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Agenda item	Item 4(a) Demographic statistics (E/CN.3/2021/18)
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Statement:

2021 Census round

The Covid-19 pandemic made it necessary to adapt the already established census method (based on a combined approach), organization, and work modes to the conditions of the substantial avoidance or complete exclusion of direct contacts and gatherings (e.g., face-to-face interviews, training, and others).

After the pandemic outbreak, several amendments to the census acts, regulating the agricultural census and the population census were prepared to make the internal organization more adaptable, flexible, and resilient. These changes, which were **necessary for the agricultural census in autumn 2020, were introduced** last year.

Statistics Poland undertook many activities, initiatives, amendments, and changes in this area, correlated with the experience gained implementing regular statistical surveys during the pandemic, including among other:

- data collection in both CAPI and CATI,
- adoption of mobile devices to work in both CAPI and CATI mode,
- “on-demand” interviews through the hotline;
- the training of enumerators via the Internet.

Currently, a new legislative process has been undertaken. **The second revision to the Act on the 2021 National Census of Population and Housing introduces further changes** resulting from implementing the agricultural census in epidemic conditions. Also, it concerns the extension of the census from a planned 3 to 6 months (i.e., from April 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021).

The primary method of participation in the census is online self-enumeration. It is also the safest method in the conditions of the prevailing epidemic. As part of promotion and communication, many innovative activities are planned to increase public awareness of the role and importance of the census and the Internet self-enumeration as the most comfortable and beneficial form of participation.

Statistics Poland declares its willingness to share its experiences and achievements in the organization of a modern population and housing census, integrating innovative approaches and methods, various data sources, and cutting-edge IT solutions and equipment with all interested parties.

We do not expect difficulties in meeting the deadlines set for data and metadata transmissions.

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Demographic Yearbook System

Statistics Poland considers the Demographic Yearbook System a significant and useful database for all countries and areas globally, covering a wide time range.

Statistics Poland actively participated in the Expert Group Meeting on the United Nations Demographic Yearbook System, sharing our practices of dissemination of statistical data on population. Primary Polish databases in which demographic data and metadata are available are the “Local Data Bank,” the “Geostatistics Portal,” and the “Demography Database.”

Our suggestions for improvements include

- adding a publication calendar,
- improving the DYB website’s readability and the UNData database,
- enabling generating maps and individual tables, and
- extending the data file formats available for download.

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Item 4(g) Statistical capacity development (E/CN.3/2021/24)

Statement:

Statistics Poland commends recent activities undertaken by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat. In our opinion, it is crucial to support countries' efforts to strengthen their national statistical capacity to better respond to the data challenges of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We welcome all efforts to develop new activities in capacity building, using new tools, in the absence of the possibility of physical meetings (online events, the development of e-learning courses, or webinars). The pandemic has made us all re-focus our capacity development-related tools and activities. However, it has not changed priorities, which remained demand-driven, synergies-centered, and focused on the need for effective coordination and partnerships.

Statistics Poland also appreciates the efforts of the UNSD leading to adaptation of the content of existing capacity building programs, to support National Statistical Institutes where traditional methods of personal data collection are no longer feasible and new or alternative methods and data sources must be used due to numerous restrictions being the effects of the pandemic.

Statistics Poland remains committed to increasing its support for and engagement in capacity development programs. We welcome all international initiatives and activities in this field and stress the importance of coordination.

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<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(j) Integration of statistical and geospatial information (E/CN.3/2021/27)</i>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>Statistics Poland welcomes the Report by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information. We are taking an active part in many initiatives, such as European Forum for Geography and Statistics (EFGS), Geostat 4 project, UN GGIM, or EG ISGI groups. Statistics Poland fully supports further developments in this field to foster good cooperation of statistical and geospatial communities.</p> <p>Statistics Poland chairs the EFGS and takes an active part in EFGS Steering Committee. As noted in the Report, the last EFGS meeting was organized in October 2020 by Statistics Poland in the virtual format. In total, the webinar gathered 318 delegates representing 58 countries.</p> <p>Statistics Poland strongly supports the implementation of GSGF at a regional level within the European Statistical System (ESS) through the GEOSTAT 4 project. We agree that GSGF is a bridge between the statistical and geospatial communities, the cornerstone of Common Geographies, as was emphasized in the Report. Statistics Poland actively participates in EG ISGI Work Stream on Common Geographies, which are essential to integrating statistical and geospatial information.</p> <p>Statistics Poland continues its efforts to develop GSGF by proposing a spatial harmonization model – The 10 Level Model – which conceptually merges space-division systems conducted separately by geodesy and public statistics. Implementation of the Model into the three lowest layers of GSGF could support practical activities of integrating statistics with geospatial data. Therefore, we stress the need to consider the possibility of harmonizing the statistical division (statistical regions and enumeration areas) with the cadastral division (cadastral units), taking into account official statistics' needs. The Polish Model may be a basis for developing a statistical and geodetic reference framework as a geospatial data production standard. The Model could also help to communicate and understand the geospatial capability requirements for statistical information and further support data sharing between institutions, enhancing the interoperability of geospatial and statistical information and building institutional collaboration between geospatial and statistical communities.</p>	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i>  Statistics Poland	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Item 4(k) World Statistics Day (E/CN.3/2021/28)</i>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Statistics Poland considers World Statistics Day an excellent initiative, promoting the official statistics and uniting all data communities across the globe.</p> <p>We undertook many activities to highlight this unique occasion in many communication channels. An entry about World Statistics Day was posted on official social media channels with an informative infographic presenting our main user-related numbers, i.e., number of data orders, number of Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram followers, and number of our YouTube channel subscribers.</p> <p>More details are available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://twitter.com/GUS_STAT/status/1318496325273591813• https://www.facebook.com/GlownyUrzadStatystyczny/photos/a.1931926733688746/2678138695734209/?type=3&theater• https://www.instagram.com/p/CGkXk7pnH5U/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet• https://www.linkedin.com/posts/glownyurządstatystyczny_onz-socialmedia-gus-activity-6724308404287942656-OfLf <p>We published extensive information about World Statistics Day on our information portal. https://stat.gov.pl/aktualnosci/swiatowy-dzien-statystyki-20-pazdziernika,318,1.html</p> <p>The Polish 16 Regional Statistical Offices organized educational activities related to World Statistics Day and remote lessons.</p> <p>Statistics Poland took the occasion of the international celebrations of the World Statistics Day to launch an important international statistical initiative dedicated to the youths; namely, we activated the website of the European Statistical Competition eks.stat.gov.pl with an invitation to participate in the event.</p> <p>Statistics Poland also held other, more internal-user-centered activities: the quiz “Statistical crosswords” for all employees was a recognized and appreciated initiative in the challenging year 2020.</p>	
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