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Dear Oslo Group Member,

Invitation to the 8th Meeting of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics (OG) in Baku, Azerbaijan, 24-27 September 2013

Mr. Andy Kohut, Chair of the Oslo Group, has the pleasure of inviting you to the 8th meeting of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics. The meeting will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan from 24-27 September 2013, and will be hosted by the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The main objective of the 8th Oslo Group meeting is to finalize the chapters in the *Energy Statistics Compilers Manual (ESCM)*. The manual is intended to assist energy statistics compilers in the implementation of the *International Recommendations of Energy Statistics (IRES)* and parts of the forthcoming *System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Energy (SEEA-Energy)*.

The coordinators of the ESCM chapters should submit final updates of the chapters to the OG Secretariat by **30 August**. Active participation from all members of the OG will be pivotal to the success of the meeting and the finalization of the ESCM. As such, we encourage ESCM chapter coordinators to give presentations of the updated draft versions of their chapters during the respective sessions, as a basis for discussion. Other members are encouraged to present country best practices linked to chapter themes.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda for the meeting, a registration form, and information on organizational arrangements. Relevant information regarding the meeting will also be posted on <http://og.ssb.no/ogmeetings/eighthmeeting/>.

Representative(s) should register no later than 12 August 2013 by submitting the enclosed registration form. Please send the registration form to the Oslo Group Secretariat at Statistics Canada by mail, e-mail or fax.

Please indicate whether you will be making a presentation on a particular ESCM chapter or a country best practice by giving a brief description of the topic you would like to present and forwarding it to the Secretariat at oslosecretariat@statcan.gc.ca. Please specify in which session you wish to make a presentation. You can also give us your suggestions for presentations and papers via the registration form.

In order to allow sufficient time to include the potential presentations in the agenda, we encourage participants to submit comments and suggestions as soon as possible, and by **12 August** at the latest.

Registration, suggestions for presentations, comments and other questions may be directed to: The Oslo Group Secretariat, e-mail: oslosecretariat@statcan.gc.ca, telephone: 1-613-951-3560, fax: 1-613-951-9499.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. I look forward to seeing you in Baku.

Sincerely,

Andy Kohut
Chair of the Oslo Group

