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United Nations Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics (EG-TUS) Concept note and Agenda (draft 17 January 2024)

30 January – 1 February 2024

Please be aware that the schedule for the sessions varies daily.

Online meeting

Background

The Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics has been working towards the modernization of time-use surveys and the operationalization of the International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics (ICATUS 2016), since June 2018. In particular, a [conceptual framework to modernize time-use surveys](#), a [minimum harmonized instrument for time-use data collection](#), together with critical considerations on the [quality](#) and [modernization](#) of time-use data production, were endorsed by the Statistical Commission at its 51st and 53rd sessions. Additional crucial issues related to implementing ICATUS 2016 have been identified and a set of instructions and coding rules have been developed, aligned with established national practices. Recognizing that *supervisory care* is often underreported in time-use surveys, due to its passive and continuous nature, the Expert Group has conceptualized supervisory care as “being on call”, developed a definition for statistical purposes, and formulated measurement recommendations, drawing from the experience of the United States and pilot exercises conducted by UN-Women and ILO.

Building on the work described above, the Expert Group has updated the UN *Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use* which will be presented for endorsement during the 55th session of the Statistical Commission. Furthermore, the Expert Group has collaborated with the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts Wellbeing and Sustainability Task Team to ensure coherence in the use of time-use standards for measuring and valuing unpaid household service work within the context of revising the System of National Accounts.

Objective

The EG-TUS meeting is convened to present the final version of the revised UN *Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use* and accompanying time-use data resources hub, which marks the conclusion of a phase of methodological development as expressed in the [terms of reference of the EG-TUS](#) and to strategize on ways to build national capacity and provide technical assistance to countries, particularly in developing regions in the area of time-use statistics as requested by the Statistical Commission. The EG-TUS meeting will also provide an opportunity for members to exchange the latest practices, lessons learned, and future projects.

Draft Agenda

EG-TUS Chair: Ms. Patricia Houle, Time Use Survey Manager, Statistics Canada

Time (NY time)	Topic
	DAY 1 - Tuesday, 30 January 2024 -8:00 – 11:00
08:00 – 08:10	<p>Session 1 - Opening remarks and objectives of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Patricia Houle, Time Use Survey Manager, Statistics Canada – Ms. Francesca Grum, Assistant Director, and Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, United Nations Statistics Division
8:10 – 9:50	<p>Session 2 - Updates of EG-TUS members on time-use statistics</p> <p>The session presents innovative initiatives and plans to improve time-use data collection.</p> <p>A. Country experiences (15 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Tania Cappadozzi, Time Use and Measurement of Volunteer Work Survey Manager, Italian National Institute of Statistics – Ms. Patricia Houle, Time Use Survey Manager, Statistics Canada – Mr. Mauricio Rodríguez, General Director for Sociodemographic Statistics, INEGI Mexico – Ms. Siham Zarrari, Head of Division in the Statistics Directorate, High Commission for Planning, Morocco <p>General discussion (All)</p>
9:50 - 10:00	Break
10:00-11:00	<p>B. Agencies and organizations projects (15 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Samantha Watson, Labour Statistician, International Labour Organization – Ms. Lauren Pandolfelli, Statistics Specialist, United Nations Children's Fund – Mr. Eniel Ninka, Statistical Officer, European Commission <p>General discussion (All)</p>
	DAY 2 - Wednesday, 31 January 2024-14:00 – 17:00
14:00 – 15:50	<p>Session 3 – Revised United Nations Guidelines for Producing Time-use Statistics and Time-use Resources Hub</p> <p>The session will provide an overview of the updated version of the <i>UN Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use</i> and provide an opportunity to show the time-use resources hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Iliana Vaca Trigo, Statistician, United Nations Statistics Division – Ms. Lisa Scanlon, Director in the Household Surveys Branch, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) <p>General discussion (All)</p>



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15:50 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	Session 4 – Implementation of the Guide The session will present the opportunity for EG-TUS members to brainstorm on ways to promote the adaptation and adoption of the <i>Guide</i> recommendations by counties. The session will also serve to exchange plans for regional and global initiatives to strengthen national capacity in producing high-quality, frequent, timely, and granular time-use data. General discussion (All)
DAY 3 - Thursday, 1 February 2024-08:00 – 11:00	
08:00 – 09:00	Session 5 – Uses of time-use data: Time-use data and care The session will highlight members' initiatives to use time-use data to measure care work, including supervisory care. <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms. Patricia Houle, Time Use Survey Manager, Statistics Canada– Ms. Samantha Watson, Labour Statistician, International Labour Organization– Ms. Cecilia Tinonin, Statistician, the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific– Chile on care policies and statistical responses (TBC) General discussion (All)
09:00 – 10:00	Session 6 – Coordination with other Groups of the Statistical Commission The session informs members of the EG-TUS of synergies between their work and other initiatives involving time-use data undertaken by other groups working under the auspices of the Statistical Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none">– ISWGNA Subgroup on Well-being and Sustainability.– Friends of the Chair on Social and Demographic Statistics General discussion (All)
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15-11:00	Session 7: Way forward for the EG-TUS and conclusions of the EG-TUS Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ms. Ms. Francesca Grum, Assistant Director, and Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, United Nations Statistics Division– Ms. Patricia Houle, Time Use Survey Manager, Statistics Canada