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Expert Group Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses

9-10 December 2004
Bangkok, Thailand

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Background

The United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs initiated the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses by calling a Symposium and an Expert Group Meeting to discuss and agree on modalities for the new census round. The meetings agreed that in order to succeed, the active support of Member States and the Regional Commissions working in partnership was required. As partners, they can both receive and provide technical expertise as well as share information and resources through a coordinated programme of activities. A Trust Fund would be established to bridge the distances between NSOs and enable the effective sharing and exchange of know how and support.

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Experiences and lessons learned from the 2000 census round
3. Critical issues and new emerging concerns in the region
4. Principles and recommendations for censuses
5. Working in partnership to maximize the census results
6. Other

Purpose and outcome

The purpose of the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) is to set regional priorities for the upcoming decade round of population and housing censuses in light of the experiences from the previous round. Specifically the EGM is to define the critical and emerging issues to be considered, define priorities, identify goals and propose concrete actions that would be desirable to be carried out in the region in partnership with ESCAP. Based on the recommendations of the meeting the secretariat will formulate a regional census programme to be carried out over the next four years, which can feed into the global programme.