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

INFORMATION NOTE No. 2

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

1. Organizers:
Statistical Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe – UNECE
Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation – Rosstat
Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States – CISSTAT
2. Venue: Solis Hotel, Gornaya Street 11, Gorky Gorod, Esto-Sadok, Krasnaya Polyana, Sochi 354392 Russian Federation. Phone +7 86141 43 80
3. Dates: 31 October – 2 November 2016.
4. The registration will start on Monday, 31 October at 9.00 a.m.

II. DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. The provisional agenda of the Seminar is available at the Seminar page on the UNECE web site: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43384#/>
6. Participants who will make a presentation and have not yet submitted an abstract or slides are requested to submit them as soon as possible.
7. Please address all submissions by e-mail to Ms Vania Etropolska: vania.etropolska@unece.org and social.stats@unece.org.
8. Meeting documents, abstracts and presentations will be uploaded to the Seminar page on the UNECE web site: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2016.10.hls.html>.
9. Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the web site and bring their own copies to the seminar. Documents posted on the website before the seminar will not be distributed in the conference room.
10. The time allocated for a presentation in the seminar sessions is up to 15 minutes. (This does not apply to the round table discussions).

III. LANGUAGE

11. The working languages of the Seminar are English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation. The abstracts received by the deadlines will be available in both English and Russian.

IV. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

12. Travel of the funded participants is arranged by the UNECE secretariat and the details are communicated to them personally. All other participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and inform Rosstat (Mr. Ilya Matyushev: imatyushev@gks.ru and Ms. Kate Nikulina: nikulina_e@gks.ru) on their dates and time of arrival and departure, and flight numbers in case need an airport pick up and drop off.
13. Transport between the hotel and Sochi airport will be organized by Rosstat for all registered participants.
14. Single rooms are reserved and paid directly for funded participants by organizers. Breakfasts are included in the room charge. However, participants are invited to pay their own consumption from the mini bar and other extra services of the hotel.
15. Upon request, Rosstat will assist with hotel reservation of non-funded participants at the Solis Hotel Sochi.
16. At the Sochi airport (participants should look for a person with a sign "**ROSSTAT**" at arrival). Please note that no reimbursement will be made for privately arranged transport.

V. SOCIAL EVENTS

17. Dinner at 18:00 on 31 October at the Restaurant of the hotel Solis.
18. Excursion to visit Sochi city and Olympic Park: 2 pm-8 pm on 1 November.

VI. LOCAL INFORMATION

19. Exchange rates as of 17 October 2016:
1 USD = 63.151 RUR
1 EUR = 69.3587 RUR
For real time exchange rate, please refer to www.cbr.ru
20. Local time: GMT+3

Weather. The average daily temperature in Sochi in the end of October and beginning of November is +10°C. For real time weather, please refer to <https://www.gismeteo.com/city/daily/5234/>

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

21. Any enquiries about this event should be addressed to:

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