November 2011, the CES Bureau discussed the draft document,

provided recommendations for finalising the paper and decided that the paper will be presented to the CES 2012 plenary session.

Agenda item 6. Progress reports and approval of the UNECE Statistical Programme 2012-2013 (15 minutes) – for decision

6. 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. The UNECE biennial programme in statistics 2012-2013 will be presented for approval.

7. The Conference will also be informed about the ongoing UNECE review and the outcome of the discussion of the Statistics Subprogramme by the UNECE Executive Committee on 12 December 2011.

8. 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.

Agenda item 7: Selection of topics for seminars to take place during the 2013 CES plenary session (15 minutes) – for decision

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

Agenda item 8. High-Level Group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics (HLG-BAS) (30 minutes) – for decision

10. In 2010 the CES Bureau created the High-Level Group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics to guide the strategic developments in the ways in which official statistics are produced. The CES 2011 plenary session supported the work and endorsed the vision paper of the High-Level Group and requested an update on progress at the CES plenary session in 2012. The Conference will be invited to discuss and endorse the strategy paper on the implementation of the HLG-BAS vision.

11. The Conference will be also informed about the organization of two events in this connection: the High-Level Seminar on Modernization of statistical production (3-5 October 2012, St. Petersburg) and the seminar on data collection (31 October – 2 November 2012, Geneva).

Agenda item 9: Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region

12. 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. One of the main tools for coordination are the regular in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas undertaken by the CES Bureau. 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.

Agenda item 9a: Substantive discussion on a topic selected by the Bureau or an in-depth review in autumn 2012 (15 minutes presentation of the issue paper + 35 minutes discussion) – *for discussion and recommendations*

13. One of the forthcoming in-depth review topics will be discussed at the CES plenary session before the review by the Bureau allowing to get input from all CES members. **The Bureau will select at its February 2012 meeting the topic that will be discussed at the CES 2012 plenary session.**

Agenda items 9b, c, d: Outcomes of the recent in-depth reviews carried out by the CES Bureau (15 minutes per topic) – *for discussion*

14. In June 2012, the Conference will be informed about the outcomes of three reviews undertaken in November 2011. The Conference will have an opportunity to comment on or ask questions about the outcomes of the following reviews:

(b) Economic statistics: global manufacturing;

(c) Social statistics: education statistics; and

(d) Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis: household survey methods.

Agenda item 10. Reports, guidelines, recommendations, etc. prepared under the umbrella of the Conference

Agenda item 10a: Measuring sustainable development (20 minutes) – *for decision*

15. 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. A discussion also took place during the CES 2011 plenary session.

16. **Note:** There is a slight delay with circulating the full draft report to the CES Bureau. The draft report will be sent for comments as soon as possible. It is important to allow sufficient time for the Bureau members to review the report, therefore it is proposed that **a decision on the inclusion of this item in the CES 2012 plenary session agenda will be taken through electronic consultation after the February 2012 meeting of the CES Bureau.**

Agenda item 10b: Principles and framework for an international classification of crimes for statistical purposes (20 minutes) – *for decision*

17. The CES Task Force on Crime Classification has prepared a report on *Principles and framework for an international classification of crimes for statistical purposes*. The CES Bureau considered the report at its meeting in November 2011 and decided to send it for electronic consultation to all CES members in 2012 with a view of submitting it to the CES 2012 plenary session for endorsement.

18. The CES Bureau decided to include this item in the agenda of the CES 2012 plenary session at its meeting in November 2011.

Agenda item 11: Other business (10 minutes)

19. Any additional issues can be taken up under this agenda item.

### Provisional agenda and timetable

Time	Item	Topic	Document
<b>6 June 2012 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)</b>			
9:30 – 9:40	1	<b>OPENING ADDRESSES and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	
9:40 – 9:50	2	<b>MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES</b> - 2012 session of the UN Statistical Commission (February 2012)	
9:50 – 17:30	<i>FIRST SEMINAR</i>		
	3	<b>Seminar on “CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES BASED ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LAST CENSUS ROUND”</b>	
9:50 – 9:55		Introductory comments by the seminar organiser: Canada	
9:55 – 11:00		<b>Session I: 2010/2011 round of censuses – innovations and lessons learned</b> - Session organiser: Italy <i>Invited papers: Austria, Italy and Canada</i> <i>Supporting papers: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, CIS-Stat, UNECE</i>	
		Introduction by the session organiser	
		Summary of the conclusions of the UNSC 2012 session on the experience with recent population censuses; summary of the main points in invited and in supporting papers by the Session Organiser	
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 (including short presentations on population censuses)</i>		
14:30 – 15:50		<b>Session II: The future of censuses and their role for national statistics systems</b> – Session Organiser: CIS-STAT <i>Invited papers: Eurostat, United Kingdom and Russian Federation</i> <i>Supporting papers: Israel, Italy, Portugal</i>	
		Introduction by the session organiser	
		Summary of the main points in invited and supporting papers by the Session Organiser	
		General discussion	
		Short summary of the session by the session organiser	
15:50 – 16:10	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
16:10 – 17:30		<b>Session III: Conclusions and follow-up activities</b> – The seminar organiser: Canada	
		Discussion and summary of the issues by the seminar organiser	

7 June 2012 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)		
9:30-16:50	SECOND SEMINAR	
	4	<b>Seminar on “IMPLEMENTING THE UN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATED TO COORDINATION OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS”</b>
9:30 – 9:45		Introduction by the seminar organiser: United States
9:45 – 11:00		<b>Session I: Implementing the Fundamental Principles of official statistics</b> – Session organiser: the United Kingdom <i>Invited papers: Switzerland and UNECE</i> <i>Supporting papers: Czech Republic, Georgia, Italy, Romania, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Netherlands</i>
		Introduction by the session organiser
		A keynote speech
		Summary of the main points in invited and supporting papers by the Session Organiser)
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee/tea break	
11:20– 12:30		Session I continued with general discussion
		Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 15:50		<b>Session II: Coordination of national statistical systems</b> – Session organiser: Austria <i>Invited papers: Finland and Sweden</i> <i>Supporting papers: Lithuania, Mexico, Portugal, Eurostat</i>
		Introduction by the session organiser
		Summary of the main points in invited and supporting papers by the Session Organiser)
		General discussion
		Short summary of the session by the session organiser
15:50 – 16:10	Coffee/tea break	
16:10 – 16:50		<b>Session III: Conclusions and follow-up activities</b> – panel discussion
		Discussion and summary of the issues by the seminar organiser
16:50 – 17:30	FORMAL BUSINESS	
16:50 – 17:00	5	<b>IMPACT OF CRISES ON STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</b> (follow-up to the CES 2010 seminar on this topic)
17:00 – 17:15	6	<b>PROGRESS REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF THE UNECE STATISTICAL PROGRAMME 2012-2013</b> o UNECE Statistical Programme: Programme of work for 2012-2013 and other related documents o UNECE review of the Statistics Subprogramme o Progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES, follow-up to decisions taken by the CES and its Bureau
17:15 – 17:30	7	<b>SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR SEMINARS DURING THE 2013 CES PLENARY SESSION</b>

Time	Item	Topic	Document
<b>8 June 2012 (9:30-12:30)</b>			
<b>9:30 – 12:30</b>	<i>FORMAL BUSINESS - - continued</i>		
<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP FOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS IN BUSINESS ARCHITECTURE IN STATISTICS:</b> discussion on strategy of implementation of the HLG-BAS vision	
<b>10:00 – 11:40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION</b> Chairman's introductory comments	
<i>10:05 – 10:55</i>	<b>9a</b>	Discussion to obtain input to the in-depth review of the measurement of ageing to be carried out by the Bureau in autumn 2012	
		o <b>Topic to be selected by the Bureau in February 2012</b>	
		Outcomes of the in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas:	
<i>10:55 – 11:10</i>	<b>9b</b>	Economic statistics	
		o Global production (outcome of in-depth review)	
<i>11:10 – 11:25</i>	<b>9c</b>	Social statistics	
		o Education statistics (outcome of in-depth review)	
<i>11:25 – 11:40</i>	<b>9d</b>	Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis	
		o Household survey methods (outcome of in-depth review)	
<b>11:40 – 12:20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>CES REPORTS, GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<i>11:40 – 12:00</i>	<b>10a</b>	o Measuring sustainable development	
<i>12:00 – 12:20</i>	<b>10b</b>	o International classification of crimes for statistical purposes	
<b>12:20 – 12:30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<b>12:30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>CLOSING OF THE MEETING</b>	Draft report

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