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Third Meeting of the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development
(Geneva, 19-20 April 2007)

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will take place in Salle IX of the Palais des Nations
and will start at 9:30 on the first day.

I. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in cooperation with the OECD and Eurostat, is organising the Third Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development (WGSSD) in Geneva on 19-20 April 2007.
2. The meeting is being organized following the recommendations of the last WGSSD meeting (November 2006, Oslo) and the provisions made in the programme of work as adopted by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians.

II. DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE MEETING

3. The main objectives of the meeting will be to discuss the following topics:
 - i) Review of progress in the sub-groups on capital and the policy-driven approach;
 - ii) Review and discussion of draft final report outline;
 - iii) Review and discussion of existing policy-driven approaches and their common elements;
 - iv) Review and discussion of the overall capital framework;
 - v) Review and discussion of social capital;
 - vi) Review and discussion of human capital;
 - vii) Review and discussion of natural capital;
 - viii) Identification of indicator domains and a core set of indicators.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

4. For each of the above topics, the Steering Committee will identify and invite authors who will prepare the issue papers. These invited papers will be presented at the meeting and should be sent to the UNECE secretariat in electronic form (josephine.rauss@unece.org) by **2 April 2007** at the latest, so that they can be formatted and posted on the website of the meeting.

5. All participating countries and international organizations are welcome to prepare supporting papers. The supporting papers will be taken into account in the discussion. Countries or organizations, which intend to contribute a supporting paper to the meeting on any of the agenda items listed above, should send them to the UNECE secretariat in electronic form (josephine.rauss@unece.org) by **2 April 2007**.

IV. WORKING LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

6. The working language of the meeting will be English.

7. All the documentation for the meeting is made available on the UNECE Statistical Division's website at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/>

V. PARTICIPATION, VISA REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION

8. 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 to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. This can be requested from Ms. Josephine Rauss of the UNECE secretariat (e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org; fax: +4122 9170400; tel.: +4122 917 4135).

9. Participants in the meeting should register by **15 March 2007** at the latest. Registration forms should be sent by fax or e-mail to Ms. Josephine Rauss (e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org; fax: +4122 917 0040).

10. The information will be used to register participants with the UN Security Section and to obtain ID badges from Security offices.

VI. ACCOMMODATION IN GENEVA

11. **Participants are requested to make their own travel and hotel reservations.** The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, because hotels in Geneva are often fully booked for large conferences or other events. In order to assist participants in organizing their accommodation, the UNECE secretariat provides a list of hotels on its website (<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>). If difficulties are encountered, participants may contact their Permanent Mission in Geneva for assistance.

VII. SECURITY MEASURES AND ACCESS TO THE VENUE

12. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, where the meeting will be held, all participants need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport and the original of the Conference Registration form at Porte de Pregny (see the map attached) by 8:30 a.m. at the latest on the first day of the meeting. 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. Please also note that, due to new security procedures in place in the Palais des Nations, we advise delegates not to bring large luggage (e.g. suitcases) to the Palais. Such luggage is not permitted into the building.

13. The meeting is being held in Salle IX: from the Pregny Gate, descend towards the UN building and turn right down through the car park to Door 11. Through Door 11, turn left and take the lift up to the 3rd floor. Turn left and follow the corridor straight through to Salle IX right at the end on the left-hand side.

14. There are two gates that can be used by participants to enter the UN premises: the pedestrian passage at Place des Nations (from Gare Cornavin take tram 13, buses 5 and 8 to Place des Nations) and the Pregny Gate (from Gare Cornavin take buses 8 and 18 to stop Appia).

VII. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

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