

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
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Joint UNECE-UNFPA Training Workshop on Censuses Using Registers
(Geneva, 21 May 2012)

INFORMATION NOTICE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) are jointly organising a Training Workshop on Censuses Using Registers in Geneva on 21 May 2012.
2. The workshop is organised back-to-back with the following meetings:
22-23 May: Joint UNECE/Eurostat Expert Group Meeting on Censuses Using Registers
24-25 May: Joint UNECE/Eurostat Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses.
3. The workshop and the meetings will be held in Room XI (third floor, nearest entrance Door 15) at the Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8, Geneva. Information on the purpose and agenda of the workshop is given in sections II and III below. Information on the census meetings (22-25 May) is available on the UNECE website at the following web pages:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.05.census1.html>
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.05.census2.html>

II. PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

4. The main purpose of the workshop is to increase the knowledge of census experts about the use of registers and administrative sources for population and housing censuses. The workshop will cover the basic requirements, relative advantages and disadvantages of the different approaches.
5. The workshop is organised primarily for experts from countries of Eastern and South-eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Participants from other member countries of the United Nations are also welcome to participate. Interpretation between English and Russian will be available, and the main documents will be disseminated in English and Russian.
6. The target audience of the workshop includes managers and experts responsible for census planning and management in national statistical offices. The participants need to be familiar with census management processes in their respective agencies. The training workshop will be a combination of presentations and discussions where all participants are expected to participate actively. Participants will be required to provide general information on the availability of registers and administrative sources potentially relevant for the population and housing census in their country.

III. AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

7. The tentative agenda of the workshop includes the following substantive items:
- Why register-based statistics?
 - Definition of basic concepts
 - Individual based statistics and register development
 - General preconditions - Requirements to data from administrative sources
 - Overview of approaches to censuses using registers
 - National presentations
 - Population and housing censuses in the Nordic countries
 - The Dutch Virtual Census based on registers and existing sample surveys
8. The updated version of the agenda and other documents related to the workshop will be posted on the UNECE website at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.05.census3.html>.

IV. PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING

9. The workshop is open to representatives of all member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Representatives of other Member States of the United Nations, specialized agencies of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations may also participate, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.3, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization.
10. All participants should register for the workshop by completing the attached registration form and sending it to the UNECE secretariat (email: social.stats@unece.org or fax: +41 22 917 0040) **by 16 April 2012**.
11. All participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible at the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with reference to the joint UNECE-Eurostat Meetings on Population and Housing Censuses. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa (fax: +41 22 917 0040 or e-mail: social.stats@unece.org).
12. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport and the original registration form at the UN Security Identification Office at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations (Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva; buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop Appia). The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 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 and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following web page: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>. The same web page includes a map of the Palais des Nations (click on “UN Map”) with indication of the UN Security Identification Office at the Pregny Gate entrance.

V. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE MEETINGS

14. The working languages of the workshop are English and Russian, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the two languages.

15. The documents for the workshop will be made available as long as they are available on the web page of the workshop: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.05.census3.html>

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

VI. OTHER LOGISTIC INFORMATION

17. Information about accommodation and transport in Geneva is available in the Information Note no. 1 available on the following web page:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.05.census2.html>

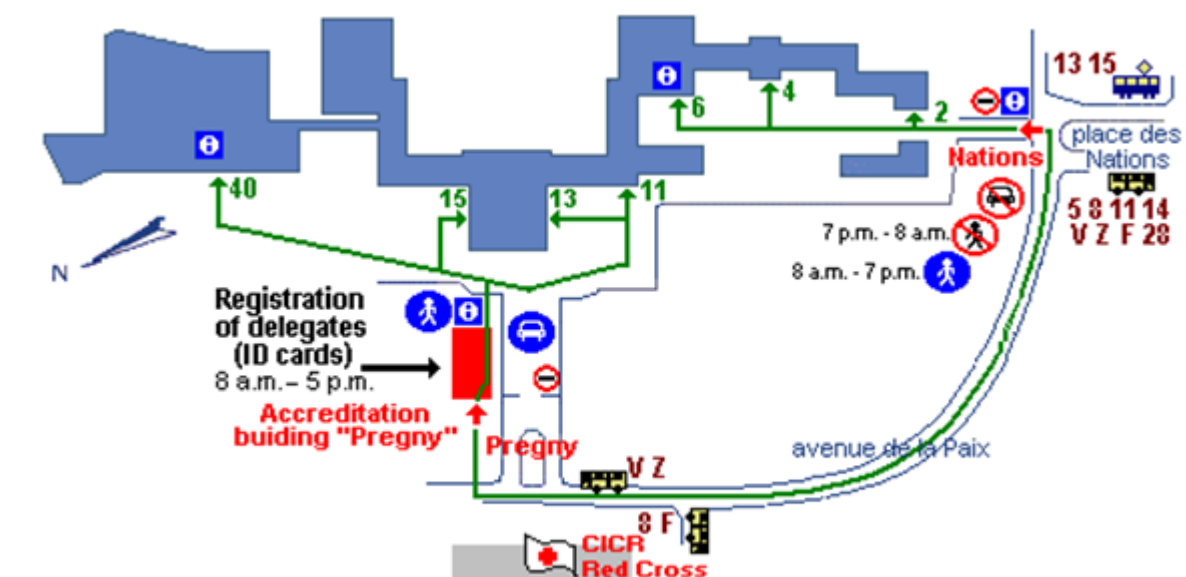
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Map of the UN premises in Geneva



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