41st Statistical Commission Side Events

More than 50 participants attended a seminar organized by UNSD on CensusInfo on Monday 22 February, as a side event of the 41st session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. CensusInfo is a free software package developed by the UNSD, in partnership with UNICEF and UNFPA, to help countries disseminate census data on CD-ROM and on the web. CensusInfo was officially launched at the 40th Statistical Commission in February 2009. UNSD provides CensusInfo software with a proposed list of census indicators and metadata in order to assist countries in setting up their own indicators and metadata according to national priorities and needs.

In 2009, UNSD conducted regional workshops as well as in-house training on the implementation of CensusInfo. The objective of the seminar was to present first experiences of countries using CensusInfo to disseminate the results of their population and housing censuses and to provide a discussion forum on its facilities in order to improve the quality of dissemination of census results. Palestine, Liberia, Aruba and the Gambia presented their experiences in developing their national CensusInfo, either to disseminate the results of their census for the 2010 census round or to start the preparation of a CensusInfo database for their censuses of the 2010 round using data from previous censuses.