



# United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Revising the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses

New York  
29 October - 1 November 2013

## WORK PROGRAMME

Time	Topic
<b>DAY 1 — Tuesday, 29 October 2013</b>	
9:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Session 1 – Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening remarks – UNSD</li> <li>- Introduction of participants and administrative matters</li> <li>- Selection of Chair and Rapporteur</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Session 2 – Overview of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses</b> The session reviews the implementation of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses. It presents findings from a survey conducted—by the US Census Bureau in collaboration with UNSD—in connection with the programme review of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme held in 2012. The session will review some of the major challenges faced and lessons learned as well as present several considerations for the future direction of census-taking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – US Census Bureau</li> <li>- Regional perspectives – ECA, ECE Steering Group, SPC</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Session 2 – Overview of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses (cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul> <b>Session 3 – Summary of the views and suggestions of countries for the revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses</b> The session presents and discusses the views and suggestions of countries compiled from a survey conducted in May 2013 on the revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses in preparation for the 2020 round of censuses. It will highlight some of the areas in the current version of the Principles and Recommendations that countries suggested be revised, updated or further elaborated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – UNSD</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session 4 – Proposed outline for the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses: The 2020 Round</b> The session will open with a presentation on the proposed outline of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses for the 2020 round. The presentation will highlight the proposed changes in content and structure including areas in the current version of the Principles and Recommendations requiring additional elaboration and overall update. The session will then proceed with a structured discussion on the proposal with the aim of achieving an approved final outline that will serve as a framework for the meeting itself and the subsequent work on the revision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – UNSD</li> <li>- Discussants – Canada, State of Palestine, Suriname, ECE Steering Group</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

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16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 5 – Definition and essential features of a census</b>  The essential features of a population and housing census are individual enumeration, universality within a defined territory, simultaneity and defined periodicity. Another distinguishing feature that separates a census from other data collections is its capability to generate small areas statistics. The session is expected to focus on the definition of a census and its essential features.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – UNSD</li> <li>- Discussants – Namibia, Spain, United Kingdom</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
<b><u>DAY 2 — Wednesday, 30 October 2013</u></b>	
9:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 6 – Census methodology</b>  The review of the 2010 round of censuses has shown that the majority of countries collected data through a full field face-to-face interview with a paper questionnaire. Most of these countries are expected to use the traditional census as the main vehicle for generating census statistics in the 2020 round. However, the review has also shown that there is a tendency towards a multi-mode census using a variety of methods of enumeration. Furthermore, some countries are relying on register-based data collection solely or in combination with other sources of data. The session is expected to focus on the issues and the main census methodologies that need to be elaborated with a view to bringing the text of the revised recommendations in line with contemporary developments in census-taking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – UNSD</li> <li>- Country presentations – Germany, India, Italy, Peru, Sweden</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 7 – Census operations and technology</b>  The planning and implementation of census operations entail complex technical and administrative tasks. The review of 2010 round censuses showed that countries faced various operational challenges including adhering to schedule and budget, contract management, monitoring fieldwork, quality control and integration of technology. The review also showed that many countries introduced innovative approaches and utilized modern technology that brought about improvements to census operations. Taking into account contemporary developments in census-taking, the session is expected to identify areas in census operations, including the integration of technology, that require elaboration in the Principles and Recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country presentations – Brazil, Indonesia, Oman</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 7 – Census operations and technology (cont'd)</b>  - General discussion</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 8 – Census outputs and utilization</b>  The current version of the Principles and Recommendations elaborates on census products including recommended tabulations and on the various uses of census data. However, with the rapid development of technology, census data users have an increasing interest in a broad range of products and services. Increasing interest in micro-data bring to the fore issues of privacy, data archiving and security. The session is expected to identify areas in the dissemination and utilization of census data requiring international guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country presentations – China, Malaysia, Russian Federation, South Africa</li> <li>- General discussion</li> </ul>
<b><u>DAY 3 — Thursday, 31 October 2013</u></b>	
9:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 9 – Population census topics</b>  The session discusses implementation of population census topics as recommended in the current version of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses. The session will assess the need to revise the list of core population topics and relevant definitions and classifications on the basis of experience gained from the 2010 round and updated international standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – UNSD</li> <li>- Country presentations – Ghana, Jamaica, Turkey, Uganda, ILO</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General discussion on the topics of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Population to be enumerated</li> <li>▪ Geographical, internal and international migration characteristics</li> <li>▪ Demographic, ethno-cultural, household and family characteristics</li> <li>▪ Fertility and mortality</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 9 – Population census topics (cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General discussion on the topics of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Educational characteristics</li> <li>▪ Economic characteristics</li> <li>▪ Disability characteristics</li> <li>▪ Agriculture</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session 10 – Housing census topics</b> The session discusses implementation of housing census topics as recommended in the current version of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses. The session will assess the need to revise the list of core housing topics and relevant definitions and classifications on the basis of experience gained from the 2010 round and updated international standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation – UNSD</li> <li>- Country presentations – Egypt, Philippines</li> <li>- General discussion on the topics of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living quarters and housing units</li> <li>▪ Characteristics of housing units and occupants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session 10 – Housing census topics (cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General discussion on the topics of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living quarters and housing units</li> <li>▪ Characteristics of housing units and occupants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Formation of Working Groups</b>
<b><u>DAY 4 — Friday, 1 November 2013</u></b>	
<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Session 11 – Working Groups sessions</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 11 – Working Groups sessions (cont'd)</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session 12 – Expert Group Meeting conclusions and recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentations by Working Groups</li> <li>- General discussion</li> <li>- Adoption of Expert Group Meeting conclusions and recommendations</li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Session 13 – Closing session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Closing remarks – UNSD</li> </ul>