



 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

**United Nations Regional Workshop for ESCWA
Countries on Census Data Processing**
-
**Contemporary Technologies for Data Capture, Data
Editing and Methodology for the 2010 Round of
Population Censuses,**

Doha, Qatar

18-22 May 2008

Information Note for Participants

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION

This workshop is organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in collaboration with the Qatar Statistical Authority (QSA) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Qatar Statistical Authority (QSA), is organizing a Regional Workshop on Census Data Processing, contemporary technologies for census data capture and data editing in the context of the

2010 World Programme for Population and Housing Censuses. The Workshop will take place from 18-22 May 2008 in Doha, Qatar.

The purpose of the Workshop is to present international standards for processing population and housing censuses and to highlight the significant additional capabilities of contemporary technologies and their use for census data capture and data editing. More specifically, the Workshop will: (1) Present revised international standards for conducting population and housing censuses, focusing on recommended core topics as identified in the United Nations *Principles and Recommendations Revision 2*; (2) Discuss ways of improving the management and planning of the census, including outsourcing issues; (3) Present and discuss contemporary technologies in census data capture, including the use of Optical Mark Recognition (OMR), Optical Character Recognition/Intelligent Character Recognition (OCR/ICR), Internet data collection, use of handheld devices for data collection, (4) Discuss the process stages for data capture, (5) Present an overview of major commercial suppliers for data capture; and (6) Present the principles and practices for census data coding and data editing. The workshop will also offer the possibility to the participants to present the experience of their countries in census data processing.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

There are three specific objectives for this workshop:

- 1) Learn the latest recommendations from the UN concerning the 2010 round of Population Censuses.
- 2) Improve participating countries ability to collect quality and timely data by
 - a) Identifying new technologies used to collect, capture, process, edit, tabulate, and disseminate census data; and
 - b) Sharing information about outsourcing and the advantages it offers.
- 3) Hear the experiences of participating countries that used new technologies or tried new ways of processing/editing/publishing data.

OUTCOMES

It is expected that after the conclusion of the workshop participants will be better informed about population census technologies being used throughout the world. As a result these participants will be able to make decisions about technologies and methodologies that could be implemented in their own country's population census. The result will be informed decision making and a better population census.

LANGUAGE

The workshop will be conducted in English with translation in Arabic

VENUE

The workshop will be held at the Millennium Hotel Tel. 974 4247777
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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Millennium Hotel for workshop participants. Please complete the application form at the end of this document. All participants need to complete the form at the end of this document. The workshop rate is 650 Q. R Bed only for the Standard single room.

TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

There will be transportation from the airport to the hotel for all registered participants.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

GCC residents are granted a visa at the Airport. All other participants should send their scanned passports to QSA as soon as possible

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Workshop Registration

1) Name (last, first): _____ Mr [] Ms []

2) Title: _____

3) Address (office): _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

4) Arrival

Date: _____ Flight: _____ Time: _____

5) Hotel Reservations

Would like a room at the Millennium Hotel Yes [] No []

If yes, check-in date _____ check-out date _____

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