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Geneva, Switzerland, 29-31 October 2019

STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION (EUROSTAT)

INFORMATION NOTE

The **meeting** will be held in the Salle du Conseil (Council Chamber) at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

It will start at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 October 2019
and finish on Thursday, 31 October by 5.30 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Eurostat are jointly organizing a Work Session on Migration Statistics from 29 (afternoon) to 31 October 2019. The Meeting will be held in the Salle du Conseil (Council Chamber). The room is located on the 1st floor of Building C (enter through door C6), at the Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8, Geneva.

2. Immediately before the Work Session, from 28 to 29 October (morning), UNECE will organize a Workshop on measuring migration and remittances in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Information and documents related to the Workshop will be available at: <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50806>

II. PURPOSE

3. The Work Session will allow countries to exchange experience on the methods and techniques used for the collection, processing, use and dissemination of data related to international migration statistics, as well as to improve measurement of the size, characteristics, and impact of international migration in the UNECE region and beyond.

III. PROGRAMME

4. The work programme of the meeting will consist of all or part of the substantive topics listed below. The agenda will be prepared before the meeting taking into account the papers contributed by participants. The agenda and other documents will be posted on the meeting's web page at: <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50804>

- a) Definitions of population and migration
- b) Data integration for measuring migration
- c) Use of longitudinal data for migration statistics
- d) New methodologies and tools for measuring migration
- e) Communication and use of migration statistics
- f) Data exchange and mirror statistics
- g) Measuring emigrants and hard-to-reach groups of migrants

5. Explanatory notes on the above topics are provided in the Call for papers (document INF. 2) accompanying this information note.

IV. LANGUAGES, DEADLINES AND DOCUMENTATION

6. The working languages of the Work Session are English, French and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.

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8. Participants are welcome to submit a paper for any topic described above. Papers can be submitted in English or Russian. They will be translated within the limits of the translation capacity available. Translated documents will be available only in English and Russian languages.

9. All submitted papers will be posted on the [meeting web page](#). The UNECE Steering Group on Migration Statistics will review all submitted papers and if needed, select the papers that will be presented at the meeting.

10. The following deadlines and requirements apply:

- Meeting participants who intend to contribute a paper should inform the UNECE secretariat by **21 June 2019**, indicating the tentative title, the agenda item to which the paper refers, and attaching a short abstract (between 100 and 200 words).
- Abstracts should be submitted through the online form on the Migration Statistics Work Session wiki page, at: <https://statswiki.unece.org/x/ZADsDg>
- The full final versions of papers, not exceeding 15 pages including charts, annexes and references, should be sent to UNECE in Word format by **20 September 2019**.
- Presenters are encouraged to use power point presentations, and to send them to the UNECE Secretariat by 10 October 2019.

- All submissions should be addressed to the UNECE Secretariat, Mr. Andres Vikat, e-mail andres.vikat@un.org with copy to social.stats@un.org

11. Contributors are reminded that the success of the meeting depends upon the ability to translate materials in advance and the opportunity for participants to read the papers before the meeting. Therefore, it is important to strictly adhere to the deadlines above.

V. PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

12. The meeting is open to representatives of all member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Representatives of other Member States of the United Nations, specialized agencies of the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may also participate in a consultative capacity, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.3, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization.

13. The meeting targets statisticians and analysts from national statistical offices and other government agencies that produce migration statistics. Participants are expected to take an active part in the discussion and share their experiences.

14. All participants should register by **27 September 2019** (participants funded by UNECE by 26 July 2019) by completing the online registration at the following links:

- For Work Session: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=YBNaqC>
- For Workshop: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=H1yPsp>

15. The online meeting registration guideline is available at:

<https://www2.unece.org/wiki/display/OMR>.

16. 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 at the Embassy of Switzerland in your respective countries of residence with reference to the UNECE/Eurostat Meeting on Migration Statistics. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. Such letters can be requested by contacting the Secretariat at social.stats@un.org.

17. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, 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 the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations (Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva; buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop Appia) by 1.45 p.m. on the first meeting day. The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 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. A map of the Palais des Nations where you can find the Security Identification Office located at the Pregny Gate is available at:

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/practical_information/Palais_des_Nations_map-English.pdf

VI. TRANSPORT IN GENEVA AND ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

18. Information about transport in Geneva, including the free “Geneva Transport Card”, and entering the Palais des Nations are available at the following link:

<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>

19. **ATTENTION:** Delegates can only enter and leave the Palais des Nations through the following three doors: C6, A17 and E40. These doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A map is provided on page 5 of this document.

VII. ACCOMMODATION

20. Participants are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to participants. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting since available rooms may be limited due to other meetings and events taking place in Geneva during the month of October. Maps of Geneva and list of hotels are available on the following website:

<https://www.geneve.com/en/>

21. The following accommodation options are close to the Palais des Nations:

- The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the five-star Intercontinental.
- There are several three-star and four-star hotels near Cornavin, the main train station. These hotels are moderate in price and are 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations. Examples include: Ibis Genève Centre Nations, Eden, Manotel, Mon Repos, des Alpes, International and Terminus, Montana, Savoy, Suisse, and Windsor.

VIII. WEATHER

22. The weather in Geneva in October is pleasant, although it can be relatively cold and it may rain. The average day temperature is 11°C. You can check the weather forecast at the local website: <http://www.meteoswiss.admin.ch/home.html?tab=overview>. The conference room where the meeting will be held is air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 20-22°C.

IX. CURRENCY

23. The exchange rate of the euro and the Swiss franc is now around 1.15 francs per 1 euro and is subject to daily market fluctuations. For conversion rate, please consult <http://www.ubs.com/global/en/quotes.html>. Currency exchange facilities are available in the city centre and at the UBS bank branch at Palais des Nations, located on the ground floor of C building (door C6). It is open from 08:30 to 16:30 from Monday to Friday.

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Map of the United Nations premises in Geneva (Council Chambers / Salle du Conseil, 1st floor, enter through Door C6)

