Item 4a Outcomes of the recent in-depth reviews carried out by the CES Bureau

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4(a) In-depth reviews October 2022 – February 2023



- Data ethics (October 2022, paper by Canada and UK with contribution by Eurostat)
 - discussed under item 8 (on 28 June)
- Hard-to-reach groups in administrative sources (February 2023, paper by Denmark with contributions from Canada, Italy, New Zealand and US)
 - discussed under item 4b
- Measurement of well-being (February 2023, paper by Israel)
- Social cohesion (February 2023, paper by Canada)
 - discussed under item 4c

4(a) Measurement of well-being



Outcome of the in-depth review

- Establish a task force to develop guidelines for measurement of well-being to support countries that produce or consider producing well-being indicators
- The guidelines should:
 - build on existing frameworks and focus on synthesizing these into operational guidelines
 - examine a limited number of core indicators where harmonisation and improved international comparability is possible
 - clarify typology, provide definitions, and give operational guidance on data sources, compilation methods and communication
 - give leeway to national frameworks to adapt to country needs and inclusion of country specific indicators
 - be forward looking and ensure coordination with relevant ongoing work, e.g., Beyond GDP, the SDGs and the SNA update
- Israel has agreed to chair the Task Force

Documents: ECE/CES/2023/7 and 7/Add.1

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Consultation on the in-depth review

 All the 12 responding countries welcomed the outcome of the in-depth review paper and expressed support for establishing a Task Force

Several countries raised the following issues:

- The CES survey on country practices was found helpful to give directions for further work
- The need for a conceptual scheme for measurement of subjective well-being
- Need to identify best practices guidance on (alternative) data sources
- Need to clarify concepts and terminology to establish a common language
- Need for guidance on the communication of well-being indicators and sharing of best practices

The detailed country comments are included in document ECE/CES/2023/5/Add.1

Documents: ECE/CES/2023/7 and 7/Add.1

4(a) Measurement of well-being



Proposed decision

The Conference:

- endorses the outcome of the in-depth review on measuring well-being
- **supports** the proposal to set up a Task Force to develop guidelines to assist countries in producing well-being indicators

Documents: ECE/CES/2023/7 and 7/Add.1

4(a) Data ethics



Proposed decision

The Conference:

- endorses the outcome of the in-depth review on data ethics
- the CES Bureau will decide on next steps in this area based on the outcome of the discussion at the CES seminar on this topic on 28 June 2023.

Documents: ECE/CES/2023/5 and 5/Add.1

Proposed decision on item 4: coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region



Proposed decision

- The Conference confirms the topics of the upcoming in-depth reviews and asks the Secretariat to consult the outcomes of the reviews with CES members and report back to the Conference in June 2024:
 - Use cases for alternative population bases (October 2023; led by Poland and UK; contributions by Albania, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand)
 - Linking data across domains and sources (October 2023/February 2024; leader tbd, Canada, Poland, UK and OECD will refine the topic to better focus the review)
 - Timeliness and frequency of official statistics (February 2024; led by Canada and Portugal; contributions by Poland and UK)
 - Administrative microdata for climate, energy and environment statistics (February 2024; led by Ireland; contributions by Poland and UK)
- Countries who would like to contribute to the reviews are invited to inform the Secretariat.