**United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Guidelines and Principles
for the Development of Disability Statistics
New York, 12 - 14 July 2017**

Work programme (Draft)

Time	Topic
12 July 2017	
9:30 – 10:00	*Registration of participants*
10:00 – 10:30	**Session 1 – Opening and administrative matters**
	- Opening remarks - Introduction of participants and administrative matters - Overview of the objectives of the meeting and current structure of the Guidelines
10:30 – 11:30	**Session 2 – International frameworks and their relevance to disability measurement**
	This session will provide some information on the importance of key international frameworks for the measurement of disability, in terms of: (a) some background information on the process for the development of SDGs, and on disability-related SDG indicators for monitoring progress towards inclusion of persons with disabilities in development programmes; (b) overview of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD); (c) an introduction to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), including the ICF-Y - Presentation on (a) by UNSD - Presentation on (b) by Division for Social Policy and Development - Presentation on (c) by UNSD - Discussion
11:30 – 11:45	*Coffee break*
11:45 – 13:00	**Session 3 – Planning a data collection on disability – general considerations**
	The session will cover: (a) key considerations for strengthening national statistical systems for efficient production of data on disability in a well-designed and coordinated national environment that is responsive to national policy needs and priorities, and (b) key issues that have to be considered in the planning and designing of statistical processes for a disability data collection/compilation, covering the entire statistical business process from identifying the need for the data collection/compilation, to dissemination and evaluation of data. This session will provide a platform for discussing challenges in the production of reliable statistics from all relevant sources that could be used to produce policy-relevant statistics on disability - Presentation on (a) by UNESCAP - Presentation on (b) by UNSD - Discussion
13:00 – 14:30	*Lunch*
14:30 – 15:45	**Session 4 – Sources of data on disability**
	The session will cover the different sources of data on disability, including their strengths as well as shortcomings, and how they can be combined: (a) Overview of sources of data on disability, (b) Censuses, (c) Surveys (types of surveys and their design considerations), and (d) Administrative sources

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	- (a) Overview of the data sources
	    o Presentation by UNSD
	- (b) Use of censuses to collect data on disability
	    o Presentation by Jean-Michel Durr (census expert)
	    o Presentation by India (Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner)
	- Discussion

15:45 – 16:00	*Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:30	**Session 4 – Sources of data on disability (Contd.)**
	- (c) Surveys
	    o Presentation on the overview of surveys and their design considerations by Rajendra Singh (survey and sampling expert)
	    o Presentations on national experiences
	        • Chile (Ministry of Social Development)
	        • Canada (Statistics Canada)
	    o Presentations by organizations
	        • UNICEF
	        • DHS
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17:45 – 19:15	Welcome cocktail (DC2-1668)
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10:00 – 11:30	- Discussion on (c) Surveys **Session 4 – Sources of data on disability (Contd.)** - (d) Administrative sources o Presentation on national experience by Sweden - Discussion
11:30 – 11:45	*Coffee break*
11:45 – 12:30	**Session 5 – Collection of data on disability for children and youth**
	It is recognized that questions that are used to measure disability among the general population generally underreport the prevalence among children for a variety of reasons. The session is aimed at providing information on the latest developments on tools for the measurement of disability for children and youth. - Presentation by UNICEF - Discussion
12:30 – 13:00	**Session 6 – Disability and the role of the environment**
	The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), recognizes the critical role of the environment as either a facilitator or barrier to functioning. The session will provide an overview and examples of environmental factors that may be taken into account when measuring functioning and disability, including the use of assistive devices and other assistance - Presentation by UNSD - Discussion
13:00 – 15:00	*Lunch*
15:00 – 16:00	**Session 7 – Dissemination and utilization of data**
	Statistical data form an indispensable basis for effective development planning and programme monitoring. It is generally the case, however, that for many countries, the voluminous information collected is, in many cases, only partially analysed and disseminated thereby resulting in underutilization of the data. The session will address issues related to (i) identifying and prioritizing the uses for the data, (ii) as well as providing some

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	illustrative examples on turning data into information for enhanced utilization for policy, on translation of policy targets into statistical indicators, and on opportunities and challenges of data analyses combining data from different sources for enhanced utilization for policy purposes.
	- Presentations by:
	    o UNSD
	    o Mark Priestley (University of Leeds)
	- Discussion

16:00 – 16:15	*Coffee break*

16:15 –18:00	**Session 7 Dissemination and utilization of data: (Contd.)**
	- Presentations by:
	    o Steen Bengtsson (Danish Centre of Applied Social Science)
	    o Stefanos Grammenos (Centre for European Social and Economic Policy)
	    o Population Division
	- Discussion

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10:00 – 11:30	**Session 8 – Questions on disability**

	The session will introduce international recommendations for population and housing censuses, recommended questions of the Washington Group to be asked to identify persons with disabilities in population and housing censuses, as well as some reviews on questions asked by countries in national censuses of the 2010 round. The session will also provide some instruments for measurement of disability in surveys.
	
	- (i) Censuses
	    o Presentation on the census guidelines by UNSD
	    o Presentation on the WG-SS by Washington Group
	    o Presentation by UNSD
	    o Presentation by UNSD
	- Discussion

11:30 – 11:45	*Coffee break*

11:45 – 13:00	**Session 8 – Questions on disability (Contd.)**
	- (ii) Surveys
	    o Presentation on the WG-ES by Washington Group
	    o Presentation on the MDS by WHO
	    o Presentation on the American Community Survey by USA (US Census Bureau)
	    o Presentation by UNSD
	- Discussion

13:00 – 15:00	*Lunch*
15:00 – 16:00	**Session 9 – Draft outline of the revised Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics**
	Presentation on the draft Guidelines by UNSD - Discussion
16:00 – 17:00	**Session 10 – Conclusions and way forward**
	The session will make concluding remarks based on the outcome of the discussions on next steps in the revision of the Guidelines. - Discussion
17:00 – 17:15	**Closing session -** UNSD