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Eighteenth Meeting

Geneva, 28-30 September 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Meeting to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 9:30 am
on Wednesday, 28 September 2016 in Room VII (3rd floor). Registration starting at 8 a.m.

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MEETING:

1. Adoption of the agenda and election of officers
2. Assessing costs and benefits of censuses
3. Frameworks and tools for bilateral and multilateral cooperation among NSIs with regard to censuses
4. Alternative methods for counting of population, in particular hard-to-count population groups
5. Methods for assessing quality and usability of registers and administrative sources
6. Innovations in census methodology and technology, and results of testing
7. Possible uses of new data sources (e.g. "Big Data") for censuses
8. Future work
9. Other business
10. Adoption of the draft report/Closing of meeting

Time	Item	Session/Activity	Doc. No. ECE/CES/GE.41/2016/
DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2016			
8:00-9:30	Registration of participants (if not already registered for workshop on 26-27 September)		
9:30-10:00	1.	Opening of the meeting - Adoption of the agenda and election of officers Welcoming remarks by UNECE, Eurostat Adoption of the agenda and election of chair	1/Add.1 (Agenda)
10:00-10:40 10:00-10:20 10:20-10:40	2.	Assessing costs and benefits of censuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Using cost modelling in the 2021 England and Wales Census to inform design decisions</i> (Cal Ghee, ONS - United Kingdom) • <i>Life and value of data after the results are published: scholarly and policy research uses of census microdata from the IPUMS International partnership</i> (Lara Cleveland, IPUMS International) 	WP.23 WP.22
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00-11:50 11:00-11:50	2.	Assessing costs and benefits of censuses (cont.) Discussion led by: Peteris Vegis, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia	
11:50-12:30 11:50-12:10 12:10-12:30	3.	Frameworks and tools for bilateral and multilateral cooperation among NSIs with regard to censuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Challenging the United States Census Bureau's Mission: From Sharing our Expertise Globally to Modernizing our International Cooperative Efforts</i> (Arona Pistiner, US Census Bureau) Questions on the paper	WP.8
12:30-14:30	Lunch break		
14:30-15:30 14:30-14:50 14:50-15:10 15:10-15:30	4.	Alternative methods for counting of population, in particular hard-to-count population groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reengineering Address Canvassing for the 2020 Census of the United States</i> (Deirdre Bishop, US Census Bureau) • <i>Coverage Challenges in a multi-frame Integrated Census</i> (Olivia Blum, CBS - Israel) • <i>Preliminary results from testing a question on sexual identity, and some challenges around collecting gender identity</i> (Ann Blake, ONS - United Kingdom) 	WP.9 WP.15 WP.20
15:30-15:50	Tea break		
15:50-17:10 15:50-17:10	4.	Alternative methods for counting of population, in particular hard-to-count population groups (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PAPER NOT PRESENTED: Issues on counting illegal immigrants and illegal gold panners in French Guyana</i> (Caroline Escapa, INSEE-France) Discussion led by: Marc Hamel, Statistics Canada	WP.14
17:10-17:30 17:10-17:30	9.	Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How the 1921 UK Census anticipated the 2020 Recommendations</i> (Ian White, United Kingdom) 	
from 19:30	Optional subscription dinner (information will be provided to participants before the meeting)		

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DAY 2 – THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016			
9:30-10:50 9:30-9:50 9:50-10:10 10:10-10:30 10:30-10:50	5.	Methods for assessing quality and usability of registers and administrative sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Evaluation of the quality of population register data in Slovenia by conducting a targeted survey on plausible emigration</i> (Danilo Dolenc, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia) • <i>Securing Interoperability of State Information Systems for the Register-Based Census in Estonia</i> (Diana Beltadze, Statistics Estonia) • <i>Knowledge Discovery Process to Derive Usually Resident Population from Administrative Registers</i> (Gerardo Gallo, ISTAT - Italy) • <i>Evaluating the potential for moving away from a traditional census</i> (Becky Tinsley, ONS - United Kingdom) 	WP.17 WP.12 WP.3 WP.18
10:50-11:10	Coffee break		
11:10-12:30 11:10-11:30 11:30-11:50 11:50-12:30	5.	Methods for assessing quality and usability of registers and administrative sources (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assessing the usability of a statistical population register for the Census of Population in Canada</i> (Johanne Denis, Statistics Canada) • <i>When is administrative data good enough to replace statistical information? A quality indicator based on census comparison</i> (Sandra Lagarto, INE - Portugal) Discussion led by: Jorge Vega, INE - Spain	WP.7 WP.4
12:30-14:30	Lunch break		
14:30-14:50 14:30-14:50	5.	Methods for assessing quality and usability of registers and administrative sources (cont.) Discussion led by: Jorge Vega, INE - Spain	
14:50-15:30 14:50-15:10 15:10-15:30	5.	Methods for assessing quality and usability of registers and administrative sources (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Progress report by the UNECE Task Force on Register-Based and Combined Censuses: “Outline for UNECE Guidelines on the use of registers and administrative data for population and housing censuses</i> (Eric Schulte Nordholt, Statistics Netherlands – Chair of the Task Force) Questions and answers	WP.21
15:30-15:50	Tea break		
15:50-17:00	5.	PANEL SESSION: Evaluating the potential for moving away from a traditional census Moderator: Ian White Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelheid Bauer (Statistics Austria) • Becky Tinsley (ONS – United Kingdom) • Harald Utne (Statistics Norway) • Irina Zbarskaya (CIS-Stat) 	
17:00-17:30 17:00-17:20 17:20-17:30	6.	Innovations in census methodology and technology, and results of testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovative approaches used in the 2016 Canadian Census</i> (Marc Hamel, Statistics Canada) Questions on the paper	WP.16

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DAY 3 – FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2016			
9:30-10:30	6.	Innovations in census methodology and technology, and results of testing (cont.)	
9:30-9:50		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovations of the 2016 Microcensus in Hungary</i> (Virag Erdei, CSO - Hungary) 	WP.19
9:50-10:10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Towards a base register of territorial units to improve quality and georeferencing of census data</i> (Fabio Crescenzi, ISTAT - Italy) 	WP.5
10:10-10:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standardization of the geocoding as the basis of linkage the census data with the spatial data and flexible dissemination of final census statistics</i> (Janusz Dygaszewicz, CSO - Poland) 	WP.13
10:30-11:10		Discussion led by: Marco Buscher, FSO – Switzerland	
11:10-11:30	Coffee break		
11:30-12:30	7.	Possible uses of new data sources (e.g. “Big Data”) for censuses	
11:30-11:50		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Three examples of innovative data sources in 2021 Spanish Census</i> (Jorge Vega, INE - Spain) 	WP.6
11:50-12:10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is it possible to use Big Data in the 2020 Census Round?</i> (Janusz Dygaszewicz, CSO Poland) 	WP.10
12:10-12:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New data sources and new technologies in traditional methodology of population censuses: plans for the Russian National Population Census of the 2020 round</i> (Galina Sheverdova, Rosstat - Russian Federation) 	WP.11
12:30-14:30	Lunch break		
14:30-15:20	7.	Possible uses of new data sources (e.g. “Big Data”) for censuses (cont.)	
14:30-15:20		Discussion led by: Fabio Crescenzi, Istat - Italy	
15:20-15:50	8.	Future work	
15:20-15:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proposal on future work by the UNECE Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses</i> (Paolo Valente, UNECE) 	
15:30-15:50		Discussion	
15:50-16:10	Tea break		
16:10-16:30	9.	Other business	
16:30-17:00	10.	Adoption of the draft report/Closing of meeting	Draft report

**ANNEX 1. MAP OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA
(Room VII shown as red circle, 3rd floor)**

