



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY



Statistics for Development Division (SDD)

2020 World Round of Population and Housing Censuses – Pacific Island countries' census planning meeting:

International recommendations/standards, contemporary technologies and regional cooperation

Noumea, New Caledonia, 27 – 31 July 2015

Monday, 27 July 2015

7:30 – 8:00 Registration of participants

8.00 – 8.30 Opening
Administrative Matters

PART 1 – CENSUS PLANNING

1. Review of United Nations *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses*; quality assurance in the population and housing censuses

8:30 – 9:15 1.a: Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses,
Revision 3 - Overview of major changes

A presentation on the main issues that have gone into the revision of the United Nations *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses*, highlighting the changes or features that distinguish Revision 3 from Revision 2. The presentation will include a special focus on emerging alternative methodological approaches to the traditional census; on recommended core topics including what they are and the difference in change from a **process driven** approach, in Principles and Recommendations Revision 2, to an output/use driven approach in Revision 3 and on the recommended tabulations and other types of tabulations in the revised Principles and Recommendations including on the rationale behind the choice of tabulations.

- Presentation by SPC (AJ)
- General discussion
- Reference: Principles and Recommendations, Revision 3

9:15 – 10:00 1.b: Global recommendations – content and classifications

Key focus on: International recommendations and standards on census content, census content management and planning. Issues refer to the role of the census a main data source for policy monitoring and reporting therefore as to be comparable across countries and geographies.

- Presentation by SPC (Labour Force questions, GH)
- General discussion

10.00 – 10:30 Break

10.30 – 12:30 1.c: Quality assurance, census management and planning

Key focus on: International recommendations and standards on quality control, census management and planning. Issues refer to (a) the role of governments, risk evaluation and management, developing and monitoring project plans and quality assurance, and the (b) importance of undertaking a pilot census, good field management, quality data edits, and post enumeration surveys.

- **Presentations by SPC**
 - Pilot census (DD, KM)
 - Field management (JB)
 - Census data editing (TR, PW, DD)
 - Post Enumeration Survey (DD)
- **General discussion**

12.30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

PART 2 – CENSUS CONTENT

2. Review of a Pacific Core set of census questions

Objective: To review and assess a proposed *Pacific core set of census questions* module, containing common concepts and questions that would provide comparable statistics across the Pacific island region, in line with Pacific Leaders request in the inaugural Pacific Plan 2006. This will also facilitate the use of identical tools, and sharing of regional expertise for data processing and dissemination of census results. This is aligned to core topics recommended in the United Nations' *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses Revision 3*.

13.30 – 15:00 2.a: Draft Pacific core set of census questions

Presentation of the draft revised model census questionnaire, incorporating improvements and inputs/ suggestions based on experiences over the past years.

- **Presentation by SPC** (DD, KM, GH)
- **General discussion**

15.00 – 15:30 Break

15.30 – 17:00 2.b: Working Groups

Discussion and evaluation of the applicability of the draft joint SPC questionnaire taking into account national circumstances.

- **Groups 1-2: census questionnaire: Pacific core set of census questions**
- **Groups 3-4: census questionnaire: thematic add-on modules**

17.30 – 19:00 WELCOME FUNCTION (SPC Social Club)

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- 08.30 – 10:00** **2.b:** **Working Groups (*continue*)**
- 10.00 – 10:30** *Break*
- 10.30 – 12:30** **2.c:** **Plenary session: report back from working groups, conclusions and recommendations**
- 12.30 – 13:30** *Lunch Break*

PART 3 – CENSUS GEOGRAPHY AND CONTEMPORARY TECHNOLOGIES

3. Census geography and contemporary technologies

Objective: To present and discuss new approaches in census geography and in data capture.

13.30 – 15:00 **3.a:** **Census cartography**

Present census listing/cartography issues. Focus on critical issues emerging from the 2010 census round, and agreeing on guidance/planning for better result in the 2020 round.

- **Paper and Presentation by SPC (PB)**
- **General discussion**

15.00 – 15:30 *Break*

15.30 – 17:00 **3.b:** **Data collection and data conversion**

Discuss different data collection and capturing methods with particular emphasis on the use of new technologies in the 2020 census round.

- **Presentations by SPC and Cabo Verde National Statistical Office:**
 - Scanning (PB)
 - Mobile – Android based (PW)
 - CAPI (TR)
 - Cabo Verde experience in the 2010 round (Orlando Santos Monteiro)
- **General discussion**

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PART 4 – CENSUS OUTPUTS / USE

08.30 – 10:00 4.a: Census products

Timely and quality census data are indispensable for informed decision-making, development planning and better implementation outcomes. Specifically, census data are instrumental in understanding development challenges and the appropriate actions for influencing and informing change in relation to socio-economic progress and environmental phenomena. Census data must therefore be transformed into usable formats to respond to the needs of stakeholders. In the following sessions, the meeting reviews census products in the 2010 census round and make recommendations for the 2020 census products.

- **General census products in the 2010 round and planning for the 2020 round (AJ)**
- **GIS based products (PB)**
- **Technologies/tools for census product dissemination (PG)**
- **Presentations from ABS and StatsNZ (TBC)**

10.00 – 10:30 *Break*

10.30 – 12:30 4.a: Census products (*continue*)

- **General discussion**

12.30 – 13:30 *Lunch Break*

13.30 – 15:00 4.b: Thematic use / applications of census data

This session will comprise of a set of two short presentations per theme/topic, one each from SPC and one from an invited country, followed by plenary discussion

- **Human development: gender, youth culture, human rights (KR)**
- **Education (SPC-SP, UNESCO-UIS)**
- **Agriculture and Fisheries (HS, MS)**
- **Disaster Risk Management (MK, PB)**

15.00 – 15:30 *Break*

15.30 – 17:00 4.b: Thematic use / applications of census data (*continued*)

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4.c: PopGIS2 / Census data dissemination

Objective: this session reviews the benefits of disseminating data in an online GIS system and teaches participants how to utilise PopGIS2, the updated flagship SDD mapping application.

08.30 – 10:00 From PopGIS1 to PopGIS2

- Background of PopGIS project
- Discuss evolution from PopGIS1 to PopGIS2 (get country feedback)

10.00 – 10.30 Break

10.30 – 12.00 Exploring indicators in PopGIS2

- Show a range of different indicators from currently released PopGIS2 systems to better understand their usefulness. Explore the data in depth, discuss why certain data patterns may exist
- Basic demo of PopGIS2 functionalities to finish off day and prepare for detailed training

12.00 – 13:00 Lunch Break (Different time today)

13.00 – 15:00 Internal structure of PopGIS2, data types (Part 1)

- Explain what can be modified/customised in PopGIS2
- Data types which can be imported
- Example of metadata import spreadsheet

15.00 – 15.30 Break

15:30 – 17:30 PopGIS2 exercises

- Map controls + Overview map.
- Loading an indicator (including info windows and metadata links).
- Different ways to visualize indicators
- Geographic levels (split map too for particular countries)

17:30 – 21.30 WORKSHOP BBQ

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08:30 – 10:00 PopGIS2 exercises (cont)

- Display labels, symbolic layouts, WMS.
- Search + select (including saving loaded selections).
- Print / export + save images.
- Customize tables, load fields.
- Sharing Links. Direct url + iframe.

10.00 – 10.30 Break

10:30 – 12:30 PopGIS2 exercises + close

- Import data, load personal data.
- Text zone – Downloads, credits, login, etc.
- Load TJS server data – sharing with others (accounts).
- Worked examples: e.g. calculating weighed national average for indicators.
- Wrap-up : Review workshop content, discuss next steps for countries which don't yet have a PopGIS2. (Required data, minimum data quality). Maintenance of existing sites.

12.30 – 13:30 NO LUNCH PROVIDED

PART 5 – CENSUS GOVERNANCE AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

5. Partnership in census taking

Objective: Explore ways to ensure best partnership and engagement rules are defined for the conduct of successful censuses.

13:30 – 15:00 5.a: Census memorandum of understanding (MOU)

Ensure country-specific MOU are developed jointly with countries, and agreements are reached before technical assistance commences. In case TA involves multiple partners, such arrangements need to be included in the MOU, to facilitate compliance by all partners.

- **Presentation by SPC** (GH, AJ)
- **General discussion**

15.00 – 15.30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 5.b: Review / Endorsement of meeting recommendations and Action points

17:00 Closing remarks (followed by farewell drinks at SPC bar)