



**INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE ON CENSUS (ICCC)  
Kick Off Meeting**

Date and Time: 27 June 2016, 10:30am – 1:00pm

Chair and Venue: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**OBJECTIVES**

In response to the UN ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2015/10 on 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, and its call for "coordination of activities among stakeholders in assisting Member States", and "the importance of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme for sustainable development planning, especially in the context of the post-2015 development agenda," the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the U.S. Census Bureau came together in a first meeting to establish the International Committee on Census Coordination (ICCC).

Hosted in New York and chaired by the United Nations Population Fund, on 27 June 2016, the meeting included participants from United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Statistics Division and the U.S. Census Bureau.

The meeting provided a forum for global, regional or country-specific communication and coordination among the organizations involved.

The meeting included an opening brief on the history of the International Coordination Committee on Census during the 2000 census round and pursued discussion that was structured around:

- Terms of Reference of the ICCC
- ICCC mode of operation
- 2016 Meeting Dates

**Terms of Reference of the ICCC**

The group discussed the roles and responsibilities of ICCC core members and jointly revised the draft terms of reference.

The ICCC members agreed to rotate chairing responsibilities on an annual basis. UNFPA will chair the ICCC during the calendar year of 2016.

The group further agreed to proactively review the population and housing census activities anticipated in the 2020 census round and identify countries in need of support.



On a continuous basis, ICCC members will identify and resolve critical census implementation challenges in specific countries through rapid coordination, support and deployment of appropriate resources. In collaboration, ICCC members will jointly identify and coordinate anticipated, planned and ongoing support to national census authorities by type of support available (e.g. financial, equipment and technical backstopping), and by provider.

ICCC members will collaborate on support for census planning, implementation and analysis, as well as utilization and dissemination of census results, and promote the implementation of the latest international recommendations, guidelines, classifications and innovations in conducting a census.

In order to advance discussions around census implementation, ICCC members will share ideas and perceptions regarding the successes and failures of the past round of censuses and derive common technical/methodological strategies for avoiding future problems and increasing success.

Additional objectives of the ICCC refer to the promotion of regional cooperation and exchange, including the fostering of South-to-South cooperation among countries as well as the exchange of information with other donors, and relevant national and regional institutions.

#### **ICCC mode of operation with other agencies**

Committee members agreed to meet at a minimum of twice annually, once annually during the period of the United Nations Statistics Commission, with additional meetings when required or being timed back to back with other global or regional gatherings.

The agenda of forthcoming meetings, topics to be addressed and the participating organizations to be invited will be decided jointly.

To ensure wide exchange of information and distribution of the ICCC meeting minutes with donors and relevant national and regional institutions, ICCC members will develop and maintain an agreed distribution list of National Statistical Offices (NSOs), census authorities and other stakeholders.

Rotate chairing arrangements annually, which will include corresponding responsibilities for organizing and preparing for the respective meetings.

Given the strong involvement of regional organizations and commissions in the 2020 census round, through for example the setting of regional standardization, ICCC members agreed on the importance of including regional commissions and organizations in the coordination and communication of the ICCC.



## **2016 Meeting Dates**

Committee members explored and discussed scheduling opportunities for the coming month and year at each meeting;

Proposed meeting dates for ICCC include:

- Meeting of the Inter Agency Expert Group for the SDGs in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in October 2017
- Meeting of the Global Forum on Gender Statistics in Helsinki, Finland in October 2017
- Technical meeting of the United Nations Statistics Division on the on use of modern technologies in census in Turkey in November 2017
- World Forum on Sustainable Development Data in Cape Town, South Africa in January 2017
- 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in New York, USA in– March 2017
- 28th Population Census Conference in Minneapolis, USA in September 2017
- Regional UNFPA workshops on the roll out of the SDGs

### **FINAL REVIEW OF PRIORITY ACTIONS**

- Finalized Terms of Reference to be shared with ICCC members
- Share summary of proceedings of meeting
- Create listing of potential next meeting dates

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