

Lunchtime seminar

Measuring Property Prices

**Seminar in memory of
Svein Longva
(former Director General of Statistics Norway)**

**Tuesday, 23 February 2010, 1:50 – 3:00 pm
Conference Room 3
United Nations, New York**

The lunchtime seminar organized by the Statistics Norway will provide a forum to discuss measurement issues related to the compilation of property price indices. The recent financial crisis, housing price bubbles and the subsequent collapse of housing markets point to the importance of compiling accurate and comparable property price indices across countries.

The lunchtime seminar is organized in memory of Svein Longva, who dedicated his entire professional life to official statistics. He spent more than 30 years working in Statistics Norway, the last fourteen of which as its Director General. Svein Longva held distinguished positions in the international statistical community. During his professional career, he was concerned with the importance of having accurate measurement of property prices, a topic of high relevance today.

Organizers: Statistics Norway

Seminar Programme

Opening remarks and introduction

Svein Longva's professional career and contribution to property price indices
Øystein Olsen, Director General, Statistics Norway

Overview of the family of property price indices and their importance

Olav Ljones, Assistant Director-General, Statistics Norway

Recent development in measuring property prices

J. Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, USA

Statistical and measurement issues arising from the preparation of an International Statistical Handbook on Residential Property Price Indices

Geert Bruinooge, Deputy Director-General, Statistics Netherlands

Questions and general discussion

Useful Link: Eurostat-IAOS-IFC Conference on Residential Property Price Indices:
(http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/conferences/introduction/2009/rppi_conference).