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UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics
(26-28 April 2010, Geneva, Switzerland)

INFORMATION NOTICE No.1

I. INTRODUCTION

1. UNECE is organising its biannual Work Session on Gender Statistics. The work session will be held at the United Nations, Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8, Geneva, from 26 to 28 April 2010. Information on the purpose and agenda of the meeting is given in sections II and III below.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

2. The main purpose of the meeting is to facilitate the exchange of experiences among countries on gender statistics and present the work of the CES Task Forces in the area of gender statistics (TF on Gender Statistics Training for Statisticians and TF on the Measurement of Gender-based Violence). At the same time, the meeting will take stock of progress made in national statistical offices in the field of gender statistics.

3. The target audience of the meeting includes statisticians in national and international statistical offices responsible for gender statistics as well as users of gender statistics.

III. AGENDA OF THE MEETING

4. The programme of the meeting will consist of the following substantive topics:

- (i) 2010 Round Census results: formulation of proposals for gender analysis of key census topics;
- (ii) Gender differences in economic security;
- (iii) Environment and climate change from a gender perspective;
- (iv) Emerging issues in gender statistics.

4. A short information session on the progress of the CES Task Force in the area of gender-based violence will also be held, with specific focus on the development and testing of a common module on violence against women for sample surveys.

5. Detailed explanatory notes on the topics (i) – (iv) are provided below.

2010 Round Census results: formulation of proposals for gender analysis of key census topics

6. The 2010 round of population and housing censuses provides an opportunity for countries to strengthen gender mainstreaming across the national statistical system. This session will provide participants with an opportunity to share experiences in gender analysis of census data and discuss the successes and challenges to date with a view to formulating proposals for gender analysis of key census topics.

Gender differences in economic security

7. The global financial crisis has emphasized the need for up-to-date statistics in order to measure the impact on the economy, businesses and individuals. The crisis has affected areas and groups differently, highlighting the need for disaggregated information and thorough analysis. This session will look at the availability of information on issues such as access to credit, savings, pensions, gender pay gap, informal employment and employment in informal sector, poverty, social inclusion, and consider how this information is being analysed and used to inform policy making and strategies to increase economic stability.

Environment and climate change from a gender perspective

8. The environment and climate change are becoming increasingly important issues at the global and national level. As a relatively new field of statistics, this session will give participants the chance to exchange experiences on how gender differences are being integrated into the production and use of environment statistics and how analysis is showing that gender differences need to be highlighted and addressed.

Emerging issues in gender statistics

9. The international goal of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women is multi-faceted, covering a range of areas beyond the Millennium Development Goal indicators of education, employment and decision making. This session will consider progress in measuring phenomena such as access and use of information and communication technologies (ICT), time use, provision of child and adult care and other issues pertaining to the production and use of gender statistics.

IV. PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING

10. Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations, and interested intergovernmental organizations, are welcome to participate in the meeting. All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization. All delegates attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas must be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of the Switzerland in the country in which the delegates reside, with a reference to the UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. This can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (fax: ++41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org)

11. Delegates should complete the registration form sent with this notice and return it to the UNECE Secretariat. The deadline for the registration of participants is indicated in the Section VI below. Those intending to submit a paper should take note of the deadlines and requirements under Section VI below.

12. In order to enter the Palais des Nations where the work session is being held, all participants need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport and the registration form 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 Monday, 26 April 2010. 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.

13. 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'.

V. ACCOMMODATION

14. Delegates are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. Information about accommodation options in Geneva can be found at <http://www.geneva-tourism.ch>.

VI. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING

15. The working languages of the meeting are English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided and documents will be available in English and Russian.

16. For each substantive item of the agenda, the Organizers will invite a limited number of speakers to write and present an **invited paper**. All other participants are welcome to submit a **supporting paper** for any topic on the agenda. The supporting papers will be distributed to the delegates via the Meeting's website. They will not be presented but only summarized by discussants.

17. Both invited and supporting papers can be submitted in English or Russian. Invited papers will be translated and therefore they will be available in English and Russian, provided that they will be submitted to UNECE by the deadline. Supporting papers will not be translated and will be available only in the language in which they will be submitted. If papers will be submitted in Russian, the authors are invited, if possible, to also submit a short abstract (maximum one page) in English.

18. Invited and supporting papers will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following location:

www.unece.org/stats/documents/2010.04.gender.htm

19. The following deadlines and requirements apply:

- Interested national statistical offices and other government bodies should inform the UNECE secretariat of their intention to contribute a paper (indicating the topic) by sending an e-mail message to tiina.luige@unece.org **by 26 January 2010**. The message should include a short abstract, (maximum one page) of the paper, possibly in English.
- The full versions of papers, *not exceeding 8 pages in length (including tables, references, annexes, etc.)*, should be sent to the UNECE secretariat by the following deadlines:
 - Invited papers should be submitted **by 26 February 2010** at the latest;
 - Supporting papers should be submitted **by 26 March 2010** at the latest.
- Papers should be submitted in MS Word format (in Times New Roman 12) electronically to Ms. Mijidgombo Oyunjargal (mijidgombo.oyunjargal@unece.org).
- Deadline for registration of participants is **26 March 2010** (for the participants funded by the UNECE, the deadline for registration is **15 February 2010**)

20. Delegates are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the meeting. Documents posted on the website before the meeting will not be distributed in the conference room.

VII. FURTHER INFORMATION

21. For further information, please contact the following organizers:

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