



**International Seminar on Modernizing Official Statistics:  
Meeting Productivity and New Data Challenges**



**Tianjin, People's Republic of China  
24 - 26 October 2013**

**Provisional Program of Work**

**THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER**

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8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <u>Chair:</u> NBS China <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jiantang Ma, Commissioner, National Bureau of Statistics of China</li><li>• Hongbo Wu, Under-Secretary General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li><li>• Stefan Schweinfest, Acting Director, United Nations Statistics Division</li><li>• Shushan He, Deputy Mayor, Tianjin City</li></ul>
9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	<b>Session 1: Overview of Modernization of Official Statistics</b> <u>Chair:</u> Stefan Schweinfest, Acting Director, United Nations Statistics Division  <u>Overview:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jiantang Ma, Commissioner, National Bureau of Statistics of China</li><li>• Paul Cheung, UNSD Consultant</li></ul> <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frank Yu, First Assistant Statistician, Australia Bureau of Statistics</li><li>• Mariana Kotzeva, Advisor Hors Classe to the Director General, Eurostat</li></ul>
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Break and Group Picture
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Session 2: Modernization of Management and Structure of Statistical Organization</b>  <u>Chair:</u> Margarita Guerrero, Director of Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific  <u>Overview:</u>

- Stefan Schweinfest, Acting Director, United Nations Statistics Division

Speakers:

- Uganda: Winifred Mukalazi Nankya, Principal Statistician, Uganda Bureau of Statistics
- Oman: Dr. Khalifa Abdullah Al Barwani, Acting Chief Executive Officer, National Center for Statistics and Information
- Laos: Phetsamone Sone, Acting Director General Statistics, Lao Statistics Bureau

12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. **Session 3: Modernization of Statistical Production Process**

Chair: China representative

Overview:

- Italy: Nadia Mignolli, Senior Researcher Department for Integration, Quality, Research and Production Network Development (DIQR), Italian National Institute of Statistics

Speakers:

- Australia: Frank Yu, First Assistant Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Malaysia: Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Director, Department of Statistics Malaysia
- ESCAP: Marko Javorsek, Associate Statistician, ESCAP Statistics Division

3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Break

4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. **Session 3: Modernization of Statistical Production Process (cont.)**

Speakers:

- Germany: Ruth Brand, Head of Agriculture Statistics, Federal Statistical Office of Germany
- Iran: Omid Ali Parsa, Deputy Head, Development of Resources, Logistics and Province Affairs, Statistical Centre of Iran
- Bangladesh: Dipankar Roy, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Government of

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9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<b>Session 4: Modernization of Information Management, Data Capture and Compilation</b>  <u>Chair:</u> Rafael Diez De Medina, Director of Department of Statistics, International Labor Organization  <u>Overview:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Africa: Morongwe Calvin Molongoana, Executive manager of Census operations, Statistics South Africa</li></ul> <u>Speaker:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Myanmar: Chaw Chaw, Assistant Director, Director General Central Statistical Organization</li><li>• Russia: Sergey Egorenko, Director, Department for Statistical Surveys and Monitoring</li><li>• Kuwait: Nouf Al-Khulaifi, Head of Vital Statistics Section, Central Statistical Bureau</li><li>• Vietnam: Van Lieu Nguyen, Deputy Director General, General Statistics Office of Vietnam (GSO)</li></ul>
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Break
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Session 4: Modernization of Information Management, Data Capture and Compilation (cont)</b>
12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Lunch
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<b>Session 5: Modernization of Data Dissemination</b>  <u>Chair:</u>  <u>Overview:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OECD: David Brackfield, Administrator, Global Relations and Communications Unit, OECD Statistics Directorate</li></ul>

Speakers:

- Sri Lanka: Amarajeewa Satharasinghe, Additional Director General, Department of Census & Statistics
- Turkey: Nilgun Dorsan, Head of Department, Turkish Statistical Institute
- Eurostat: Mariana Kotzeva, Advisor Hors Classe to the Director General, European Commission Eurostat

3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Break

**Session 5 : Modernization of Data Dissemination (cont.)**

- Cambodia: Sok Kosal, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning
- Philippines: Paula Monina Collado, Deputy Administrator, National Statistics Office
- ILO: Rafael Diez De Medina, Director, Department of Statistics, International Labor Organization

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9.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m. **Session 6: Integrating Official Statistics and Geospatial Information**

Chair: UNSD

Overview:

- Paul Cheung, UNSD Consultant

Speakers:

- Australia: Frank Yu, First Assistant Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Thailand: Ruamporn Sirirattrakul, Director, Statistical Geo-Informatics Bureau, National Statistical Office

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Break

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Session 7: Meeting Challenges of Unstructured Data**

Chair: OECD: David Brackfield, Administrator, Global Relations and Communications Unit, OECD Statistics Directorate

Speakers:

- China
- Australia: Frank Yu, First Assistant Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Eurostat: Mariana Kotzeva, Advisor Hors Classe to the Director General, European Commission Eurostat

12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.     **Closing Remarks**   NBS China

2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.     City Tour

