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**UNESCAP/Thai NSO: Fourth Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics**

Bangkok, Thailand

September 29 – October 1, 2004

**Program**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2004**

***Session 1: Opening session***

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

Chair: Lene Mikkelsen, UNESCAP

Rapporteur: Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: None

**9:00 – 9:15 am**

1) Welcome address

Speaker: Keiko Okaido, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNESCAP

**9:15-9:45 am**

2) Welcome and practical information for participants; “Improving disability statistics and measurement in support of the Biwako Millennium Framework: ESCAP initiative”

Speaker: Lene Mikkelsen, Chief, Statistics Development Section, UNESCAP

**9:45-10:00 am**

3) Review of developments since the 3rd meeting; review of objectives / agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

**10:00-10:05 am**

Group photo

**10:05 – 10:15 am**

Break



***Session 2: Proposal of draft set of general questions on disability (short form)***

Objectives: To discuss the proposed approach in the context of the agreed purpose, criteria, and the relationship to the ICF; and to reach agreement on a set or sets of questions for pilot tests.

Chair: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands

Rapporteur: Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Proposed Content of Census Questions for International Use

**10:15-11:15 am**

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Speakers: Jennifer Madans, USA

**11:15-11:45 am**

2) Discussant 1: Gunilla Davidsson, Sweden

3) Discussant 2: Xingyan Wen, Australia

**11:45 – 12:45 pm**

Lunch on own

**12:45-2:30 pm**

4) Plenary discussion and plan for Workgroup 1

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***Session 3: Proposed method/s for implementing the general disability measure***

Objectives: To determine key components of the plan for implementing the general disability measure including the development of procedures for pilot testing (delineate steps for pilot testing that can be used across countries).

Chair: Jennifer Madans, USA

Rapporteur: Romulo Virola, Philippines

Documents: 1) Suggestions for Implementing the Disability Measure 2) Report to Eurostat on European Health Status Module, Section 2: Translating the module in 5 European languages

**2:30-2:50 pm**

1) Suggestions for Implementing the Disability Measure

Speaker: Bothaina El-Deeb, Egypt

**2:50-3:00 pm**

2) Lessons Learned from Pilot Testing for Censuses in Six South American Countries

Speaker: Alicia Bercovich, Brazil

**3:00 – 3:15 pm**

Break

**3:15-5:00 pm**

3) Plenary discussion and plan for Workgroup 2

**5:30 pm-8:00 pm**

Reception dinner hosted by Thai NSO at the Yok Yor Marina Restaurant

(Note: Bus transportation will be provided from meeting location to the restaurant following the Session 3 on Wednesday)

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**Thursday, September 30, 2004**

***Session 4: Proposed approach for development of extended measurement set/s***

Objectives: To decide on the purpose/s of extended measurement set/s; identify other pertinent issues associated with fielding such questions (such as venue, individual country needs [i.e. war affected areas], complexity, characteristics of the set/s, whether to develop one or many set/s, international comparability, etc.); and to develop priorities for additional work to be accomplished.

Chair: Pamela Nabukhonzo, Uganda

Rapporteur: Gary Catlin, Canada

Documents: 1) Draft position paper on extended disability measurement set(s); 2) ABS disability module; 3) Addressing Recommendations for Increasing Rate of Response by Persons with Disabilities: A Comparison across Six National Surveys

**8:30-9:30 am**

1) Draft position paper on extended disability measurement set(s)

Speaker: Marijke de Kleijn de Vrankrijker, The Netherlands

**9:30-10:00 am**

2) Discussant 1: Marguerite Schneider, Human Services Research Council, South Africa

3) Discussant 2: Jennifer Madans for Barbara Altman, USA

**10:00 – 10:15 am**

Break

**10:15 – 11:45 am**

4) Plenary discussion and plan for workgroup 3

**11:45 – 12:45 pm**

Lunch on own

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**12:45 – 2:15 pm**

***Session 5: Discussion of methodological issues related to full population coverage***

Objectives: To identify the impact of excluding the institutionalized population and children from disability surveys and discuss problems and approaches for covering the full population.

Chair: Gary Catlin, Canada

Rapporteurs: Ethel Jn. Baptiste (St. Lucia) and Mathilde Sector (Austria)

Documents: 1) Groups often omitted from national, household surveys: implications for disability statistics; 2) Disability among children: a statistical perspective

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Speaker: Howard Meltzer, UK
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**2:15 – 2:45 pm**

- 3) Discussant for 1<sup>st</sup> paper: Pamela Nabukhonzo, Uganda
- 4) Discussant for 2<sup>nd</sup> paper: Joseph Muli-Kalavi, International Development Project representing Kenya

**2:45 – 3:00 pm**

Break

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

- 5) Plenary discussion

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**Friday, October 1, 2004**

***Session 6: Strategic issues***

Objectives: To review country reports in order to identify potential venues and timing for pre-testing; plan for use of World Bank Development Grant Facility funds for pre-testing and provision of technical assistance; and discuss governance issues.

Chair: Alicia Bercovich, Brazil

Rapporteur: Beth Rasch, USA

Documents: 1) Report of the Joint UNECE/WHO/Eurostat Meeting on the Measurement of Health Status; 2) Country reports (reference copy available at UNESCAP office); 3) WG Steering Committee rotation schedule; 4) WG long-range plan.

**8:30-8:45 am**

- 1) Update on the Joint UNECE/WHO/Eurostat Meeting on the Measurement of Health Status, Geneva, May 24-26, 2004  
Speaker: Marijke de Kleijn, The Netherlands

**8:45-9:00 am**

- 2) Update on “Disability Data in Central America”, Nicaragua, August, 2004  
Speaker: Daniel Mont, World Bank

**9:00-10:00 am**

- 3) Summary of country reports and discussion  
Speaker: Romulo Virola, Philippines

**10:00-10:15 am**

Break

**10:15-10:45 am**

- 4) Update on World Bank Efforts for Strengthening Disability Statistics  
Speaker: Daniel Mont, World Bank

**10:45-11:15 am**

- 5) Planning for use of the World Bank DGF funds; discussion of pre-testing, provision of technical assistance, and plan for regional meetings  
Speakers: Daniel Mont, World Bank and Jeremiah Banda, United Nations Statistical Division, U.S.A.

**11:15-11:45 am**

- 6) Governance issues / procedures: Steering committee rotation schedule; proposed long-range work plan for WG (discuss issue of capacity building); elect new steering committee member; discussion of workgroup format (size and success of workgroups, establish new workgroups and/or reformulate workgroups as necessary); comments on WG governance. Action / discussion item: Should a goal of the WG be to develop the 1<sup>st</sup> “World Compendium of Disability Statistics” in conjunction with the UNSD and OECD?  
Speaker: Beth Rasch, USA

**11:45 – 1:00 pm**

***Session 7: Next steps and objectives for the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in Brazil***

Objectives: To summarize the accomplishments of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and outline next steps; announce the date and location of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and determine objectives; solicit volunteers to host the 7<sup>th</sup> WG meeting; and to close the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair: Jennifer Madans, USA

Rapporteur: Marijke de Kleijn

Documents: None

Speaker: Jennifer Madans, USA

**END MEETING**

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**Evening (time to be determined)**

Optional dinner cruise organized by UNESCAP on Friday, October 1 (at own expense).