
Eighth Annual Meeting of the WG: Objectives and Agenda

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Summary of annual meetings

- 1st meeting - Washington, DC, Feb 2002
 - 2nd meeting - Ottawa, Canada, Jan 2003
 - 3rd meeting - Brussels, Belgium, Feb 2004
 - 4th meeting - Bangkok, Thailand, Sept 2004
 - Regional workshops:
 - Nairobi, Kenya, June, 2005
 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
 - 5th meeting - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
 - 6th meeting - Kampala, Uganda- Oct, 2006
 - 7th meeting - Dublin, Ireland - Sept 2007
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Milestones:

1. Agreed to develop short and long sets of internationally comparable disability measures using the ICF as a framework; census questions a priority
 2. Established link between purpose and aspects of measurement
 3. Equalization of opportunities selected as purpose of short measure
 4. Draft of short measure agreed upon conceptually; revisions to the questions, statement of rationale, and test implementation protocols completed
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Milestones (continued):

5. Informed countries about the questions, the planned pre-testing, and the pre-test protocols and sought feedback from countries on these activities
 6. Revisions suggested for the short set, the accompanying rationale, and the implementation protocols. New workgroup formed to plan and implement analyses of the WG pre-tests
 7. Short set adopted. Plans laid for the development of extended question sets.
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From Dublin to Manila:

- 7th Annual Meeting (Dublin, Ireland - September, 2007):
 - The meeting was attended by 58 persons:
 - 25 representing national statistical authorities from 22 countries
 - 22 representatives from national institutes of public health or other national research bodies or ministries
 - 7 representatives from international organizations (UNSD, UNESCAP, World Bank, WHO, UNECE, Eurostat, European Disability Forum)
 - 4 representatives from the National Center for Health Statistics
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Major accomplishments in Dublin

- Agreement on how to approach the development of the extended sets
 - Expand the number of functional areas
 - Expand the kind and amount of information obtained about each functional area
 - Compile list of questions being used in other workgroups
 - Agreement to coordinate work with other groups (BI, Eurostat, UNESCAP) and develop a Matrix to illustrate commonalities and to guide in the development of the extended sets
 - Use a multi-factorial approach to measuring the environment: micro, meso, marco
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Major accomplishments since Dublin (extended sets)

- Development of the Matrix of WG activities used to guide the extended question sets
 - Compiled lists of questions being used in other workgroups: Canada, Australia, Norway (SINTEF), Ireland, Eurostat, UNESCAP, Tanzania
 - The Joint WG / BI / UNESCAP Meeting held at National Center for Health Statistics, 8-10 July 2008
 - Discussed the development of the extended question sets
 - Developed the proposal that will be presented and discussed at this meeting
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Major accomplishments since Dublin (collaborations)

- UNESCOAP collaboration:
 - WG participation in 2 Bangkok meetings sponsored by the World Bank and UNESCOAP
 - UNESCOAP agreement to sponsor 6 countries in the cognitive and field testing of the extended question sets
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Major accomplishments since Dublin (reports)

- Reports completed:
 - Disability Information from Censuses, prepared for DPOs
 - Development of an Internationally Comparable Disability Measure for Censuses, prepared for NSOs
 - Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
 - Draft report prepared:
 - Understanding and Interpreting Disability as Measured using the WG Short Set of Questions
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Plan for 8th meeting

- Focus of the meeting on the development of the extended question sets
 - We want to reach agreement on the proposed extended set of questions
 - We want to discuss the development of other possible sets of questions (e.g. environmental factors)
 - Discuss plans for cognitive and field testing of the extended sets
 - Prepare for the analysis of the test results
 - Discuss further implementation
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Major objectives WG-8 (Session 2)

- Development of Extended Question Sets
 - Establish the background & guiding principles to the development of extended question sets
 - Present the Matrix & lay the groundwork for the development of the extended question sets
 - Present the proposed extended set of questions
 - Agree upon an extended set of questions for testing
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Major objectives WG-8 (Session 3)

- Cognitive and field testing of the extended question sets
 - Present the UNESCAP collaboration
 - Present the cognitive test procedure and lay the groundwork for understanding qualitative research methods
 - Present the field testing protocols
 - Outline the timeline to completion
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Other objectives WG-8 (Sessions 4-9)

- Methodological issues concerning surveys
 - Review of outstanding methodological issues (children, proxy respondents)
 - Presentation of WG reports
 - Updates on other WG and collaborative activities
 - Country reports
 - Potential funding opportunities
 - Preparing for the future: next steps
 - 9th meeting of the WG
 - Recruitment & preparations for testing
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