

**United Nations Online Regional Workshop on the 2020 World Programme on
Population and Housing Censuses: International Standards and Contemporary
Technologies**
27, 28, 31 January and 1 February 2022

07am -10:00am New York time

Work Programme

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DAY 1 - Thursday, 27 January 2022	
07:00 – 07:30	<p>Session 1 – Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks from UNSD and ECA - Introduction of participants
07:30 – 08:00	<p>Session 2 – Global and regional programmes in support of 2020 round population and housing censuses</p> <p>The session will introduce the objectives of the 2020 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses and UNSD’s activities to strengthen the capacity of National Statistical Offices and Census Agencies in conducting population and housing censuses with international standards and recommendations. This session will also provide an overview of the programmes and activities of the UNECA to support census-taking in the 2020 round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by UNSD and UNECA - Discussion
08:00 – 08:30	<p>Session 3 – Essential features, definitions and methodologies of population and housing censuses</p> <p>The session will cover the essential features, definitions and major roles of population and housing censuses. It will also discuss the methodologies for producing census statistics as compiled from cumulative national experience in previous rounds of population and housing censuses. Although most countries are expected to continue using the traditional census approach, it is anticipated that an increasing number of countries intends to use alternative methodologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNSD - Discussion
<i>15 min</i>	<i>Break</i>
08:45-10:00	<p>Session 4 – Recommended population and housing topics</p> <p>The session will discuss population and housing census topics as recommended in the current version of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses Rev.3. The session will focus on substantial changes in the topics as well as the changes in definitions and classifications of the recommended core and non-core topics. It will also address important factors for the choice of topics including the need to balance national needs and international comparability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNSD - Country presentations (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi) - Discussion
DAY 2 – Friday, 28 January 2022	
07:00 – 08:30	<p>Session 5 – Census planning and management</p> <p>The session will provide an overview of international recommendations on census management and planning. Drawing from contemporary developments in census-taking and the elaborations in the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses Revision 3 and the Handbook on Management of Population and Housing Censuses Revision 2, UNSD’s presentation will identify key</p>

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	<p>areas in census operations that require careful planning and preparation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNSD - Country presentations (Cameroon, Central African Republic) - Discussion
08:30–08:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
08:45–10:00	<p>Session 6– Planning and implementing a census geospatial programme</p> <p>The session will review international recommendations in census cartography and the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) in census geography, including for mapping, data collection and dissemination. It will also provide an overview of the role of maps in the census, GIS fundamentals, the stages of building a census geography programme, costs and benefits of investing in geospatial technology, definition of national census geography, and the institutional and organizational issues associated with census management and planning. The session will benefit from the sharing of national experience and practice in French speaking African countries in the use of contemporary census mapping technologies including GIS, GPS and remote sensing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNECA - Country presentations (Chad, Congo) - Discussion
<u>DAY 3 – Monday, 31 January 2022</u>	
07:00 – 08:30	<p>Session 7 – Use of electronic data collection technologies for census data collection</p> <p>Recent advances in technology have allowed national statistical organizations to innovate and modernize census processes, thereby improving the quality and timeliness of census results. The use of electronic data collection technologies—along with use of geospatial technologies—have substantially impacted considerations for planning, designing and implementing census operations. This session will discuss key issues that have to be taken into consideration before making a decision for the adoption of hand-held electronic devices/Internet for census data collection as well as discuss important considerations in the planning, preparation and design of census operations when using electronic data collection technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNSD - Country presentations (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon) - Discussion
08:30–08:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
08:45–10:00	<p>Session 8- Management Information System and other tools for management and monitoring of field enumeration</p> <p>Establishing a management information system (MIS) is necessary for the management of field enumeration and monitoring of progress and the quality of enumeration. The MIS has a number of important functions including: (i) providing up-to-date information needed by different levels of field staff as well as staff at headquarters and regional offices, (ii) establishing easy communication among field staff and (iii) providing reporting tools for real-time monitoring of fieldwork. Such a system is fundamental for identifying problems and taking appropriate corrective actions during the field enumeration. Call center can also play an important role in providing a support to the field staff and respondents.</p> <p>This session will discuss the importance of establishing MIS and Call Center as an integral part of the electronic data collection system and its main roles and functions for supporting field enumeration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNSD - Country presentations (Madagascar, Mali, Niger) - Discussion

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	<u>DAY 4 - Tuesday, 1 February 2022</u>
07:00 – 08:30	<p>Session 9 –The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on conducting population and housing censuses</p> <p>This session aims to discuss the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on census-taking focusing on its impacts on census procedures, data quality and comparability overtime. This session will address main difficulties in conducting censuses during the pandemic and how countries have modified the original activities to successfully implement field operation and enumerate the population. This session will also discuss the importance of assessing the quality of census data in terms of process and output quality and potential challenges in comparing the results of 2020 round of censuses with the results of previous censuses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by UNSD - Country presentations (Senegal, Togo, Tunisia) - Discussion
08:30– 08:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
08:45- 09:30	<p>Session 10– Workshop conclusions and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendations and conclusions of the workshop - Discussion
09:30 – 10:00	Closing remarks