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Expert Group Meeting on ESCAP Regional Census Programme
27-28 November 2006
Bangkok

MEETING PROGRAMME

Day One (Monday, 27 November 2006)

08:00-08:45 Registration

09:00-09:35 Opening session – Moderator: Mr Pietro Gennari, ESCAP

Opening speech by Mr Pietro Gennari, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP (10 mins)

Scope and purpose of the meeting, objectives and guiding principles of ESCAP Regional Census Programme – 2010 global census round by Ms Haishan Fu, Chief, Statistics Development Section, Statistics Division

- Presentation (10 mins)
- Plenary discussion (15 mins)

09:35-10:00 Group photo, coffee/tea break

10:00-10:35 Session 1: Collaborating role of partners (35 mins)

Moderator: Ms Haishan Fu, ESCAP

- Presentations by SPC (Mr Gerald Haberkorn, Head, Demography Population Section) and UNDP Regional Centre (Mr Denis Nkala, Chief, South_South Cooperation Unit)
- (10 mins each – 20 mins)
- Plenary discussion (15 mins)

10:35-14:25 Session 2: Possible components of the ESCAP Regional Census Programme – 2010 global census round

Moderator: Ms Haishan Fu, ESCAP

10:35-11:10 Component 1: Promoting Global Principles and Recommendations

- Presentation (Khin Win Thin, ESCAP) (10 mins)
- Comments by lead discussant (Mongolia, SPC) (10 mins)
- Plenary discussion (15 mins)

11:10-12:25 **Component 2: Census Data Collection on Emerging Issues-
Improving Disability Statistics and Understanding International
Migration**

Moderator: Ms Haishan Fu, ESCAP

- Presentation on “Use of census data for the global estimates of international migration” by Ms Keiko Osaki Tomita, Chief, Population and Social Integration Section, ESID (15 mins)
- Presentation (Joern Geisselmann, ESCAP on International Migration) (10 mins)
- Comments by lead discussant (Philippines) (10 mins)
- Presentation (Wei Liu, ESCAP on Disability Statistics) (10 mins)
- Comments by lead discussant (Thailand) (10 mins)
- Plenary discussion (20 mins)

12:25-13:25 Lunch break

13:25-14:25 **Component 3: Supporting Effective use of Information Technology in
census operations**

Moderator: Mr Ilpo Survo, ESCAP

- Presentation (Khin Win Thin, ESCAP) (10 mins)
- Comments by lead discussants (Malaysia and HongKong, China) (10 mins each - 20 mins)
- Plenary discussion (30 mins)

14:25-14:40 Coffee/tea break

**14:40-16:30 Session 3: Perspectives on the ESCAP Regional Census Programme as a
whole**

Moderator: Ms Ka Lin Chan (Hong Kong, China)

14:40-15:25 Comments by lead discussants on the ESCAP Regional Census Programme (India; New Zealand; Nepal) (10 mins each)

15:25-16:30 Plenary discussion

Day Two (Tuesday, 28 November 2006)

**09:00-10:30 Session 4: Situation of international migration statistics in the region
Moderator: Ms Carmelita Ericeta (Philippines)**

09:00-10:00 Country presentations on the current practices and challenges of international migration data collection, compilation, dissemination and analysis (Australia; India; Sri Lanka; Macao, China; Myanmar)

10:00-10:30 Plenary discussion

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

- 10:45-13:45 Session 5: Recommendations on migration topic in censuses**
Moderator: Mr Federico Soda, IOM
- 10:45-11:00 Introduction to group works (ESCAP)
- 11:00-12:00 Group works
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00-13:45 Group work presentations and plenary discussion
- 13:45-16:00 Session 6: Identifying areas of priority for activities beyond censuses**
Moderator: Mr Remi Bardon, EUROSTAT
- 13:45-14:00 Introduction to group works (ESCAP)
- 14:00-15:00 Group works
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15-16:00 Group work presentations and plenary discussion
- 16:00-17:00 **Closing Session**
Conclusions and recommendations by Mr Pietro Gennari
Closing speech by Mr Pietro Gennari
Evaluation of the meeting

The following issues will be discussed during Session 6 - group work.

Concepts and definitions

What are the categories of international migrants that countries need to collect data, as a minimum, for policy development?

Is there a need to agree on definitions of still other categories of international migrants; e.g., circular migrants, temporary migrants (less than three months), undocumented migrants?

Measurement

How best can migrant flow data, which includes time of the move and the path from origin to destination, be collected?

How can instruments for collecting migration data be standardized?

Capacity Building

How can we strengthen the capacity of national statistical systems on analysing international migration statistics?

Data sources

What are the ideal sources of data for international migrant stock and flows? What are the advantages, disadvantages of each?

Data dissemination

What can be done for countries to recognize the importance of compiling and disseminating migration data on a regular basis so that data users both from public and private sectors will be able to do further analysis on migration?

What are the potentially effective dissemination strategies?

Data sharing and collaboration

Is it possible to establish linkages across datasets and/or across borders? If so, what mechanisms should be in place?

What collaboration mechanisms should be established among countries and international/regional organizations to improve the availability and quality of statistics on international migration?

Has the region been doing enough in collecting, disseminating and analysing of international migration statistics? If not, which are the priority areas that need ESCAP support?