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Fifty-fifth plenary session
Geneva, 11-13 June 2007
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

DATE AND VENUE OF THE PLENARY SESSION

1. The 55th plenary session will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from Monday 11 June until Wednesday 13 June 2007. The meeting will commence at 9:30 on Monday 11 June and will finish on Wednesday 13 June at 12:30. The meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics will be held on 13-14 June 2007 in Geneva back-to-back with the CES, starting at 14:30 on 13 June.

WEBSITE ADDRESS

2. All documents for the CES plenary session will be available on the meeting's website at:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.06.ces.htm>

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

- a) Opening addresses and adoption of the agenda
- b) Meetings of parent bodies of the CES
- c) Seminar on Increasing the efficiency and productivity of statistical offices (Chair: Latvia)

- (i) Effectiveness of statistical programmes
Session Organiser: Germany; Discussant: Denmark
Invited papers by Canada, Germany and Eurostat
 - (ii) Efficiency of statistical offices
Session Organiser: Israel; Discussant: Ireland
Invited papers by Finland, Iceland, Israel and the Netherlands
 - d) Seminar on Measuring capital – beyond the traditional measures (Chair: the Netherlands)
 - (i) Policy drivers
Session Organiser: BEA, United States
Presentation by Prof. Dr. William Nordhaus, Yale University, United States
 - (ii) Capital boundaries in the revision of the System of National Accounts 1993
Session Organiser: IMF; Discussant: Germany
Invited papers by Australia, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Eurostat
 - (iii) Measurement of human capital
Session Organiser: Australia; Discussant: Norway
Invited papers by Australia, Italy, and BEA United States
 - (iv) Measurement of social capital
Session Organiser: United Kingdom; Discussant: Eurostat
Invited papers by Finland and OECD
 - e) Coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region
 - f) Progress reports
 - g) Information on topics for seminars to take place during the 2008 plenary session
 - h) Election of the CES Bureau
 - i) Other business
 - j) Adoption of the report.
3. More details on the agenda items are provided in the Annotated Agenda (ECE/CES/71).

ACCOMMODATION, PASSPORTS, VISAS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

4. All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa for Switzerland. Applications for visas should be made to the embassy or consulate of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside. Visa applications should refer to the 55th plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (fax: +4122 917 0040; e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org).

5. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, since available rooms are limited because of other meetings taking place in Geneva during the month of June. Maps of Geneva, list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following website:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>

REGISTRATION

6. Participants are kindly requested to send the completed registration form, which is attached, to the UNECE secretariat by 18 May (fax no. +41 22 917 0040; e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org). The information will be used to register participants with the UN Security Section and to obtain ID badges from the Security offices at the Pregny gate entrance to the Palais des Nations on the first day of the meeting (please see map on the above-mentioned website: 'Geneva', 'Plan of the UN building'). Delegates should arrive at the UN Security offices at about 8:30 to allow time for security clearance and registration.

7. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

HOW TO GET TO THE MEETING ROOM

8. The meeting will take place in Room XVIII of the Palais des Nations. To access this room, please walk down towards the Palais des Nations from the Pregny entrance, once you have obtained your security badge from the Security offices, and turn left. Walk down through the car park, with the Palais on your right, until you come to door 40. Enter the building here. Take the escalator down one floor, and Room XVIII is on the right-hand side.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

9. The meeting room will be equipped for simultaneous interpretation, which will be provided into and from the three official working languages of the UNECE (English, French and Russian).

10. The main documents of the plenary session will be distributed in the three official languages. Some of the background documents and supporting papers may be available in the original language only.

11. The main papers for discussion at the two seminars will be prepared by invited authors. However, the CES member countries are invited to contribute supporting papers to the two seminars. These supporting papers will be made available on the UNECE website, and will be taken into account in the respective discussions.

12. The following deadlines apply for papers:

- 15 March for submitting the invited papers for the two seminars;
- 23 April for submitting the supporting papers for the two seminars and background documents that do not require translation.

13. The invited and supporting papers should not exceed 8 pages and should be sent to the UNECE secretariat electronically in Word format to Josephine Rauss (e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org).

14. All documents will be available on the meeting website. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them, as there will be no documents available in the meeting room.

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15. For further information, please contact:

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