11th Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics:

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
5th meeting - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
6th meeting - Kampala, Uganda – Oct, 2006
7th meeting - Dublin, Ireland - Sept 2007
8th meeting - Manila, Philippines – October ’08
9th meeting - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – Oct ’09
10th meeting - Luxembourg – November 2010
Milestones:

1. Agreement to develop short and long sets of internationally comparable disability measures using the ICF as a framework; census questions a priority
2. Equalization of opportunities selected as purpose of short measure
3. Developed a comparable testing methodology
4. Tested and revised questions
5. Short set adopted.
6. Extended question sets on functioning, environmental factors, and child disability currently in various stages of development.
From Luxembourg to Southampton:

- 10th Annual Meeting - Joint WG/BI Meeting (Eurostat/Luxembourg - November, 2010):
- The meeting was attended by 55 persons:
  - 36 representing national statistical authorities from 29 countries
  - 13 representatives from national institutes of public health or other national research bodies or ministries
  - 6 representatives from international organizations (Eurostat-2, UNECE, UNESCAP and WHO-FIC Collaborating Centres-2)
Major accomplishments in Luxembourg and beyond

• Significant progress made on the development of a final set of extended questions on additional domains of functioning.
• The proposed question set presented to Eurostat for inclusion in the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS).
• Training & cognitive testing of the extended set of questions in Oman (3-7 October, 2011).
• Further regional training:
  • Damascus, Syria (30/11 – 3/12, 2011)
  • Sharjah, UAE (14-18 May, 2011)
Major accomplishments in Luxembourg and beyond

- Meeting of Granada Group (9-11 March, 2011) and consensus on producing Best Practices in Question Evaluation Methodology document
- Two workgroups have been established and workgroup chairs have been assigned
  - Child disability
  - Environmental factors.
Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (collaborations)

- **UNESCAP**: continues, with discussion of implementation projects
- **World Bank**: the WG continues to seek the support of the World Bank in continuing the development of disability measures
- **UN Dept. of Social & Economic Affairs**: collaboration with UN DESA on using the WG questions for the purpose of monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
- **New contacts in the Middle-East**:
  - Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics
Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (WG 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
  - Understanding and Interpreting Disability as Measured using the WG Short Set of Questions
  - The Measurement of Disability: Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Censuses

- Draft report prepared:
  - Development of Extended Sets of Disability Measures for Surveys
Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (WG Publications)

Two submissions to the World Health Organization - Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Newsletter, providing updates on WG/BI activities.

Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (Reports)

- World Report on Disability (WHO/WB)
  - International launch, New York, June, 2011
  - USA launch, September, 2011
- WR recommendations with respect to the WG:
  - It is important that the routine collection of disability data become incorporated into national statistics programs.
  - The questions developed by the WG and BI provide a core set that can be expanded to meet country needs.
  - NSOs are encouraged to actively participate in the WG as a means of improving data quality, comparability, and availability.
Main Objectives for 11\textsuperscript{th} meeting

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\item Present results of country reports using WG short set questions in surveys / censuses
\item Present additional work on extended set (functioning):
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  \item Results from further analyses of cognitive testing
  \item Update on any revisions to extended set questions, and present the final extended set of disability questions
  \item Present results from the 2010 US National Health Interview Survey
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\item Present status reports from the workgroups on measurement of child disability and environmental factors
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WG-11: Session 1 Overview

- Opening Ceremony
- Review of developments since the 10th meeting; review of objectives / agenda for the 11th meeting.
WG-11: Session 2 Overview

- This session will include presentations related to country experiences and results using the WG Short measure questions.
- Also included in this section will be a general discussion of issues of ensuring comparable translation of the WG questions.
- Presentations by Israel and Argentina
WG-11: Session 3 Overview

- This session will focus on the presentation of additional work on the WG Extended set of questions for surveys, specifically, questions on the environment and questions on child disability.
WG-11: Session 4-6 Overview

4. Methodological issues concerning surveys
   • Designing questions for the measurement of environmental barriers and facilitators

5. Methodological issues concerning surveys
   • Measuring disability and functioning among children and youth

6. Country reports
   • Summary of Country Reports
   • Country experiences
WG-11: Session 7 Overview

7. Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 12th meeting
   • Update on launch of the World Report on Disability
   • Presentation and discussion of Extended Set questions related to Participation
7. Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 12th meeting (con’t)
   • Discussion providing updates on WG governance issues
   • Updates on other WG and collaborative activities
   • Potential funding opportunities
   • Summarizing the accomplishments of the 11th meeting
   • Outlining next steps
   • Announcing the dates and location of the 12th meeting and determining objectives for this meeting
   • Soliciting volunteers to host the 13th WG meeting
   • Closing remarks.