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**Second Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on  
Business and Trade Statistics  
New York, 11-13 June 2019**

**AGENDA**  
*10 June 2019*

*Meeting venue: UNHQ Secretariat Building, S-1522 and S-1523*

**Tuesday, 11 June 2019**

**9:00 – 9:30 Registration**

**9:30 – 9:45 Opening of remarks**

- Welcome by Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of UNSD
- Mr. Stefano Menghinello (ISTAT), Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics

**9:45 – 10:45 Session 1: Setting the scene**

- The United Nations Economists' Network (Ms. Dawn Holland, DESA/EAPD)
- Future of the system of economic statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD)
- From average to variability and distribution-based indicators in business statistics: what policy makers can learn about structural trends in the business economy? (Mr. Stefano Menghinello, ISTAT)

Open discussion

**10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Globalization and Digitalization**

*The objectives of this session are to: review the terms of reference and the progress of work of the task team; review the work carried out in the area by countries and international*

*organizations; and provide guidance to the work of the task team based on the presentations and discussion during the session.*

Session organizer: Ms. Daniela Ravindra, Task Team Leader

- Progress of work of the Task Team (Ms. Daniela Ravindra, Statistics Canada)

Relevant work in other contexts

- Strategic direction for the SNA update related to globalization and digitalization (Mr. Herman Smith, UNSD)
- Briefing on BOPCOM research agenda related to globalization and digitalization (Ms. Alicia Hierro, IMF)
- Globalization-digitalization links, LCUs, and on new forms of employment (Mr. Carsten Olsson, Eurostat)
- Presentation on LCUs (Mr. Andrew Allen, ONS UK)

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:30 Session 2: Globalization and Digitalization** (*continued*)

- Supply Use Tables for the Digital Economy: Implications for Business Statistics and Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade (Ms. Mariarosa Lunati, OECD)
  - Pricing dynamics, integrating e-commerce and digital into the CPI and unbundling telecommunications services (Ms. Daniela Ravindra, Statistics Canada)
  - Gross Value Added of e-commerce (Mr. Gerardo Durand, INEGI)
  - An overview of the Research Program on Globalization at Statistics Netherlands (Mr. Michael Polder, Statistics Netherlands)
- Open discussion

**15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break**

**15:45 – 17:30 Session 3: Well-being and sustainability**

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Session organizer: Ms. Alison Pritchard, Task Team Leader

- Progress of work of the Task Team (Ms. Alison Pritchard, ONS UK)
- Relevant work

- Social enterprises and their classification (Mr. Stefano Menghinello, ISTAT)
- Sustainable development Goals (Ms. Alison Pritchard, ONS UK)
- Overview of Decent Work Indicator Framework (Mr. Manpreet Singh, ILO)
- Survey of Income and Living Conditions (Mr. Carsten Olsson, Eurostat)
- Microdata linking of social and business data (Mr. Soren Andersen, Statistics Denmark)

### **Wednesday, 12 June 2019**

#### **9:30 – 10:45 Session 3: Well-being and sustainability (continued)**

- Strategic direction for the SNA update related to Well-being and sustainability (Mr. Herman Smith, UNSD)
- Environmental-Economic Accounts and their links with business statistics (Ms. Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD)
- Corporate environmental reporting in South Africa (Mr. Sagaren Pillay, Statistics South Africa)
- Survey on SDG activities by enterprises (Mr. Soren Andersen, Statistics Denmark)

#### Breakout session

Group discussion on the proposed workstreams of the task team: corporate social responsibility; the quality of employment provided by enterprises; and the environmental impact of enterprises' activities.

#### Open discussion

#### **10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break**

#### **11:00 – 12:30 Session 4: Business Dynamics, Demography and Entrepreneurship**

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Session organizer: Mr. Arturo Blancas, Task Team Leader

- Progress of work of the Task Team (Mr. Arturo Blancas, INEGI)

#### Relevant work

- Latest developments in ICT from the households' perspective (Ms. Esperanza Magpantay, ITU, remotely via WebEx)
- Latest developments in ICT from the enterprise's perspective by UNCTAD (Ms. Scarlett Fondeur Gil and Ms. Anu Peltola, UNCTAD, remotely via WebEx)

- Partnership on measuring ICT for development: Task Group on ICT for SDGs (Mr. Deniz Susar, UN DESA/ Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government)
- Entrepreneurship (Mr. Manpreet Singh, ILO)
- The OECD collection of indicators of business dynamism, business demography and entrepreneurship (Ms. Mariarosa Lunati, OECD)

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:30 Session 4: Business Dynamics, Demography and Entrepreneurship**

(Continued)

- The Eurostat/ OECD Manual on Business demography statistics and the Oslo Manual 2018 on innovation (Mr. Carsten Olsson, Eurostat)
- Use of geospatial information for statistics on business dynamics, business demography and entrepreneurship (Mr. Gerardo Durand, INEGI)
- The compilation of statistics on Business Dynamics, Business demography, and Entrepreneurship in Colombia (Mr. Juan Daniel Oviedo Arango, DANE Colombia)
- The Compilation of statistics on Business Dynamics, Business Demography, and Entrepreneurship in Georgia (Mr. Gogita Todradze, GEOSTAT)

Open discussion

**15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break**

**15:45 – 17:30 Session 5: Exhaustive Business Registers**

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Session organizer: Mr. Hank Hermans, Task Team Leader

- Progress of work of the Task Team (Mr. Hank Hermans, Statistics Netherlands)

Relevant work

- Towards a more flexible ABS Business Register (Ms. Luisa Ryan, ABS)
- Integration of European data about globalization into the French Statistical Business Register (Ms. Pierrette Schuhl, INSEE France)
- Scale-ups in the Nordics – micro data linking (Ms. Cecilia Hertzman, Statistics Sweden)
- Linking statistical registers to derive new statistics (Mr. Hank Hermans, Statistics Netherlands)

## **Thursday, 13 June 2019**

### **9:30 – 10:45 Session 5: Exhaustive Business Registers** *(continued)*

- Update on the IMF Forum on informal economy (Ms. Alicia Hierro, IMF)
- Statistical Business registers in Egypt (Ms. Ibtesam Salah Aly Mohamed Elnayad, CAPMAS)
- Achieving full coverage of small enterprises in the UK (Mr. Andrew Allen, ONS UK)

Open discussion

### **10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break**

### **11:00-12:30 Session 6: Capacity Building**

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Session organizer: Mr. Saleh Kafri, Task Team Leader

- Progress of work of the Task Team (Mr. Saleh Kafri, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics)

Relevant work

- Business register program of African Development Bank (Mr. Stephen Bahemuka, AfDB)
- Business register program of Asian development Bank (Mr. Joseph Mariasingham, ADB, remotely via WebEx)
- Country Progress Report on the Business Registers: The Experience of Uganda (Peter Opio, Uganda Bureau of Statistics)
- The Medstat Project (Mr. Saleh Kafri, PCBS)

Open discussion

### **12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

### **14:00– 15:30 Session 7: Communication and Coordination**

*The objective of this session is to discuss a communication strategy of the UNCEBTS and a coordination strategy within the UNCEBTS and with other groups such as the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA).*

- The interconnection between workstreams: governance and implications (Mr. Stefano Menghinello, ISTAT)

- A communication strategy for the UNCEBTS (Mr. Stefano Menghinello, ISTAT)
- Coordination of activities of Task Teams on global assessments (Ms. Ilaria Di Matteo, UNSD)
- UNCEEA (Ms. Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD)

Open discussion

**15:30 – 16:00 Session 8. Conclusions of the meeting**