



**Expert Group Meeting on the Revision of the  
Principles and Recommendations (P&R) for  
Population and Housing Censuses**

**23 - 25 May 2023**

**Virtual meeting**

**Session 4 – Discussion**

**Organisation of the work of revising the P&R,  
and review of the Task Teams (TTs)**

# Current organization of P&R

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Part one. Essential features and census methodology (1-29)

Part two. Planning, organizing and management (31-77)

Part three. Census operation activities (79-169)

Part four. Population and housing census topics (171-275)

# Proposal for 2030: 9 TTs

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TT1 - Census planning, organizing and management

TT2 - Population concepts and definitions

TT3 - Census methodologies and transition to registers-based approaches

TT4 - Geospatial information and integration with census data

TT5 - Quality assurance, indicators and assessment

TF6 - Data collection and processing

TT7 – Communication, dissemination and utilization

TT8 - Recommended topics on population characteristics

TT9 - Recommended topics on housing and building characteristics

# Organization of P&R and correspondence with TT

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## Part one. Essential features and census methodology (1-29)

- I. Essential roles of the census (1-2). TT1
- II. Definitions and essential features (2-4). TT3
- III. Uses of population and housing censuses (4-13). TT1
- IV. Census methodology (13-25). TT3
- V. Operational aspects for register-based census or combined methodology (25-28). TT3
- VI. Use of sampling in population and housing censuses (28-29). TT3

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## Part two. Planning, organizing and management (31-77)

- I. Introduction (31-31). TT1
- II. Overall census planning (31-32). TT1
- III. Strategic objectives and management (32-36). TT1
- IV. Units, place and time of enumeration (36-44). TT1
- V. Legal basis (44-44). TT1
- VI. Financial management (45-48). TT1
- VII. Administrative organization (48-49). TT1
- VIII. User consultation, communication and publicity (50-53). TT7
- IX. Census calendar (53-54). TT1
- X. Human resources management (54-56). TT1
- XI. Logistics management (56-59). TT1
- XII. Contracting out (59-62). TT1
- XIII. Use of technology (62-66). TT1
- XIV. Quality assurance (66-77). TT5

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## Part three. Census operation activities (79-169)

- I. Introduction (79-79)
- II. Census questionnaires: content and design (79-84). TT6
- III. Building census infrastructure (84-85). TT6
- IV. Mapping and geospatial data (85-97). TT4
- V. Census tests (98-99). TT6
- VI. Living quarters and household listing (99-100). TT6
- VII. Field enumeration (100-108). TT6
- VIII. Data processing (108-118). TT6
- IX. Evaluation of the results (118-123). TT5
- X. Census products, data dissemination and utilization (123-164). TT7
- XI. Documentation of census experience (165-165) . TT7
- XII. Archiving individual records (166-167) . TT7
- XIII. Overall evaluation of the census (168-169). TT5

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## Part four. Population and housing census topics (171-275)

- I. Population census topics (171-242). TT8
- II. Housing census topics (242-275). TT9

# Number of pages in each TT

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TT1 - Census planning, organizing and management 45 pages

TT2 - Population concepts and definitions 0 pages

TT3 - Census methodologies and transition to registers-based approaches 20 pages

TT4 - Geospatial information and integration with census data 13 pages

TT5 - Quality assurance, indicators and assessment 20 pages

TF6 - Data collection and processing 28 pages

TT7 – Communication, dissemination and utilization 49 pages

TT8 - Recommended topics on population characteristics 72 pages

TT9 - Recommended topics on housing and building characteristics 34 pages



# Some questions to promote discussion

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- Do you agree with the 9 TTs defined? Do we need more TTs? Should we combine some of the 9 TTs?

Maybe some concentration is recommended.

- Are these 9 TTs sufficient to revise all relevant parts of the P&R?

It is sufficient.

Maybe some concentration is recommended considering the amount of people involved

- TT2 is not explicitly listed in P&R. Do we need to cover it?

It is an important issue. But do we need an specific TT? It could be combined with TT3.

TT4 could also be very specific...

- Are there other important topics for 2030 round censuses that the 9 TTs have not covered or need more relevance?

Not new TTs.

But some topics with more relevance could be: Emergency plans, technological issues (AI, Big data)

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- Do the scope of work for each TT outlined in the concept note cover sufficient ground?

Yes, they cover enough ground. In some cases it could be difficult to deal with all the details

- Suggestions:
  - What about including in some cases box case studies with success cases from some specific countries?
  - New topics: multirresidence, information about recycling, energy saving methods, availability of services around the dwelling...

# Important dates in the calendar

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- 2023 May: First meeting (virtual)
- **2023 June-October: TTs activities** Short time and summer break in the middle
- 2023 October: TTs submit first draft to Secretariat
- 2023 November: Second meeting (in-person)
  
- **2024 January-July: TTs activities**
- 2024 July: TTs submit second draft to Secretariat
- 2024 August: Third meeting (in-person)

Thank you very much for your attention

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