

**UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION and
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CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Regional Workshop on international migration statistics
(Geneva, 4-6 December 2007)

INFORMATION NOTICE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations, Room VIII.
The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 December 2007.

I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. The main objective of this meeting is to assess whether availability and quality of data on international migration can be improved by comparing and exchanging data between countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
2. The Workshop will deal with the following issues:
 - analysis of regulatory framework of international migration in participating countries
 - assessment of available official data on international migration, with discussion of ways to improve data quality and availability in participating countries
 - analysis and comparison of migration data from origin and destination countries to assess their relevance and accuracy
 - discussion of ways and methods to improve national data on international migration by using data from other countries
3. Expected outcomes of the meeting are a better understanding of international migration data available, at national level, in participating countries. On the basis of the comparative analysis of data on international migration from origin and destination countries, possible ways to improve international migration data through comparison and exchange of data within and between countries will be discussed.

II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

4. The work programme of the meeting will consist of the following substantive topics:
 - a. The regulatory framework of international migration in participating countries and their impact on statistical data
 - (i) b. Availability and quality of data at national level and possible ways to improve them
 - (ii) c. Comparison of international migration data produced by origin and destination countries
 - d. Exchange of data between countries to improve national data on international migration
5. The annotated agenda will be posted as soon as it will be available, on the web page of the meeting at the following address <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.12.migration.htm>

III. PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

6. Representatives of countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and of interested intergovernmental organizations are welcome to participate in the meeting. The competent authorities of their country or international organization must accredit all participants.

7. All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the Regional Workshop on international migration statistics. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (fax: +41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org).

8. The statistical offices and international organizations are asked to inform the UNECE secretariat **by 5 November 2007** whether their organization intends to participate at the meeting.

9. Participants are requested to fill in the attached **Conference registration form** and send it to the UNECE secretariat by fax (+41 22 917 0040) **by 5 November 2007** at the latest so that it may be processed well in advance of the meeting. The information will be used to register participants with the UN Security Section and for the list of participants.

10. In order to enter the Palais des Nations where the Workshop is being held, all participants need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport at the UN Security Identification Office at Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations (Avenue de la Paix 14, Buses 8 and 18, Stop Appia), by 8:30 a.m. at the latest on Tuesday, 4 December 2007. The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (non-stop). For identification and security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

11. Maps of Geneva, list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following website: <http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>. Please see map of the Pregny Gate on the above website: Geneva', 'Plan of the UN building').

IV. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

12. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided. The documentation will be in English and/or Russian only.

- 13. The workshop will be based on an interactive method of work and participants will be asked to participate in various activities such as working groups and case studies. Participants are invited to bring any available documentation or publication on international migration statistics in their country.

14. The UNECE Secretariat will make sure that all documentation will be made available on UNECE website at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.12.migration.htm>

V. ACCOMMODATION

15. Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, since Geneva is quite busy with international meetings. In order to assist them in organizing their accommodation, the UNECE secretariat provides a list of hotels on its website

<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm> (follow the link “Hotels in Geneva”). If difficulties are encountered, participants may contact their Permanent Mission in Geneva for assistance.

VI. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

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