

## CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

### Meeting of the 2018/2019 Bureau

Washington, D.C. (United States of America), 28 February-1 March 2019

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

*The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Bureau meeting will start at 9:30 on Thursday, 28 February and is planned to finish around 17:00 on Friday, 1 March 2019. The meeting will be hosted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in collaboration with the World Bank. It will take place at the IMF Headquarters 2 Building (HQ2)700, 19th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C., in Conference Room HQ2-10B-073 (10th floor).*

*The meeting will be held in English only. The documents for the meeting will be uploaded on the following website: <https://statswiki.unece.org/display/bureau/CES+Bureau> (username: ces; password: bureau8).*

#### I. OPENING BY MARJO BRUUN

#### II. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS OF SELECTED STATISTICAL AREAS

1. The CES Bureau regularly reviews in depth 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. The reviews often lead to new work in topical areas and tangible outputs such as guidelines or recommendations.

**(a) Various types of satellite accounts – *for discussion and recommendations***  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/2 by Canada)

2. The in-depth review of various types of satellite accounts will be based on a paper by Canada. **Additional contributions from the CES Bureau members are welcome in advance of the Bureau meeting.**

**(b) Measurement of gender identity – *for discussion and recommendations***  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/3 by Canada and the United Kingdom)

3. The in-depth review of measurement of gender identity will be based on a paper by Canada and the United Kingdom. **Additional contributions from the CES Bureau members are welcome in advance of the Bureau meeting.**

**(c) Selection of topics for in-depth reviews in 2019-2020 and topic proposals for the 2020 CES seminars – *for decision***  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/4 and 5 by UNECE)

4. The Bureau will be invited to select the topics to be reviewed in-depth in 2019-2020 based on a proposal prepared by the Secretariat.

5. The Bureau will be also invited to review a proposal of possible seminar topics for CES plenary session in 2020 to be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session.

### **III. UNECE STATISTICAL WORK AND CES TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS**

6. The work of steering groups and task forces set up by the CES Bureau is reviewed under this agenda item. The groups are created for a particular task with concrete terms of reference, output, timeframe (2-3 years) and a sunset clause. The work results in methodological and practical guidelines, collections of leading practices and training materials available on the web. The terms of reference of active steering groups and task forces are available at <http://www.unece.org/statistics/networks-of-experts.html>.

#### **(a) Gender statistics (renewal of the ToR) – for decision**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/6 by Steering Group)

7. The terms of reference of the Steering Group on Gender Statistics were reviewed in February 2015. Over the past years, the Steering Group has played a key role in coordinating the work of a number of CES Task Forces related to gender statistics, providing advice for capacity building activities and planning UNECE meetings and workshops. The Bureau will be invited to review and approve the updated terms of reference.

#### **(b) Circular migration – for discussion and recommendations**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/7 by Steering Group)

8. In October 2016 the Bureau approved the report *Defining and measuring circular migration*, and asked the biennial UNECE-Eurostat Work Sessions on migration statistics to follow up on the implementation of the guidance and report to the Bureau on progress made in two years. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the progress and advise on further work.

#### **(c) Measuring social exclusion (initiation of work) – for discussion and recommendations**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/8 by Task Force)

9. In June 2018, the Bureau approved the terms of reference for the Task Force on measuring social exclusion. The Bureau asked the Task Force to pay special attention to these aspects of social exclusion that are not well explored under other work, such as the work on poverty measurement or the financial aspects, and report on its plans how to approach the work. The Bureau will be invited to review and discuss the first steps planned by the Task Force.

#### **(d) Statistics for SDGs – for discussion**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/9 by UNECE)

10. UNECE is organising annual Regional Fora on Sustainable Development. The UNECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) has proposed that UNECE should prepare an annual report on the regional progress towards SDGs based on existing statistics and data, starting from 2020. The proposal has been informally agreed by EXCOM and is subject to the decision of UNECE Commission session in April 2019. A smaller report could be published for the Forum in 2019. The Secretariat proposes that the CES Steering Group on statistics for SDGs would be involved in preparing the statistical part of the regional report on progress towards SDGs.

11. Furthermore, the 2019 Regional Forum will include a focus event on statistics and data, co-organized by UNICEF and UNECE.

12. The Bureau is invited to discuss and express views on the preparation of the Regional Fora from the viewpoint of work in statistics.

**(e) Modernisation of official statistics – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/10 and 10/Add.1 by HLG-MOS)

13. The Bureau approved the updated terms of reference and governance structure for HLG-MOS in February 2017, and extended the mandate of the Group until end 2019. The Bureau will discuss the outcomes of the international collaboration projects overseen by HLG-MOS in 2018 and planned activities for 2019.

14. In October 2018, the Bureau asked the secretariat to prepare a scheme showing the groups working under HLG-MOS and their tasks for the February 2019 Bureau meeting to inform about the different work streams and their organization.

15. The Bureau is invited to review the outcomes of the projects overseen by HLG-MOS in 2018 and the priority projects for 2019. The Bureau is also invited to review the revisions of Generic Statistical Business Process Model and Generic Statistical Information Model, and decide about the process of submitting these to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement.

**(f) Modernising statistical legislation (concept note on the biennial meetings) – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/11 by UNECE)

16. The CES 2018 plenary session endorsed the *Guidance on modernising statistical legislation*, prepared by a Task Force co-chaired by Latvia and UK. At the October 2018 meeting, the Bureau approved the proposal for follow-up work including a biennial expert meeting on statistical legislation, and asked the Secretariat to prepare a concept note for the meeting. The Bureau is invited to discuss and approve the concept note.

**(g) Measuring what matters (concept note and outline of guidance) – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/12 by Poland and UNECE)

17. The CES 2018 seminar on measuring what matters concluded with a list of possible actions on the way forward in this area. The Bureau approved the further work proposal at its October 2018 meeting and requested the seminar organiser, Poland and UNECE to prepare a concept note of the proposed guidance on measuring what matters.

#### **IV. PREPARATION OF THE CES 2019 PLENARY SESSION**

**(a) Organization of the 2019 CES seminar on “New data sources – accessibility and use” – for discussion and recommendations**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/13 by Switzerland and United States)

18. The CES plenary session selected this topic for one of the 2019 CES seminars. The Bureau is invited to discuss the organization of the seminar based on an updated outline

prepared by the seminar organizers, Switzerland and United States, in collaboration with Eurostat, OECD and UNSD.

**(b) Organization of the 2019 CES seminar on “Emerging role of NSOs as offices for statistics and data” – for discussion and recommendations**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/14 by Canada, New Zealand and United Kingdom and 15 by Estonia and Poland)

19. The CES plenary session selected this topic for one of the 2019 CES seminars. The Bureau is invited to discuss the organization of the seminar based on an updated outline prepared by the seminar organizers, Canada, New Zealand and United Kingdom, in collaboration with UNSD.

20. In October 2018 the Bureau decided that a background paper on emerging role of NSOs should be prepared for the seminar, building on the UNECE Secretariat paper presented at the October 2018 Bureau meeting, and papers and discussions of this topic at different fora. Furthermore, the issue of new data strategies for NSOs was discussed at the annual HLG-MOS Workshop in November 2018. As a follow-up, a small task team, led by Estonia and Poland, and including Canada, Italy and the Netherlands, is preparing the paper, taking into account the outcomes of other recent developments. The Bureau is invited to review the draft paper and provide recommendations on its finalization.

**(c) Draft agenda and timetable for the 2019 CES plenary session – for decision**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/16 by UNECE)

21. The Bureau is invited to approve the provisional agenda of the CES plenary session in 2019 based on a proposal by the Secretariat.

**V. RULES GOVERNING THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS AND ITS BUREAU – for decision**

(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/17 by UNECE)

22. At the October 2018 meeting, the CES Bureau decided to review the *Rules governing the work of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau* (ECE/CES/2007/8) prior to the next Bureau elections in June 2019. Some adjustments to the Rules may be needed in view of recent developments in the work of the Conference.

23. The Bureau is invited to discuss the Rules.

**VI. CES GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENT IN 2019**

24. The CES Bureau will be invited to review the draft guidelines and recommendations planned to be submitted for CES endorsement in 2019 and decide if they can be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session.

25. The *Recommendations on Measuring Intra-Household Power and Decision-Making* initially planned for endorsement in the 2019 CES plenary session, will be submitted for Bureau review in the October 2019 meeting as the Task Force is currently conducting a pilot of the Recommendations and would like to incorporate its results in their final output.

**(a) Measuring hazardous events and disasters – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/18 by the Task Force)

26. The CES Bureau created the Task Force on measuring extreme events and disasters in February 2015 to clarify the role of official statistics in providing data related to extreme events and disasters, and identify practical steps how national statistical offices in coordination with national agencies responsible for disaster management can support disaster management and risk reduction.

27. The Bureau is invited to review the draft report *Recommendations on the Role of Official Statistics in Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters* and decide if it can be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session. Subject to a positive outcome of the consultation, the report will be submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement.

**(b) Waste statistics – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/19 by the Task Force)

28. The CES Bureau established the Task Force on waste statistics in February 2017 to draft a conceptual framework to harmonise international waste statistics, and to provide better information needed for managing waste and monitoring implementation of important waste-related policy frameworks.

29. The Bureau is invited to review the draft *Framework on Waste Statistics* and decide if it can be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session. Subject to a positive outcome of the consultation, the Framework will be submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement.

**(c) Satellite accounts for education and training – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/20 by the Task Force)

30. The CES Bureau set up the Task Force on satellite accounts for education and training in February 2017 to coordinate the pilot testing of these accounts in countries with different economic circumstances and data availability. Based on the pilot, the Task Force is preparing a compilation guide.

31. The Bureau is invited to review the draft *Compilation Guide on Satellite Accounts for Education and Training*, and decide if it can be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session. Subject to a positive outcome of the consultation, the Compilation Guide will be submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement.

**(d) Measuring older populations in institutions – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/21 by the Task Force)

32. In February 2017, the CES Bureau established the Task Force on measuring old-age population in institutions to develop standard definitions and classifications of “institution” and “institutional populations” as they pertain to older people, and provide guidelines for statistical offices on how to include such populations in the production of statistics on ageing-related topics.

33. The Bureau is invited to review the draft *Recommendations on Measuring Older Populations in Institutions*, and decide if they can be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session. Subject to a positive outcome of the consultation, the Recommendations will be submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement.

**(e) Strategic communications framework – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/22 by HLG-MOS)

34. The CES 2018 seminar on ‘Getting the message across: strategic reflections on modernizing statistical communication’ identified possible actions for the way forward. These included developing a communication maturity model and a roadmap for statistical organizations.

35. Recognizing the importance of strategic communication, the High-level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics endorsed a project on strategic communications as a priority project for 2018. The objective of the project was to guide statistical offices in the development of a strategic approach to protect, enhance and promote the organization’s reputation and brand. The communication experts from across the world with support from UNECE prepared the Framework, which includes a communication maturity model. The draft Strategic Communications Framework was presented and endorsed by the annual HLG-MOS workshop in November 2018.

36. The Bureau is invited to review the draft *Strategic Communications Framework* and decide if they can be sent for an electronic consultation to all CES members before the CES plenary session. Subject to the positive outcome of the consultation, the Recommendations will be submitted to the 2019 CES plenary session for endorsement.

**VII. UNECE STATISTICS PROGRAMME OF WORK DOCUMENTS – for decision**  
(ECE/CES/BUR/2019/FEB/23 and 24 by UNECE)

23. Under this agenda item, the Bureau will be invited to review and approve documents related to the implementation of the Statistics subprogramme prepared in the context of the United Nations secretariat’s planning and reporting process. These include:

- (a) Report on the implementation of the Statistical Programme 2018;
- (b) Draft programme of work document for 2020, prepared in a new format in line with the change of the UN budget planning from biannual to annual budgets on a trial basis, beginning in 2020.

**VIII. MEETING WITH THE WORLD BANK**

37. The Bureau regularly discusses the work and strategies of international organizations in statistics. A number of organizations have presented their statistical activities over the years, most recently UN Environment, WHO, the World Economic Forum and UNCTAD.

38. The World Bank will be invited to present its activities related to statistics for discussion at the Bureau meeting.

**IX. DATES AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS – *for decision***

39. The Bureau is expected to confirm the dates and venues of the next Bureau meetings and the next CES plenary sessions.

40. At its October 2019 meeting, the Bureau decided on its next meetings as follows:

- 16-17 October 2019 (Croatia offered to host the meeting in Zagreb)
- 18-19 February 2020 (Geneva, tbc.)

41. The 67th CES plenary session will take place on 26-28 (a.m.) June 2019 in Paris, back-to-back with the meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy (24-25 June 2019).

42. The 68th CES plenary session is proposed to take place in the week of 22 June 2020 in Geneva, back-to-back with the meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy and the plenary session of UN-GGIM: Europe, as decided by the 66th CES plenary session (ECE/CES/95).

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

43. Any other topics can be taken up under this agenda item.

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