

**United Nations Expert Group Meeting on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses**  
**22-26 August 2005**  
**United Nations, New York**

## **Organization of work (Draft)**

**Monday, 22 August 2005**

**Registration of participants (8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)**

**Meeting of Drafting Group (9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m)**

**Morning session (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

### **Opening**

Opening statement (UNSD)

Selection of Chair and Rapporteur for the meeting

Administrative matters

### **1. Overview of issues to be considered by the Working Groups in the update of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses**

- *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 2: A General Outline*, presentation by UNSD (ESA/STAT/AC.104/....)
  - a. An overview of discussions on output oriented definition of the population and housing census; essential features; and the general outline of the revised set of the recommendations.
- *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 2: Updating topics and the quest for the core set*, presentation by UNSD (ESA/STAT/AC.104/....)
  - a. An overview of discussions on census topics.
- General discussion

### **Morning session (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), continued**

- Presentations by Chairpersons of Working Groups

The chairpersons of the three working groups will summarize priority areas identified through the on-line discussion forum and other exchanges of communication that that require further elaboration and debate within each working group when the meeting breaks down to groups.

- Working Group on Standards and Frameworks: *Summary of relevant issues for updating the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* (ESA/STAT/AC.104/....).
- Working Group on Census Planning and Management: *Summary of relevant issues for updating the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* (ESA/STAT/AC.104/....).
- Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible: *Summary of relevant issues for updating the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* (ESA/STAT/AC.104/....).
- General discussion

### **Lunch break (1.00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.)**

### **Afternoon session (2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

- Regional activities
  - Presentation by UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
  - Presentation by UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
  - Presentation by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
  - Presentation by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
  - Presentation by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- General discussion

## 2. Initial group discussions

The meeting will break into discussion groups corresponding to the three working groups of the Expert Group. The working groups will each set priorities in terms of items that need to be reviewed for possible update in the Principles and Recommendations. Each of the discussion groups will identify areas and issues:

- (2) of general agreement based on proposals of Regional Commissions and the on-line discussion forum
- (3) that can possibly be resolved at the meeting
- (4) that need to be worked on longer and propose a work programme for the group to resolve them prior to the next Expert Group Meeting in 2006

**Reception (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

Tuesday, 23 August 2005

**Rooms open at 9:00 a.m.**

**Morning session (9:30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)**

3. *Current work on supporting the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses in UN Statistics Division – Presentation by UNSD*
4. **General meeting on results of initial group discussions in plenary (9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)**

During the plenary session the groups will report back on the outcome of the group discussion on the priorities set and identified areas of agreement, as well as on issues for further work including the work programme towards their resolution.

The session will also include reporting on issues identified in technical subgroups that relate to the main working groups.

## 5. Group discussions on first set of issues (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

During the group discussions, each group will go over issues for which further discussion or review is needed. Some of the topics to be discussed by the working groups are indicated below.

- (1) Working Group on Standards and Frameworks
  - Geographical and internal migration characteristics

- International migration characteristics
- (2) Working Group on Census Planning and Management
  - Definition and essential features of a census
- (3) Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible
  - Uses of population and housing census data
  - Promotion of user-producer consultation and publicity for census results

**Lunch break (1.00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)**

**Afternoon session (2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

**6. Group discussion on first set of issues, continued (2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

- (1) Working Group on Standards and Frameworks
  - Families, households and living arrangements
  - Marital status
- (2) Working Group on Census Planning and Management
  - Use of IT in census activities
  - Outsourcing of census operations
- (3) Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible
  - Census products and services

**7. General meeting on results of group discussions of first set of issues in plenary (4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

**Dinner, voluntary participation (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)**

**Wednesday, 24 August 2005**

**Rooms open 9:00 a.m.**

**Morning session (9:30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)**

**8. Group discussions on second set of issues**

- (1) Working Group on Standards and Frameworks and
  - Educational characteristics
  - Economic characteristics
  - Housing census topics
- (2) Working Group on Census Planning and Management

- Alternative designs
  - An integrated programme of data collection and compilation
- (3) Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible
- Census data dissemination

**Lunch break (1.00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)**

**Afternoon session (2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)**

**9. General Meeting on results of group discussions on second set of issues in plenary (2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

**10. Group discussion on third set of issues (4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**

(1) Working Group on Standards and Frameworks

- Fertility
- Mortality
- Disability

(2) Working Group on Census Planning and Management

- Quality assurance
- Evaluation of census quality and coverage

(3) Evaluation of census quality and coverage Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible

- Census data utilization

**Thursday, 25 August 2005**

**Rooms open 9:00am**

**Morning session (9:30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)**

**11. General meeting on results of group discussions in plenary**

The Chairs of the Working Groups and Technical Subgroups will present in a plenary session the outcome of their group deliberations. The presentation of each of the working groups will be followed by a general discussion.

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Presentation of Working Group on Standards and Frameworks
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Presentation of Working Group on Census Planning and Management

**Lunch break (1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.)**

**Afternoon session (2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**

**12. General meeting on results of group discussions in plenary, continued**

- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Presentation of Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Discussion on Summary of Cross Cutting Issues led by Chair of Drafting Group
  
- General discussion

Friday, 26 August 2005

**Morning session (9:30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)**

**13. Presentation and discussion of draft recommendations**

- Final deliberations and wrap up

**Lunch break (1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.)**

**Afternoon session (2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**

- Adoption of final recommendations