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Working Groups of the Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses¹

The United Nations Statistical Commission, at its 36th session (1-4 March 2005), approved the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses and established the Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses. This Expert Group, in turn, proposed the formation of working groups and technical subgroups to carry out its mandate in regard to the revision and update of the global United Nations *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses*.

Three working groups and six technical subgroups have been formed to carry out the work of the Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses. The working groups are coordinated by the Drafting Group, while the United Nations Statistics Division is acting as Secretariat to the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses and to the Expert Group. Annex 1 presents the composition of the Expert Group while Annex 2 shows the membership of the Drafting Group, working groups and technical subgroups of the Expert Group.

At the global level, the purpose of the proposed working groups is to work in conjunction with the United Nations Regional Commissions and other relevant regional and sub-regional organizations and to take into consideration, to the fullest possible extent, processes already in place when carrying out the mandate of the Expert Group in order to maximise efficiency of the process, avoid duplication of effort and to ensure coordination and harmonization of the results. Details on the drafting and the working groups listed below, including their responsibilities, are presented later in the document.

1. Drafting Group.
2. *Working Group on Standards, Frameworks and a Core Set of Outputs* with particular attention to: marital status, households, families and living arrangements; employment; education; mortality; human functioning and disability; internal and international migration statistics; housing; and coordination of a core set of census tabulations for international dissemination.
3. *Working Group on Census Planning and Management* with particular attention to alternative designs; strategies of integrated data collection and dissemination; quality assurance; outsourcing and IT.
4. *Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible*.

¹ All proposals for participants in Working Groups have not been finalized, pending further consultations with concerned Member States.

Annex 3 presents a summary of the proposed 2005 work programme of the working groups towards the revision and updating of the United Nations *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses*.

Annex 4 shows the list of working groups and technical subgroups and their corresponding codes to be used in all correspondences of the Expert Group.

In its terms of reference, the Expert Group decided that it will submit the draft revised and updated *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* to the Statistical Commission for approval at its 38th session (March 2007). The updating of the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* shall be finalized, in all United Nations languages, not later than 2008. Consequently, early drafts of the *Principles and Recommendations* update must be prepared and circulated prior to the August 22-26, 2005 Expert Group meeting. Thereafter, the draft will be revised to take into account the deliberations of the meeting and to reconcile it with regional recommendations. The revised draft will then be submitted to the Statistical Commission for approval in 2007, and then edited and translated for publication in 2008.

The electronic materials including documents of the Working Groups will be posted on the webpage of the Expert Group starting from now and continuing throughout the decade, as part of the 2010 World Programme. The Expert Group webpage will be located on the website of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, under population and housing censuses at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/default.htm>. Furthermore, updating of United Nations census handbooks and manuals will also be carried out during the same period.

Relevant activities of the Regional Commissions related to the 2010 census decade are described below.

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has contributed to the planning process by proposing a list of African countries to be incorporated into specified working groups of the Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses. ECA is also planning to convene a regional working group, during the first quarter of 2005, to review the preparation for the 2010 round of population and housing census.

In the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), in the context of the joint ECE-Eurostat work, twelve Task Forces have been constituted to coordinate the work for the preparation of the new Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses in the ECE Region. These are the task force on: (1) Census Methodology; (2) Census Technology; (3) Geographical Characteristics; (4) Demographic Characteristics; (5) Migration Characteristics; (6) Ethno-Cultural Characteristics; (7) Economic Characteristics; (8) Educational Characteristics; (9) Families and Households; (10) Disability; (11) Agriculture; and (12) Housing. The Main tasks of the ECE Task Forces will remain the preparation of the ECE Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Censuses and they will continue to report to the Conference of European Statisticians. It is proposed that the Task Forces participate also in the process of preparation of the global census recommendations in order to be fully aware of the issues

raised in other regions and make sure that their view is incorporated into the global recommendations. The modality of participation of the task forces will be determined by the same task forces and the working group leaders. Global efforts should benefit from the work of these task forces and duplication should be avoided.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), through CELADE -Population Division, is providing technical support to countries which are taking their censuses during 2005 and 2006, and supporting subregional meetings (CARICOM, el Mercado Común del Sur (Mercosur) countries with Bolivia and Chile, and the Andean Region) regarding evaluation of the 2000 round of censuses. At its meeting in 2005, it is expected that the Statistical Conference for the Americas will define the work programme of ECLAC related to the 2010 round of censuses.

In the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the ESCAP Expert Group Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses has organized four working groups to carry out work on identifying critical issues and emerging concerns for the region in the area of censuses. The four working groups are: (1) Effective use of IT and GIS for census operations; (2) Using the census for measuring new and emerging issues; (3) Planning and financing next censuses; and (4) Analysis, dissemination and utilization of census data.

In the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), at the 6th session of the Statistical Committee held in October 2004, participants recommended that a taskforce on population and housing censuses be formed to focus on issues related to planning population and housing censuses in the region. The taskforce is charged with the responsibility to harmonize the process of conducting population and housing censuses and to coordinate the work for the preparation of the next 2010 round of population and housing censuses. It was further decided, and following consultation between ESCWA Secretariat and the Bureau of the Statistical Committee, that Oman will be the chair of the taskforce. The first meeting is planned in 2005 to set the terms of reference and decide the future work of the taskforce.

Terms of reference of the working groups and technical subgroups of the Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses

Drafting Group

a. Responsibility

The Drafting Group is charged with the responsibility of ensuring coordination and harmonization of activities among regional and subregional organizations/groups in the review and revision process of the United Nations *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* and also ascertain that regional recommendations are harmonized with the global version on the basic issues. The Drafting Group will approve the final draft of the updated *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* before it is presented to the Statistical Commission for approval.

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

1. Working Group on Standards, Frameworks and a Core Set of Outputs

a. Responsibility

The Working Group will identify topics or areas for updating the census recommendations and developing guidelines on standardized concepts, definitions and classifications. In this process, it will also work to identify a core set of outputs viewed as necessary for planning of socioeconomic development and consider the role of censuses in such a core. As part of their work, the Working Group will provide, for each topic to be included in the revised census recommendations, criteria that would guide countries in determining what topics to include on their census questionnaires. The results of the work of this Working Group will be incorporated into the revision and updating of Part Two: Topics for Population and Housing Censuses, of the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev.1* (paras. 2.1 – 2.277). Four technical subgroups have been formed to assist in the completion of this work, and their responsibilities are shown below as Technical subgroups 1-1 through 1-4.

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

1-1. Technical subgroup on Internal and International Migration Statistics

a. Responsibility

The work of the technical subgroup will focus on emerging issues, core topics, concepts, definitions and classifications, as well as stakeholder needs and tabulations in the field of internal and international migration statistics originating from population censuses. The results of the work of this technical subgroup will be used for updating and revising the sections on internal and international migration characteristics in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 1* (paras. 2.18 – 2.59 and 2.248 – 2.257).

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

1-2. Technical Subgroup on Human Functioning and Disability

a. Responsibility

The results of the work of this subgroup of the Working Group on Standards and Frameworks will be used in the review and update of the current census recommendations with regard to concepts, definitions and classifications on disability, while taking into consideration the work of the Washington Group, a city group of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The results of the work of this technical subgroup will be used for updating and revising the section on disability characteristics in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 1* (paras. 2.258 – 2.277).

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

1-3. Technical Subgroup on a Core Set of Outputs and Tabulations for international dissemination

a. Responsibility

One of the objectives of the subgroup is to identify an essential core set of outputs of demographic and social information, from population and housing censuses, surveys, and administrative record systems that reflect essential data needs of countries and permit international comparability of data. The results of the work of this technical subgroup may lead to a development of a new section on a core set of outputs for international use, based on an integrated data collection and dissemination system. In addition, the technical subgroup will also review and propose updates to annexes I and II on the list of tabulations for population censuses and for housing censuses, respectively, in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev.1* (pages 139 – 249).

This technical subgroup will also review tabulations requested by major international organizations from Member States and propose a core set that would meet the needs of all organizations. This core set would be shared among the participating organizations, with the goal of eliminating the need for repeated requests for data from Member States by individual organizations.

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

1-4. Technical Subgroup on Housing Census Topics

a. Responsibility

The results of the work of this subgroup will be used for revising and updating the section on topics to be investigated in housing censuses in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev.1* (paras. 2.278 – 2.432). In addition, it will contribute to the work of the Technical Subgroup 1-3 with regard to the review and updating of the list of tabulations for housing censuses.

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

2. Working Group on Census Planning and Management

The focus of this working group is on census planning and management with particular attention to emerging approaches to alternative designs; strategies of integrated data collection and dissemination; quality assurance; outsourcing and IT.

a. Responsibility

This group will carry out its work and provide information on national experience regarding all aspects of census planning and management, with particular attention to outsourcing of census operations and on use of information technology at various stages of the census. The Working Group will make available copies of legal documents used in contracts on outsourcing. A special site is being developed for the working group under the topic of censuses on the United Nations Statistics Division Demographic and Social Statistics Branch website. The results from the work of this Working Group will be used to update relevant parts of the section on Planning, organization and administration of population and housing censuses in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 1* (paras. 1.11-1.16 and 1.50 – 1.284). Two technical subgroups have been formed to assist in the completion of this work, and they are shown below as Technical Subgroups 2-1 and 2-2.

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

2-1. Technical Subgroup on Integrated Data Collection and Dissemination

a. Responsibility

This work is aimed at enhancing harmonization of methods between different data sources and to develop an integrated statistical system of collection and dissemination of data from population, housing, establishment and agricultural censuses; surveys; and

registers. The results of the work of this subgroup will be used to develop guidelines to identify the role of each source in an integrated system of statistics and for their effective integration. It will work closely with the working group on identifying an essential core set of outputs from censuses, surveys, and administrative record systems, that reflect essential data needs of countries and permit international comparability of data. This work will form the basis for the review and update of the section on Uses in an Integrated Programme of Data Collection and Compilation, in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 1* (paras. 1.28 – 1.49, 1.318 – 1.350).

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

2-2. Technical Subgroup on Alternative Designs

a. Responsibility

The subgroup is responsible for facilitating the sharing of experience with regard to use of alternative approaches to traditional censuses, including on lessons learned. It will identify various census designs and their properties, and make them available, through electronic exchange, on the website of the Expert Group. A special site is being developed for the technical subgroup under the topic of censuses at the United Nations Statistics Division Demographic and Social Statistics Branch website.² Furthermore, this work will form the basis for the review and update of relevant sections in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 1* (paras. 1.1 – 1.10, 1.28 – 1.49, 1.285 – 1.317, 1.318 – 1.350).

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

3. Working Group on Promotion of Censuses: Making Value Visible

a. Responsibility

The results of the work of this Working Group will be used for revising and updating the section of Plans for Dissemination, Dissemination of the Results, and Part Three: Census Products and Data Utilization in the *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev.1* (paras. 1.20 – 1.27, 1.129 – 1.132, 1.236 – 1.256 and 3.1 – 3.91). In addition, through electronic exchange, the Working Group will make available information on national experiences of efforts to make the value of censuses visible and steps/actions taken to promote the census as well as the dissemination and usage of the results. The work will also involve gathering of national experiences on public relations campaigns aimed at enhancement of both public cooperation and utilization of the data.

² <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/default.htm>.

b. Participants

Please see Annex 3.

ANNEX 1: COMPOSITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP ON THE 2010 WORLD PROGRAMME ON POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES										
Expert Group:	UN Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses									
Drafting Group:	Drafting Group									
Goal:	Update and revision of the UN <i>Principles and Recommendations</i>									
Timeframe:	Draft for submission to the UN Statistical Commission in 2007									
WG 1	Working group on standards and frameworks and a core set of outputs									
Technical subgroup 1-1	Internal and international migration									
Technical subgroup 1-2	Human functioning and disability									
Technical subgroup 1-3	Core set of outputs and tabulations for international dissemination									
Technical subgroup 1-4	Housing census topics									
WG 2	Census planning and management									
Technical subgroup 2-1	Integrated data collection and dissemination									
Technical subgroup 2-2	Alternative designs									
WG 3	Promotion of censuses: Making value visible									
* Chairs of the Working Groups and Technical Subgroups are shaded gray (We are waiting for confirmation for chairs for WG 1, Tech. Subgroup 1-3, WG 2 and Tech. subgroup 2-1).										
	WORKING GROUPS OF THE UN EXPERT GROUP									
	Drafting Group	WG 1	Tech. subgroups				WG 2	Tech. subgroups		WG 3
			1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4		2-1	2-2	
Argentina						1				
Australia	1	1								
Brazil	1	1								
Canada	1	1		1					1	
Chile					1					
China									1	
Egypt			1					1		
Ethiopia						1				
India					1	1				
Indonesia			1			1				

	WORKING GROUPS OF THE UN EXPERT GROUP									
	Drafting Group	WG 1	Tech. subgroups				WG 2	Tech. subgroups		WG 3
			1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4		2-1	2-2	
Iran								1		
Israel									1	1
Jamaica		1								
Japan	1	1					1			
Jordan	1	1					1			
Kenya							1			
Mauritius					1					
Mexico	1		1						1	
Norway									1	
Oman	1				1		1			
Palestine		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Peru									1	
Philippines	1			1						1
Qatar							1			
Russian Federation										1
Saint Lucia										1
Senegal		1								
South Africa	1		1				1			
Sweden				1						
Thailand	1	1						1	1	
Turkey				1						
Uganda		1						1		
United Kingdom	1				1					
United Rep. of Tanzania									1	
United States	1	1	1						1	
Zambia							1	1		
Zimbabwe								1		

	WORKING GROUPS OF THE UN EXPERT GROUP									
	Drafting Group	WG 1	Tech. subgroups				WG 2	Tech. subgroups		WG 3
			1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4		2-1	2-2	
Washington Group	1			1						
United Nations Population Division			1							
ECA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ECE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ECLAC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ESCAP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ESCWA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ECE TF on Agriculture								1		
ECE TF on Census Methodology		1							1	
ECE TF on Census Technology							1			
ECE TF on Demographic Characteristics		1								
ECE TF on Disability				1						
ECE TF on Economic Characteristics		1								
ECE TF on Educational Characteristics		1								
ECE TF on Migration and Ethno-cultural [Social] Characteristics		1	1							
ECE TF on Families and Households		1								

	WORKING GROUPS OF THE UN EXPERT GROUP									
	Drafting Group	WG 1	Tech. subgroups				WG 2	Tech. subgroups		WG 3
			1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4		2-1	2-2	
ECE TF on Geographic Characteristics		1								
ECE TF on Housing Census Recommendations						1				
ESCAP WG on analysis, dissemination and utilization of census data										1
ESCAP WG on effective use of IT and GIS for census operations							1			
ESCAP WG on planning and financing of the census							1			
ESCAP WG on using the census for measuring new and emerging issues		1								
ESCWA TF on population and housing censuses		1								
FAO	1				1			1		
Habitat						1				1
ILO		1			1			1		
UNESCO		1			1			1		
UNFPA	1				1					
UNFPA CST Addis Ababa			1		1			1		1
UNFPA CST Dakar		1								1
UNFPA CST Harare										1
UNFPA CST Kathmandu							1			
UNICEF					1					
WHO				1	1					

	WORKING GROUPS OF THE UN EXPERT GROUP									
	Drafting Group	WG 1	Tech. subgroups				WG 2	Tech. subgroups		WG 3
			1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4		2-1	2-2	
Afristat		1								
ASEAN	1									
CARICOM	1	1				1				
Council of Europe					1					
ECOWAS	1									
Eurostat	1	1	1		1					
Mercosur	1	1						1		1
SADC	1							1		1
Secretariat of the Pacific Community	1	1						1		1
Coordinating Group on Mortality Estimates		1								

ANNEX 2: MEMBERSHIP OF THE DRAFTING GROUP, WORKING GROUPS AND TECHNICAL SUBGROUPS OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE 2010 WORLD PROGRAMME OF POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUSES

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Annex 3: 2005 Proposed work programme of Working Groups and Technical Subgroups of the United Nations Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses

Mode of operation for all working groups and technical sub-groups: Electronic communication and meetings (globalcensus2010@un.org with copies to mchamie@un.org). First Draft proposals communicated by each group to UN Statistics Division (globalcensus2010@un.org) by 15 July 2005.

Drafting Group, Working Groups and Technical Subgroups		Section(s) in the Principles and Recommendations	Meetings
Drafting Group			22 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting on the 2010 World Programme
WG 1	Working group on standards and frameworks and a core set of outputs	paras. 2.1 – 2.432 and pages 139 - 249	22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting on the 2010 World Programme
Technical subgroup 1-1	Internal and international migration	paras. 2.18 – 2.59 and 2.248 – 2.257	(1) May 2005 – UN Seminar on international migration (2) Group will be represented and their work discussed at 22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting
Technical subgroup 1-2	Human functioning and disability	paras. 2.258 – 2.277	(1) Group will be represented and their work discussed at 22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting (2) September 21-23, 2005, – Meeting of the Washington Group
Technical subgroup 1-3	Core set of outputs and tabulations for international dissemination	pages 139 – 249	Group will be represented and their work discussed at 22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting
Technical subgroup 1-4	Housing census topics	paras. 2.278 – 2.432	Group will be represented and their work discussed at 22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting
WG 2	Census planning and management	paras. 1.1 – 1.19, 1.28 – 1.350	22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting on the 2010 World Programme
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Technical subgroup 2-2	Alternative designs	paras. 1.1 – 1.10, 1.28 – 1.49, 1.285 – 1.350	Group will be represented and their work discussed at 22-26 August 2005 – UN Expert Group Meeting
WG 3	Promotion of censuses: Making value visible	paras. 1.20 – 1.27 3.1 – 3.91	22-26 August 005 – UN Expert Group Meeting on the 2010 World Programme

Annex 4: Codes for identifying working groups and technical subgroups of the United Nations Expert Group on the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses

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Technical subgroup 1-3 - Core set of outputs and tabulations for international dissemination	TSG 1-3
Technical subgroup 1-4 - Housing census topics	TSG 1-4
Working Group 2 - Census planning and management	WG 2
Technical subgroup 2-1 - Integrated data collection and dissemination	TSG 2-1
Technical subgroup 2-2 - Alternative designs	TSG 2-2
Working Group 3 - Promotion of censuses: Making value visible	WG 3