



# United Nations Expert Group Meeting on the Draft Handbook on Registers-Based Population and Housing Censuses

**Virtual Meeting  
15-17 December 2021**

8:00 am – 11:00 am New York time

## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Time (EST)	Topic
<u><b>DAY 1 — Wednesday, 15 December 2021</b></u>	
<b>07:30-08:00</b>	<i>Connection to the meeting link</i>
<b>08:00 – 08:30</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – Opening and administrative matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening remarks by United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)</li> <li>- Introduction of participants</li> <li>- Logistical matters, including instructions on asking for the floor, mute mode, video use, etc.</li> <li>- Introduction of the programme of work</li> </ul>
<b>08:30 – 9:30</b>	<p><b>Session 2 – Overview of the draft <i>Handbook</i></b></p> <p>The session will review and discuss the general structure and content of the handbook, focusing on whether or not the content of this document is relevant and in line with good country practices and whether or not there is any missing topics related to transitioning from traditional census to a combined or register-based censuses. The experts will provide general comments on the structure of the handbook and discuss whether all pertinent issues are included and adequately presented in the draft handbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by UNSD</li> <li>- General discussion on the structure and topics covered in the Handbook</li> </ul>
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<p><b>Session 3 – Review of Chapter 1-Introduction</b></p> <p>The Expert Group will review the draft text of Chapter 1, which provides general information on census methodological approaches, the rationale for moving from traditional census to other approaches with the use of administrative registers and basic definitions related to registers. The experts are expected to provide their comments on the content of this chapter and offer additional elaboration and/or revisions, as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion on the structure and topics covered in Chapter 1</li> </ul>

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10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 4 – Review of Chapter 2 – Moving to a register-based approach</b></p> <p>The Expert Group will review the draft text of Chapter 2 which examines necessary pre-conditions for the use of administrative registers for producing statistical information and underlines census-specific pre-conditions that have to be in place before any register-based statistical system can be implemented. Main difficulties and challenges -and some solutions- to move to a combined or register-based censuses are also included. The experts are expected to provide their comments on the content of this chapter and offer additional elaboration and/or revisions, as appropriate, with a view to ensuring that the chapter includes all relevant information taking into considerations good national practices.</p> <p>- Discussion on the structure and topics covered in Chapter 2</p>
<b><u>DAY 2 — Thursday, 16 December 2021</u></b>	
08:00 – 9:30	<p><b>Session 5 – Review of Chapter 3 – Types of administrative sources</b></p> <p>This session will review the draft text of Chapter 3, describing the content, structure and requirements of the base registers and use of the other specialised registers for the purpose of deriving census information. It provides extensive discussions on population registers, its role in identity management and the importance of civil registration and vital statistical system in updating population registers. The experts are expected to provide their comments on the content of this chapter and offer additional elaboration and/or revisions, as appropriate, with a view to ensuring that the draft handbook adequately presents good national practices.</p> <p>- Discussion on the structure and topics covered in Chapter 3</p>
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Session 6 – Review of Chapter 4 – Transforming administrative data into census data</b></p> <p>The Expert Group will review the draft text of Chapter 4 which discusses how the data held in the administrative registers are transformed to into a statistical database, focusing on alternative approaches in building a statistical population register and the process of constructing integrated registers- including data linkages, dealing with duplications, conflict resolution, updating data using signs of life, editing and imputation- for the production of census information. The experts are expected to provide their comments on the content of this chapter and offer additional elaboration and/or revisions, as appropriate, with a view to ensuring that the draft chapter adequately presents good national practices.</p> <p>- Discussion on the structure and topics covered in Chapter 4</p>
<b><u>DAY 3- Friday, 17 December 2021</u></b>	
08:00-9:30	<p><b>Session 7– Review of Chapter 5 – Quality assessment</b></p> <p>The Expert Group will discuss the draft text of Chapter 5 focusing on how National Statistical Offices can assess the quality of data obtained from registers with the aim of producing good quality statistical outputs as measured against a number of standard quality-related dimensions. It reviews the key dimensions of quality and the four stages of quality assessment in the census</p>

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	<p>process (source quality, input quality, process quality and output quality) and provides extensive discussions on the key tools and indicators that can be utilised to quantify the assessment of quality at each of these stages.</p> <p>The experts are expected to provide their comments on the content of this chapter and offer additional elaboration and/or revisions, as appropriate, with a view to ensuring that the draft chapter adequately presents good national practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion on the structure and topics covered in Chapter 5</li> </ul>
<p><b>9:30-11:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session 8 – Conclusions and Recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting</b>  This session will summarize the major conclusions and recommendations of the meeting and discuss the process of finalising the handbook. UNSD will draft conclusions and recommendations and the programme of work for the Group to finalise the handbook.</p> <p><b>Session 9 – The way forward and closing session</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Closing remarks – UNSD</li> </ul> </p>