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The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) submitted an updated report on the progress of the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses to the 44th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, which was held in New York at the United Nations Headquarters from 26 February to 1 March 2013. The report was prepared in accordance with a request made by the Statistical Commission at its forty-third session.

The report provides updated information and elaboration on the varied activities carried out by UNSD in respect of the implementation of the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses and progress by countries in implementing population and housing censuses. The Division developed international census guidelines, including handbooks and technical reports; developed a software package, CensusInfo, to help countries disseminate census data; organized training workshops on international guidelines for population and housing censuses, census management, cartography, data capture, analysis and dissemination of census data, and census evaluation; and, maintained a census knowledge resource centre.

The report also introduces the work of UNSD on the revision of the Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, outlining the major features and



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changes and describing the revision process. In addition, the report gives an overview of the collection, processing and dissemination of demographic statistics through the Demographic Yearbook. The report presents the response rates by specific demographic topic for the Demographic Yearbook over the past five years, thus providing an illustration of national capacities to collect, process and disseminate demographic statistics.

The full Report of the Secretary-General on population and housing censuses is available at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/sc2013.htm>

For more information on the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme see: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/sources/census/2010_PHC/default.htm

Seminar on population and housing census practices of OIC member countries

The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTC), in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), organized the Seminar on Population and Housing Census Practices of OIC Member Countries. The seminar took place in Ankara, Turkey from 6 to 8 March 2013. The Seminar was attended by 19 participants from 17 national statistical offices (Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Maldives, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda and Yemen) as well as by representatives from the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA).

The objective of the Seminar was to take stock of national practices in conducting census for the 2010 round. The Seminar also provided an opportunity to discuss the future of population and housing censuses in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries in terms of likely innovations in census methodology, use of modern technology and possible areas of cooperation in order to strengthen their national capacities in implementing population and housing censuses.



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More information on the Seminar is available on the website of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom): <http://www.oicstatcom.org/index.php>

International workshop on population projections using census data

The International Workshop on Population Projections using Census Data took place in Beijing, China, from 14 to 16 January 2013. The workshop was organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS). The workshop was attended by a total of 92 participants – 29 from national statistics offices of 12 Asian countries including China and 63 from subnational statistics offices of China.

The primary objective of the workshop was to provide guidance on producing population projections. The workshop drew participants' attention to the necessary preparatory work before undertaking population projections. These include detecting and correcting errors in the base data, making assumptions about future trends in demographic parameters, the choice of method to use to project the population, how far into the future to project the population, and for what level of geography it is feasible to generate the projections. The workshop also provided a forum for countries to discuss national experiences in population projections and challenges faced.

The workshop opened with a statement by Mr. Luo Lan, Deputy Commissioner of the National Bureau of Statistics of China. Mr. Luo emphasized the importance of population projections for policy making. He noted that the increasing size of migration in China has posed challenges to the preparation of population projections and need to be studied further. Mr. Luo appreciated the fact that UNSD and NBS were jointly conducting such an important workshop and he wished all participants to enjoy their stay in Beijing.

Ms. Keiko Osaki-Tomita, Chief of Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, UNSD, made an opening statement. She outlined the importance of population projections for social and economic planning of a nation. In that context, it is of critical importance to take full advantage of the results from the 2010 round of population and housing censuses. By making appropriate assumptions and using necessary tools, countries can produce population projections for national planning purposes. Ms. Osaki-Tomita expressed appreciation to NBS for its hospitality and expressed her wish for the successful accomplishment of the workshop's goals.

The workshop started with an introductory presentation on the importance of population projections for national planning purposes. Following the introduction, NBS made a presentation on the history, methods and results of population projections in China. Technical presentations were made by UNSD focusing on various aspects of population projections including establishing base population, projecting the level and age patterns of fertility, mortality and migration, making population projections and presenting population projection results. Hands-on exercises were included with each technical presentation to help participants better understand the tools and methods introduced in the presentations. Towards the end of the workshop, a number of country representatives made presentations on their respective experiences with producing population projections.

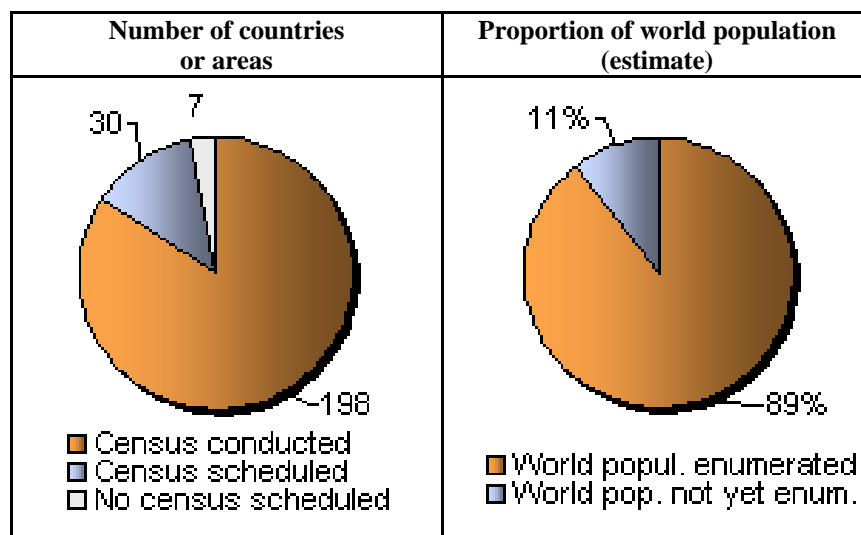
More information on the workshop, including all of the presentations and exercises, is available on the UNSD website: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/sources/cwp2010/docs.htm>



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Update on implementation of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses

According to information available to UNSD as at the end of March 2013, a total of 198 countries or areas have conducted a population and housing census thus far in the 2010 census round. These censuses have enumerated an estimated 89 per cent of the world's population. By the end of 2013, another 19 countries or areas are expected to conduct a census, bringing the percentage of the world's population counted to about 94 per cent. About 9 countries or areas have scheduled to conduct a census in 2014. By the end of the census round in 2014, it is estimated that close to 96 per cent of the world's population would have been counted. A census has not been scheduled in 7 countries or areas for the 2010 round.



Under the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme, UNSD monitors and publishes information on the progress being made by countries in conducting population and housing censuses in the 2010 round. For more information on progress in implementation of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses, see: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/census2010.htm>

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Regional workshop on CensusInfo held for Arabic-speaking countries

The United Nations Regional Workshop on CensusInfo for Arabic-speaking Countries took place in Amman, Jordan from 3 to 6 December 2012. The workshop was organized jointly by the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). The workshop was attended by 19 representatives from 15 Arabic-speaking countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. Several staff from AITRS also attended the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to: i) provide a forum for the exchange of programmes and strategies for dissemination of population and housing census statistics; ii) demonstrate the features and functionality of CensusInfo; and iii) train the participants in the essential steps for setting up national applications of CensusInfo.

The first substantive session of the workshop focused on a discussion of census data dissemination plans and strategies across Arabic-speaking countries. Each participating country described, discussed and shared lessons learned on census data dissemination plans and strategies employed during the 2010 census round. In addition, countries also described innovative approaches used in the dissemination and utilization of census data.

Over the course of the workshop the participants learned about the data structure underlying the CensusInfo database system and its two components: the User Interface and the Database Administration applications. Participants learned various methods for searching data and generating various presentation objects including tables, graphs, maps and standard profile reports. Topics of the Data Administration application covered during the workshop included: creating a CensusInfo template, importing database elements from the CensusInfo Global Registry, integrating maps into the template/database, various methods of data import, management of metadata, customization of the database for country specific context, and other data administration functions. The workshop sessions included hands-on training on using the CensusInfo User Interface and Database Administration applications.

CensusInfo is a software package developed by the United Nations Statistics Division in partnership with UNICEF and UNFPA to help countries disseminate their census data on CD-ROM and on the web. It was officially launched at the United Nations Statistical Commission on 23 February 2009 and is distributed royalty-free. More information on CensusInfo is available at the website dedicated to its promotion: <http://www.censusinfo.net>



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