

Meeting of the Task Force on Valuing Unpaid Household Service Work
Geneva (Switzerland), 26-27 November 2015

ANNOTATED AGENDA

The meeting of the Task Force on Valuing Unpaid Household Service Work will start at 9:30 on Thursday, 26 November, and is planned to finish at 16:00 on Friday, 27 November 2015. The meeting will take place in Room XV at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

The meeting will be held in English only. The documents for the meeting will be distributed by e-mail as soon as they become available. The documents will also be uploaded on the wiki website: www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/HhWork.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The secretariat and the chair of the Task Force will provide make opening remarks.

II. INVENTORY OF APPROACHES USED FOR VALUING UNPAID HOUSEHOLD WORK

2. One of the activities of the Task Force includes the preparation of an inventory of the approaches used for valuing unpaid household work in Household Satellite Accounts. To facilitate the preparation of the inventory, the Task Force designed a questionnaire on national practices, which was sent out to the CES member countries in April 2015. There were 33 responses from 32 countries. The analysis of the responses was prepared by the colleagues from the Office for National Statistics of the United Kingdom. It provides a comprehensive overview of countries' activities and plans in measuring unpaid household service work, and is a useful step in identifying good practices and developing recommendations. **The UK Office for National Statistics will present the analysis. Task Force members will be invited to discuss the results in view of the next steps of the Task Force's work.**

III. COUNTRY CASES

3. According to its terms of reference, the Task Force needs to identify the country practices to be recommended in the Guide taking into consideration their implications for data collection. These would provide a model for staff within statistical offices who wish to construct measures of unpaid household service work. **Under this agenda item, the Task Force members will be invited to present their country practice and discuss good practices to be included in the Guide.**

IV. DRAFTING OF THE GUIDE

4. The objectives of the meeting include streamlining the draft chapters of the guide on valuing unpaid household service work, developing a consolidated position on the specific

proposals for the draft chapters, distributing the chapters among contributors and agreeing on the next steps.

(a) Scope and the structure of the Guide

5. The UK Office for National Statistics prepared a note that provides suggestions on a number of general and specific issues that are considered to be of high importance and should be either clarified from the outset or addressed in the future work by the Task Force. The note proposes a scope and a structure of the Guide (doc. TFHhWork/2015/OCT/2 by UK). **The Task Force members will be invited to discuss the scope and the structure of the Guide and to agree on the Guide chapters and issues to be covered under the individual chapters.**

(b) Distribution of tasks

6. **The Task Force members will be invited to commit to specific tasks based on their areas of expertise and to agree on ways to communicate and on mid-term deadlines.** The Task Force members will review the issues to be covered under the individual chapters together and will identify contributors. To facilitate the process, the Task Force members will agree on lead contributors for each chapter who could consolidate all related contributions.

7. All the documentation regarding the drafting of the Guide will be posted at the Task Force's workspace at www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/HhWork.

V. WAY FORWARD AND CLOSING OF THE MEETING

8. The Chair will make a summary of the main decisions during the meeting and outline the work plan for drafting the Guide. The work plan will consist of milestones regarding chapter outlines, first draft, consultation among the Task Force members and wider expert network, and full draft for submission to the CES Bureau.

VI. DATES AND VENUE OF THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING – *for decision*

9. The need for a second face-to-face Task Force meeting will be discussed.

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