



**United Nations Regional Seminar on Promotion and Utilization of Census Results and on the revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses
Pretoria, South Africa, 24-26 March 2014**

Provisional Agenda

Time	Topic
<u>24 March 2014</u>	
9:00 – 9:30	<i>Registration of participants</i>
9:30 – 10:00	Session 1 – Opening remarks
10:00 – 11:00	Session 2 – Why conduct a population and housing census? The session covers: Identifying objectives for a population and housing census and main uses of census data (value of census to society); Assessing past utilization of census results; Linking census data utilization to potential funding for future censuses (advocacy for the census)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Session 3 – Identifying uses and users of population and housing census data The session covers: Identifying main user groups of census data; Identifying users' needs; From user consultation to developing a census data utilization strategy; Program for continuous communication with users including for feedback
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Session 4 – Strategies for dissemination of census results The session covers: Determining census products/services, formats of outputs and media of dissemination; Lowest level of geography for which census data are disseminated; Making census data accessible to users; Strategies for long term storage, accessibility and use of census data; Maintaining data confidentiality; Strategies for continuous publicity for census data dissemination and utilization (methods, messages and aims)
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Session 5 – National approaches for encouraging utilization of census data The session covers: Approaches taken to communicate the value of and the results of the census to the non-traditional users, including politicians and the general public; Strategies for utilization by sub-national local administrative divisions; Promotion of Census in schools; Utilization by the general public; Role of statistical literacy
<u>25 March 2014</u>	
9:00 – 10:30	Session 6 – Analysis of census results for evidence-based decision making Session covers: Analytical thematic reports; Production of indicators for monitoring of development goals
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 7 – Building partnerships for enhanced analysis and utilization of census data Session covers: Role of the research community; Role of specialized/topical agencies

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12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Session 8 – Role of technology in census data dissemination and utilization Session covers: Tools for enhanced census data dissemination; Tools for publicity of census results; Challenges in use of technology for census data dissemination (including, barriers to adoption, maintaining data confidentiality, etc)
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Session 9 – Evaluation of quality of census results Session covers: Type(s) of evaluation; Adjustment of census results (if any); Publication of evaluation and adjustment of results Session 10 – Summary of main conclusions of previous two days
<u>26 March 2014</u>	
09:00 – 10:30	Session 11 – Revision of the United Nations Principles and Recommendations (P&R) Session covers: Information on on-going work to revise the P&R; Suggested changes to the P&R regarding population census topics and housing census topics
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 11 – Revision of the United Nations Principles and Recommendations (contd.) Session covers: Suggested changes to the P&R regarding census planning and methodology in the areas of census operations; use of technology in census operations; and alternative approaches
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Session 11 – Revision of the United Nations Principles and Recommendations (contd.) Session covers: Suggested changes to the P&R regarding census products and data utilization
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Session 11 – Revision of the United Nations Principles and Recommendations (contd.) Session covers: Suggested changes to the P&R regarding census products and data utilization (contd.) Session 12 – Closing