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High-level Seminar on Harmonisation of Poverty Statistics in CIS Countries

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AGENDA

Venue: Solis Sochi Hotel, Sochi, Russian Federation

31 October – 2 November 2016

Monday, 31 October 2016

9:00 **Registration**

9:30 **Welcome and opening**

- Andres Vikat, Chief Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE
- Konstantin Laykam, Deputy Head, Rosstat, Russian Federation
- Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman, CISSTAT
- A representative of local authorities

10:15–13:00 Session 1: Measuring poverty to review progress on Sustainable Development Goals

10:15 **Chair:** Vitalie Valcov, Director General, National Bureau of Statistics, Republic of Moldova

- 10:20 – Ben Slay, Senior Advisor, and Elena Danilova-Cross, Poverty and Inequality Programme Specialist, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS
The 2030 Development Agenda: Regional approach to poverty reduction
- Questions and answers
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11:00 Coffee break

- 11:20 – Valentina Bryseva, Deputy Chief of the Department of Social-Demographic Statistics, CISSTAT
Assessing the readiness of CIS countries for monitoring progress towards SDGs in poverty reduction and inequality
- Inna Konoshonok, Head of Living Standards Statistics and Household Surveys, National Statistical Committee, Belarus
Measuring poverty to review progress on Sustainable Development Goals
 - Galina Samohleb, Head, Household Statistics Department, National Statistical Committee, Kyrgyzstan
Measuring poverty to evaluate progress in implementing SDGs in Kyrgyzstan

12:10 Discussion

12:55 Summary by the Chair

13:00 Lunch

14:30–16:00 Session 2: Country experiences in responding to latest challenges in producing poverty statistics

14:30 **Chair:** Elena Kukharevich, Deputy Chair, National Statistical Committee, Belarus

- 14:35 – Valentina Bryseva, Deputy Chief of the Department of Social-Demographic Statistics, CISSTAT
Assessment of poverty in CIS countries: conceptual and methodological approaches
- Yashar Pasha, Head of Department, State Statistical Committee, Azerbaijan
Poverty measurement in Azerbaijan
- Natalya Belonossova, Head of the Department of Labour Statistics and the standard of living, Statistics Committee, Kazakhstan
Measuring poverty in Kazakhstan
- João Pedro Azevedo, Lead Economist, World Bank
World Bank global poverty monitoring in CIS countries: present and future

15:35 Discussion

15:55 Summary by the Chair

16:00 Coffee break

16:20–17:30 Session 3: Round table on poverty measurement in the context of new political demands and the role of statistical offices

Moderator: Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman, CISSTAT

Panel members:

- Diana Martirosova, Head, Households Surveys Division, National Statistical Service, Armenia
 - Matthias Till, Head of Unit, Directorate Population, Statistics Austria
 - Yusif Yusifov, Deputy Chairman, State Statistical Committee, Azerbaijan
 - Ben Slay, Senior Advisor, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS
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18:00 Reception

Tuesday, 1 November 2016

9:30–12:45 Session 4: Improving comparability of household surveys in CIS countries

- 9:30 **Chair:** Konstantin Laykam, Deputy Head, Rosstat, Russian Federation
- 9:35 – Vania Etropolska, Statistical Division, UNECE
UNECE Guide on poverty measurement
- Matthias Till, Head of Unit, Directorate Population, Statistics Austria
Austrian experience with household surveys
- Viktors Veretjanovs, Head of Income and Living Conditions Statistics Section, Central Statistical Bureau, Latvia
Survey for poverty measurement in Latvia
- Elena Frolova, Director of Department, Rosstat, Russian Federation
Development of quality and poverty measurement methodology during transition to new data sources: experience and challenges
- 10:30 Discussion
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- 10:50 Coffee break
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- 11:10 – Andres Vikat, Chief Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE
Project "Harmonized poverty indicators for monitoring sustainable development"
- João Pedro Azevedo, Lead Economist, World Bank
Improving the comparability of household surveys from CIS countries: how an ex ante approach can benefit from the ex post experience
- Rafkat Hasanov, Consultant, UNECE
Comparability issues in household surveys in the CIS region
- 12:10 Discussion
- 12:40 Summary by the Chair
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- 12:45 Lunch
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- 14:00 Excursion
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Wednesday, 2 November 2016

9:30–12:00 **Session 5: Multidimensional poverty: what could be the options for CIS countries?**

9:30 **Chair:** Kairat Orunkhanov, Vice Chairman, Statistical Committee, Kazakhstan

- 9:35 – Adriana Conconi, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative
Multidimensional poverty measurement
- Diana Martirosova, Head, Households Surveys Division, National Statistical Service, Armenia
Finalization of a national measure of multidimensional poverty in Armenia
- Oyunchimeg Dandar, Director of Population and Social Statistics Department, National Statistics Office, Mongolia
Mongolian multidimensional poverty index

10:35 Coffee break

- 10:55 – Veronica Nica, Senior consultant, National Bureau of Statistics, Republic of Moldova
Measuring multidimensional poverty, an experience in testing Alkire-Foster methodology in the Republic of Moldova
- Bunafsha Sharipova, Head of Department, Agency on Statistics, Tajikistan
Multidimensional poverty in Tajikistan

11:25 Discussion

11:55 Summary by the Chair

12:00–13:15 **Session 6: Conclusions on the way forward with harmonisation of poverty statistics**

12:00 **Moderator:** Andres Vikat, Chief, Social and Demographic Statistics Section, UNECE

Panellists:

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- Konstantin Laykam, Deputy Head, Rosstat, Russian Federation
- Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman, CISSTAT

12:30 General discussion

13:00 Adoption of the report

13:15 **Closing of the Seminar**

13:15 Lunch

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