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Fifth Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil September 21 – 23, 2005

Draft Program

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

8:30-9:00 am

Participant Registration

Session 1: Opening session

Objectives: To welcome meeting participants; provide practical information; provide an update on the work of the WG and developments since the last meeting in Bangkok, Thailand; and to review the objectives and agenda for this meeting.

Chair: Alicia Bercovich, Brazil Rapporteur: Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Executive summary of 4th annual WG meeting

9:00-9:45 am

1) Welcome and opening remarks

Speakers: Eduardo Pereira Nunes, President, IBGE, Brazil

Izabel de Loureiro Maior - General Coordinator, CORDE, Brazil

Alicia Bercovich, Coordinator, Population Census Committee, IBGE, Brazil

9:45-10:15 am

2) Review of developments since the 4th meeting; review of objectives / agenda for the 5th meeting

Speaker: Jennifer Madans, Associate Director for Science, National Center for Health Statistics, USA

10:15-10:30 am

Break

Session 2: General measure of disability: proposed revisions and recommendations

Objectives: To present the questions recommended for pre-testing, the accompanying rationale, and the question by question specifications. Potential areas for revision will be identified. The potential for use of the general measure as a screener will be discussed.

Chair: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands

Rapporteurs: Helen Nviiri, Uganda and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Proposed Washington Group General Measure on Disability; 2) Statement of Rationale for the Washington Group General Measure on Disability

10:30-11:30 am

1) WG general measure on disability: question by question specifications, rationale, limitations, potential use as a screener

Speaker: Barbara Altman, USA

Session 3: Implementing the pre-test of the general disability measure

Objectives: To present the implementation protocols currently in use and discuss

recommendations for revisions to the implementation materials.

Chair: Jennifer Madans, USA

Rapporteurs: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Implementation protocols and appendices (7 documents in total)

11:30-11:45 am

 Objectives of the test and evaluation plan Speakers: Daniel Mont, World Bank

11:45-12:00 am

2) Plans for the cognitive test Speaker: Kristen Miller, USA

12:00 am -12:30 pm

3) Plans for the field test and sample design issues Speaker: Marguerite Schneider, South Africa

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30-1:45 pm

4) Translation issues

Speaker: Ethel Jn. Baptiste, St. Lucia

1:45-2:00 pm

5) Enumerator training

Speaker: Anne Good, National Disability Authority, Ireland

2:00–2:15 pm

6) Data entry, compilation, analysis and report writing Speaker: Daniel Mont, World Bank

2:15-2:30 pm

7) Discussant for implementation documents: Catriona Bate, Australia

2:30-3:00 pm

- 9) Plenary discussion and plan for Implementation Workgroup
 - a. Comments on protocols
 - b. Data analysis

Session 4: Report on regional workshops

Objectives: To present the proceedings and outcomes of the regional workshops in Africa and Brazil; the results of WG pre-tests; the results of UNESCAP pre-tests; and to discuss the plan for future pre-tests and workshops.

Chair: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands

Rapporteurs: Ethel Baptiste, St. Lucia and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: None

3:00-3:30 pm

1) Review the proceedings / outcomes of WG workshops and results of WG pre-tests Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

3:30-4:00 pm

2) Perspective of participating countries on WG workshops / pre-test plans

Speakers: Francis Munene, Kenya

Chettun Kumar Arianaick, Mauritius

4:00-4:15 pm

Break

4:15-4:45 pm

3) Review the results of UNESCAP/WHO field tests and report on UNESCAP/WHO activities related to disability statistics

Speakers: Wei Liu, UNESCAP

Nenad Kostanjsek, WHO

4:45-5:15 pm

4) Report of participating countries on UNESCAP/WHO field test

Speakers: Carmelita Ericta, Philippines

Jogeswar Dash, India

5:15-5:45 pm

5) Plan for future WG workshops and pre-tests Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

Thursday, September 22, 2004

Session 5: Conceptual issues related to disability measurement

Objectives: To examine what it means to use the ICF as a framework for disability measurement and the WG work; to discuss and clarify the meaning of words that we use to describe and measure disability; to identify areas where terminology lacks sufficient clarity and/or specificity and therefore falls short of descriptive needs; and finally, to explain and clarify how the proposed general measure captures basic activities and identifies a population at high risk of participation limitations.

Chair: Jennifer Madans, USA

Rapporteur: Marguerite Schneider, South Africa and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: None

8:30-9:15 am

1) Using the ICF as a framework for WG work Speaker: Barbara Altman, USA

9:15-9:30 am

2) Commentary

Speaker: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands

9:30-9:45 am

3) Commentary

Speaker: Gary Catlin, Canada

9:45-10:30 am

4) Plenary discussion

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

Session 6: Proposed approach for development of extended measurement set/s

Objectives: To present alternative proposals for the 1st extended measurement set including purpose, rationale, international comparability, and justification for the proposed set of questions; to present a proposal for the second extended measurement set (including the purpose, rationale, etc.); to further discuss the issues of the purpose of the extended sets and prioritizing purposes, data needs (how many extended sets do we need covering which domains), relationship to the general questions (should the extended sets be used with the general questions or as separate survey questions), to discuss the timing of WG activities related to development of the extended measurement sets; and to develop priorities for work to be accomplished.

Chair: Helen Nviiri, Uganda

Rapporteurs: Marguerite Schneider, South Africa and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Proposal for 1st extended set; 2) Alternate proposal for 1st extended set; 3)

Proposal for 2nd extended set

10:45-11:15 am

1) Draft position paper on the 1st proposed extended disability measurement set Speaker: Marijke de Kleijn de Vrankrijker, The Netherlands

11:15-11:45 am

2) Alternate position paper on the 1st proposed extended disability measurement set Speaker: Emmanuelle Cambois, France

11:45 am-12:30 pm

3) Plenary discussion

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm-2:00 pm

4) Draft position paper on the 2nd proposed extended disability measurement set reflecting participation and environments

Speakers: Marijke de Kleijn de Vrankrijker, The Netherlands Marguerite Schneider, South Africa

2:00 - 2:50 am

4) Plenary discussion and plan for workgroup on extended measures

Session 7: Discussion of methodological issues related to full population coverage

Objectives: To discuss the issues of non-response, mode of survey administration, and proxy response in relation to health questions; to identify the impact of excluding the institutionalized population from disability surveys; and to discuss methods to estimate and control bias in disability statistics.

Chair: Alicia Bercovich, Brazil

Rapporteurs: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Methodological Preparations for an Irish Post Census: National Disability Survey in 2006; 2) Disability questions in censuses and surveys: a literature review of methodological issues - proxy response, non-response and mode of administration

2:50 – 3:10 pm

 Disability questions in censuses and surveys: a literature review of methodological issues proxy response, non-response and mode of administration Speaker: Montserrat Lopez-Cobo, Spain

3:10 – 3:30 pm

2) Coverage of the Institutional Population in Disability Surveys Speaker: Gary Catlin, Canada

3:30 - 3:50 pm

3) Challenges in Collecting Disability Statistics in a Large Scale Exercise Speaker: Helen Nviiri, Uganda

3:50 – 4:05 pm

Break

4:05 – 4:25 pm

4) Methodological preparations for an Irish post censal national disability survey. Speaker: Anne Good, Ireland

4:25 – 4:45 pm

5) Methods to Detect and Control Bias in Comparative Analyses of Disability Statistics Speaker: Bedirhan Ustun, WHO

4:45 – 5:15 pm

6) Plenary discussion

Friday, September 23, 2004

Session 8: UNSD report

Objectives:(1) To introduce the international collection of national data and metadata on disability as part of the Demographic Yearbook system; (2) To present the results of the Demographic Yearbook pre-testing thus far, including how the different approaches to census and survey measurement impact on the level of disability prevalence.

Chair: Helen Nviiri, Uganda

Rapporteurs: Ethel Baptiste, St. Lucia and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: None

8:30-9:30 am

 United Nations collection of national disability statistics from population and housing censuses and related national surveys and administrative registers Speaker: Maria Martinho and Jeremiah Banda, UNSD, USA

Session 9: Strategic issues

Objectives: To review country reports for planning purposes; to discuss the work of the UNECE/WHO/Eurostat group on health status measurement in relationship to WG work; to discuss revisions to the UN and UNECE documents, "Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses"; to be updated on WB activities related to disability statistics and to review and plan for use of World Bank Development Grant Facility funds; and discuss WG governance issues.

Chair: Gary Catlin, Canada

Rapporteurs: Marguerite Schneider, South Africa and Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: None

9:30-10:30 am

2) Summary of country reports and discussion Speakers: Maria Martinho and Jeremiah Banda, UNSD, USA

10:30 - 10:45 am

Break

10:45-11:00 am

3) Report on the Joint UNECE/WHO/Eurostat Meeting on the Measurement of Health Status, Geneva, May 24-26, 2004

Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

11:00-11:15 am

4) Update on revisions to the UN and UNECE documents, "Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses"

Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

11:15 am-11:45 pm

5) Update on World Bank Activities related to Disability Statistics Speaker: Daniel Mont, World Bank

11:45-12:15 pm

6) Update on Use of World Bank Development Grant Facility funds and planning for future use Speakers: Maria Martinho, UNSD and Daniel Mont, World Bank

12:15-1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15-2:15 pm

7) Governance issues / procedures: Steering committee rotation schedule / elect new steering committee member; establish new workgroups and/or reformulate workgroups as necessary; comments on WG governance.

Speaker: Beth Rasch, USA

2:15-3:15 pm

Session 10: Next steps and objectives for the 6th meeting in Africa

Objectives: To summarize the accomplishments of the 5th meeting and outline next steps; announce the date and location of the 6th meeting and determine objectives; solicit volunteers to host the 7th WG meeting; and to close the 5th meeting.

Chair: Barbara Altman, USA Rapporteurs: Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: None

Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

END MEETING