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Organisation of the work of revising the P&R

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2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme

- The 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme was approved by the Statistical Commission at its 46th session and adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on 10 June 2015 (in resolution E/RES/2015/10)

- The 2020 Word Programme:
 - ❖ Urges Member States:
 - conduct at least one PHC in the period from 2015 to 2024
 - take into account international and regional recommendations relating to PHC
 - give attention to advance planning, cost efficiency, timely dissemination & easy access to census results
 - set quality standards for PHC to uphold the integrity, reliability, accuracy & value of PHC results
 - take into account the importance of PHC for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - ❖ Mandates UNSD:
 - prepare international statistical standards, methods and guidelines for the conduct of PHCs
 - coordinate activities among stakeholders in assisting Member States to plan and carry out PHCs
 - monitor and regularly report to the Statistical Commission on implementation of the Programme
 - provide technical assistance to countries in conducting PHCs



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UNSD methodological framework for PHC

Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 3
(2015)

Handbook on Management of Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 2
(2016)

Technical
Report on
Post
Enumeration
Surveys
(2010)

Handbook on
GIS in
support of
Census
Activities
(2009)

Under review

Handbook on
Measuring
Economic
Activity
(2010)

Revised
under E-
learning
course

Handbook on
Measuring
International
Migration
through
censuses
(2017)

Guidelines on
the use of
registers and
administrativ
e data for
population
and housing
censuses
(ECE 2018)

Guidelines on
the Use of
Electronic
Data
Collection
Technologies
in Population
and Housing
Censuses
(2019)

Handbook on
Editing for
Population
and Housing
Censuses,
Revision 2
(2019)

Technical
Report on
Measuring
SDG
Indicators
through
Population
and Housing
Censuses and
Civil
Registration
Data
(2021)

Handbook on
Registers-
based
Population
and Housing
Censuses

(2022)

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Organization of the work of revising the P&R

❖ Expert Group

- Guides and oversees the work of the revision
- Composed of census experts from NSOs, regional and international agencies

❖ Task Teams

- 7 Task Teams
- Each member of EG assigned to one/two TTs
- Each TT has a Chair
- Scope of work
- Work plan
- List of deliverables
- Division of labor for tasks
- Subgroups



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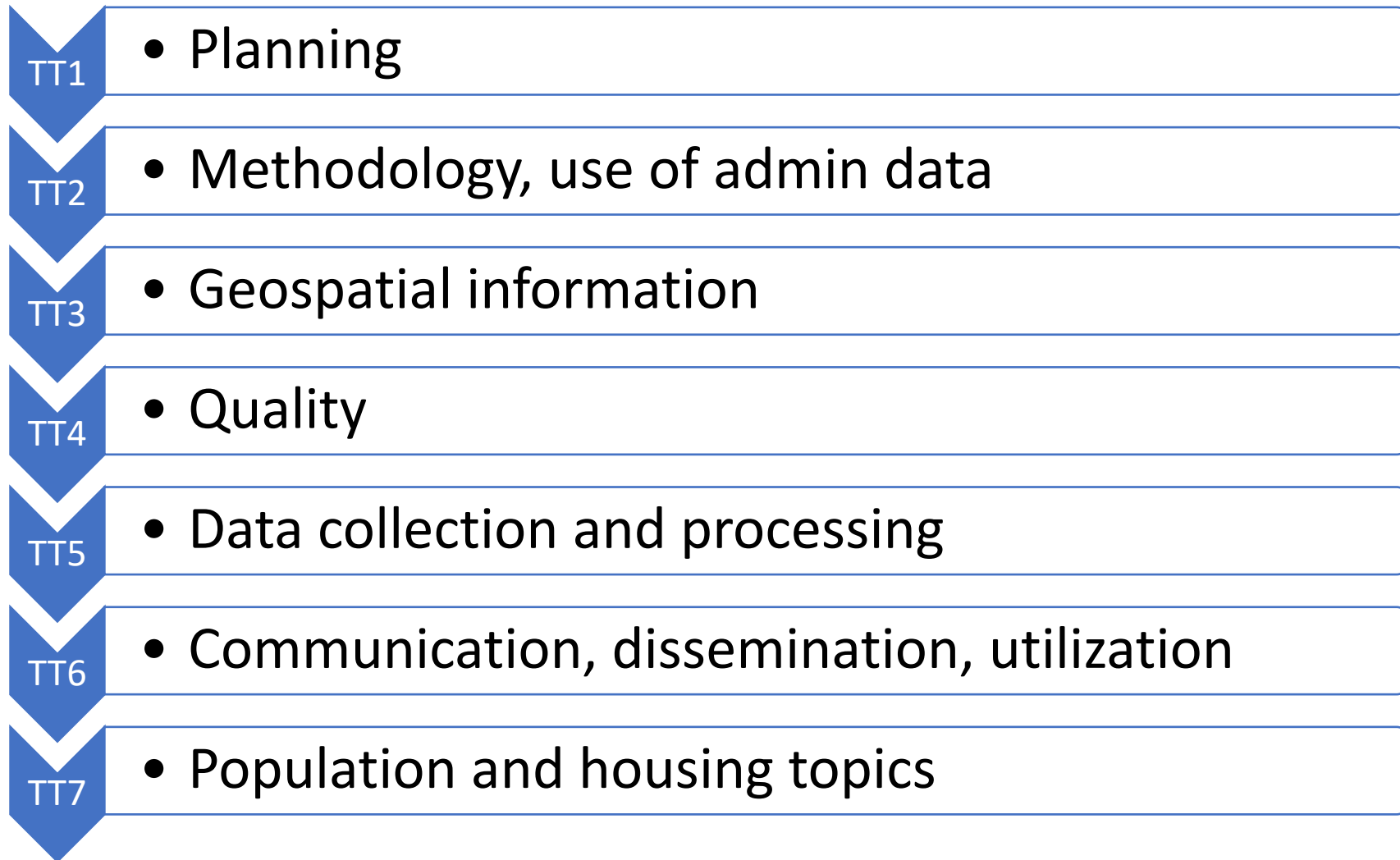
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Task Teams



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Key themes

- Lessons learned, innovations and best practices from the 2020 round of censuses**
- Use of geospatial information**
- Evolving census methodologies**
- Increasing use of administrative data**
- Contingency planning to make future censuses resilient**
- Harmonization with other international recommendations**



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Timeline

1st EGM

**23-25
May
2023**

**First
phase of
revision**

**June-Nov
2023**

2nd EGM

**13-15
Dec
2023**

**Second
phase of
revision**

**Jan-July
2024**

3rd EGM

**August
2024**

**Global
consul-
tations**

**Aug-Sept
2024**

**Final
review**

**Oct-Nov
2024**

**Submit 4th
revision of
P&R for
approval by
Statistical
Commission**

**56th Session
March 2025**



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