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Seminar on 'Assessing National Statistical Systems – Experiences from Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean'

20-21 July 2015, Luxembourg

Venue: Eurostat, room Quetelet

20 July 2015: Seminar Day 1

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 Welcoming notes and opening session

Welcome speeches:

09:00 – 09:10 *Ms Mariana Kotzeva (Eurostat)*

09:10 – 09:20 *Mr Pascual Gerstenfeld (ECLAC)*

09:20 – 09:40 *Introduction to the seminar*

Eurostat will provide an explanation of the purpose of the seminar and of the sequence of individual sessions. The floor will also be given to participants to briefly describe their expectations from this seminar.

09:40 – 10:00 *Group photo and coffee break*

10:00 Session 1 – Quality frameworks in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean

Chairperson: Mr Pascual Gerstenfeld (ECLAC)

10:05 – 10:25 *The European Statistics Code of Practice*

Speaker: Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat)

This presentation will cover the Code of Practice as the quality framework of the European Statistical System (ESS), providing an overview of its development, principles and indicators.

10:25 – 10:45 *The peer reviews in the ESS*

Speaker: Mr Richard Laux (UK Statistics Authority)

This presentation will cover the peer reviews as a tool to check the implementation of the Code of Practice and drive continuous improvement, providing an overview of the methodology rooted in quality management.

10:45 – 11:05 *The second round of ESS peer reviews*

Speaker: Mr Pieter Everaers (Eurostat)

This presentation will cover basic information on the second round of the ESS peer reviews, providing an overview of the process and main changes compared to the first round.

11:05 – 11:25 *The Regional Code of Good Practices in Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean*

Speaker: Mr Máximo Aguilera (formerly ECLAC)

This presentation will cover the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Code of Practice, providing an overview of its development, principles and indicators.

11:25 – 11:45 *The peer reviews in Latin America and the Caribbean*

Speaker: Mr Ramón Ricardo Valenzuela Gutiérrez (DANE Colombia)

This presentation will cover the peer reviews of 8 volunteer countries as a possible tool to check the implementation of the LAC Code of Practice, providing an overview of the process and methodology used in the 8 volunteer countries.

11:45 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00 – 12:30 *Discussion on Session 1*

12:30 – 14:15 *Lunch*

14:15 Session 2 – Sharing experience between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean

Chairperson: Mr Ramón Ricardo Valenzuela Gutiérrez (DANE Colombia)

14:20 – 14:40 *Case study on peer reviews – reviewer's point of view*

Speaker: Mr Richard Alldritt (Consultant, formerly UK Statistics Authority)

This presentation will cover practical experiences across ESS peer reviews in which the expert has been involved as a reviewer.

14:40 – 14:50 *Case study on peer reviews – observer's point of view*

Speaker: Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat)

This presentation will cover practical experiences across ESS peer reviews in which Eurostat has been involved as an observer.

14:50 – 15:10 *Case study on peer reviews – reviewed institution's point of view*

Speaker: Ms Valbona Petoshati (INSTAT Albania)

This presentation will cover practical experience of a European country (Albania), providing the point of view of the institution that was reviewed in that country.

15:10 – 15:25 *Lessons learned from the second round of the ESS peer reviews*

Speaker: Mr Pieter Everaers (Eurostat)

This presentation will highlight the practical value of peer review by outlining some preliminary conclusions from the experience of the second round of ESS peer reviews.

15:25 – 15:40 *Coffee break*

Case study on the peer reviews in Latin America and the Caribbean – reviewer's point of view

Speakers:

15:40 – 15:50 *Ms Pilar Guzmán (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)*

15:50 – 16:00 *Mr Ernesto Azorín (formerly Eurostat)*

These presentations will cover practical experiences across the peer reviews in LAC countries in which the experts have been involved as reviewers.

Case study on the peer reviews in Latin America and the Caribbean – reviewed institution's point of view

Speakers:

16:00 – 16:10 *Ms Lorna Dawn Collene Thompson-Reid (Statistical Institute of Jamaica)*

16:10 – 16:20 *Mr Luis Madera (ONE Dominican Republic)*

16:20 – 16:30 *Mr José Alejandro Rosero Moncayo (INEC Ecuador)*

16:30 – 16:40 *Ms Maria Barrios (DGEEC Paraguay)*

These presentations will cover practical experience of 4 LAC countries, providing the point of view of the institutions that were reviewed in those countries.

Lessons learned from the peer reviews in Latin America and the Caribbean

Speakers:

16:40 – 16:50 *Ms Pilar Guzmán (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)*

16:50 – 17:00 *Mr Máximo Aguilera (formerly ECLAC)*

These presentations will cover some conclusions from the experience of the LAC peer reviews concerning 8 volunteer countries.

17:00 – 17:30 Discussion on Session 2

21 July 2015: Seminar Day 2

09:00 Session 3 – Tools to assess National Statistical Systems

Chairperson: Ms Claudia Junker (Eurostat)

09:05 – 09:20 Eurostat's Snapshot tool

Speaker: Eurostat

This presentation will provide an overview of the main features of the Snapshot tool developed by Eurostat to assess strengths and weaknesses of National Statistical Systems.

09:20 – 09:35 IADB's TASC tool

Speaker: IADB

This presentation will provide an overview of the main features of the TASC tool developed by the IADB to assess statistical capacity.

09:35 – 09:55 Comparison between Snapshot and TASC

Speaker: Mr Thierry Paccoud (Consultant)

This presentation will provide an analysis of main similarities, differences and possible synergies among these two tools.

09:55 – 10:05 LAC questionnaire

Speaker: Mr Ramón Ricardo Valenzuela Gutiérrez (DANE Colombia)

This presentation will provide an overview of the main features of the questionnaire used to check the compliance with the LAC Code of Practice.

10:05 – 10:15 *Analysis of the LAC questionnaire*

Speaker: Mr Thierry Paccoud (Consultant)

This presentation will provide an analysis of the LAC questionnaire, with possible recommendations.

10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30 – 11:00 *Discussion on Session 3*

11:00 Session 4 – How to progress with the implementation of the Code of Practice in Latin America and the Caribbean?

Chairperson: Mr Máximo Aguilera (formerly ECLAC)

11:05 – 12:30 *Group discussions*

This session will be carried out through group discussions. Participants will be asked to split into 4 groups and each group will be asked to discuss the following topics:

- *aspects to be enhanced in peer reviews;*
- *complementary use of existing tools;*
- *how to improve national statistical laws;*
- *how to sustain/institutionalise peer reviews in the context of the Statistical Conference of the Americas.*

The list of topics can be adapted or integrated during the seminar. Each group will also choose one rapporteur who will present the conclusions of the group discussions in the plenary session after lunch.

12:30 – 14:15 *Lunch*

14:15 – 14:45 *Reporting from the group discussions to the plenary session*

14:45 – 15:15 *Discussion on Session 4*

15:15 Conclusion

Concluding remarks:

15:15 – 15:25 *Eurostat*

15:25 – 15:35 *Mr Pascual Gerstenfeld (ECLAC)*