



## **INTERSTATE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE of the CIS in partnership with the ILO DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS**

### **Meeting:**

“Results of the Project Implementation

«Development of labour statistics in the CIS Region” and Way Forward ”

October 18-19, 2017, Geneva, ILO

### **Final Report**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. The results of the Project "Development of labour statistics in the CIS region" and further activities were discussed on October 18-19, 2017 at the meeting organized by the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States in partnership with the ILO Department of Statistics.
2. The managers and specialists in the field of labour statistics from the national statistical offices of the CIS countries: the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, representatives of the ILO Department of Statistics, the UNECE Statistical Division, the Statistics Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission, the CIS Interstate Statistical Committee and experts participated in the meeting.
3. The meeting was conducted as part of the Project «Development of labour statistics in the CIS region» (Grant Agreement # TF 016781 of April 15, 2014). The implementation of the Grant is carried out at the expense of the funds of the World Bank Trust Fund, funded by the Russian Federation.

#### **II. Agenda of the Meeting**

4. Chair of the Meeting, Mr Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman of CIS-STAT, Member of the Steering Committee of the Trust Fund ECASTAT opened the Meeting.

At the opening also were made speeches by:

Mr Rafael Diez de Medina, ILO Chief Statistician and Director of the Department of Statistics,

Ms Lidia Bratanova, Director of the UNECE Statistical Division, Member of the Steering Committee of the Trust Fund ECASTAT.

5. The following topics were discussed:

Session 1. Labour statistics within national statistical systems: their role and development in the light of the resolution adopted at the 19th ICLS. Moderator - Mr Hakki Ozel - Head, Statistical Coordination and Special Topics Unit, ILO Department of Statistics.

Session 2. Developments of labour statistics: achievements in the field of implementation of the resolutions of the 19th ICLS. Moderator - Mr Vladimir Naidunov, Deputy Chairman of CIS-STAT.

Session 3. Measurement of labour migration: challenges and perspectives in the CIS region. Moderator - Ms Luxina Tekeeva, Deputy Chairwoman of the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Session 4. Revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment: finding, needs and expected major. Moderator - Mr Igor Chernyshev, consultant.

Session 5. Sustainable Development Goals - important impulse in statistical development. Moderator - Ms Elena Kukharevich, Deputy Chairwoman of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus.

Session 6. Reporting labour statistics data to the ILO. Moderator - Mr Steven Kapsos, Head, Data Production and Analysis Unit, ILO Department of Statistics.

Session 7. Further work and preparation for the 20<sup>th</sup> ICLS. Summing up and closing of the meeting. Moderator - Mr Vladimir Sokolin, Chairman of CIS-STAT, Member of the Steering Committee of the Trust Fund ECASTAT.

6. Reports and presentations will be placed on the CIS-STAT web-site  
[http://www.cisstat.com/CIS\\_Labourstat/](http://www.cisstat.com/CIS_Labourstat/).

### **III. Recommendations of the Meeting and further activities**

The Meeting participants agree that:

7. The Project "Development of labour statistics in the CIS region", which began after the 19th International Conference of Labor Statisticians (October 2013), made an important step towards further improvement of labour statistics in CIS countries in accordance with modern international standards and criteria. The whole range of activities undertaken within the framework of the Project contribute to strengthening the capacity of the national statistical offices of CIS countries, providing them with practical assistance in implementing the recommendations of the 19<sup>th</sup> ICLS.

8. The subjects of the methodological materials developed within the framework of the Project were proposed by the national statistical offices of CIS countries. Taking into account the priorities identified in the course of this work, a list of topics was formed, which was subsequently supplemented and expanded. Terms of reference for the preparation of methodological materials were coordinated by the national statistical offices of CIS countries and then approved by the top management of CIS-STAT. The selection of consultants for developing methodological materials was done on a competitive basis; leading experts on relevant subjects who have working experience in the CIS region were attracted.

9. All the methodological materials were developed at a high professional level; they can be directly applied into the statistical practices of CIS countries. There were several stages of their discussions at

the meetings of experts from the national statistical offices of CIS countries and at the sessions of the Scientific Council of CIS-STAT.

10. An important feature of the implemented Project is testing of the developed tools for measuring some forms of work and measuring labour underutilization in accordance with Resolution I of the 19th ICLS. This work, with the active support of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus, was successful. The results of the testing confirmed the appropriateness of the developed tools for use in the statistical practices of CIS countries in the conduct of labor force surveys. Based on the results of testing, respective recommendations were prepared for the national statistical offices of CIS countries.

11. The topics of the meetings held in the framework of the Project were relevant. Consultants participated in discussing the prepared methodological materials and this helped specialists of national statistical offices to identify critical aspects of the methodology implementation. Such interaction made it possible, when discussing a wide range of issues, to focus on finding practical solutions to the pressing issues related to the development of labor statistics, including those through the exchange of the countries' experience.

12. Conducting the final meeting "Results of the Project Implementation «Development of labour statistics in the CIS Region" and Way Forward " in partnership with the ILO Department of Statistics made it possible not only to sum up the results of four years of activities, but also provided an opportunity for national experts based on the presentations of the ILO representatives identify key aspects of the further development of labour statistics, which will be considered at the 20th ICLS (October 2018). In this regard, it is necessary to emphasize that participation in the meeting key specialists of the ILO Department of Statistics and the possibility to discuss with them the most important topics, significantly increased the practical meaning of the event.

13. National statistical offices of the CIS countries had made significant progress on the harmonization of labour statistics with the modern international standards adopted by the 19th ICLS. However, the participants of the meeting noted the need of further work in this direction and share findings with the ILO in this regard.

14. The participants of the meeting support the importance of obtaining harmonized information on migration and the CIS labor market in the framework of the forthcoming population censuses, in accordance with the CES Recommendations for 2020 population and housing censuses and the decisions of the CIS Council of Heads of Statistical Services.

15. The Meeting participants believe it is expedient that CIS-STAT continues work on monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the 19th ICLS into the statistical practices of CIS countries, and places all the relevant materials on this issue on the CIS web-site.

16. In view of the relevance and importance of information on the national labor markets, the statistical offices of CIS countries shall continue working on introducing into statistical practices and disseminating information on decent work indicators and SDG's indicators.

17. It is important to report labour statistics data, including for SDG indicators, to the ILO through the annual questionnaire it sends to countries and also make microdata files available, when possible. This reporting requirement is in line with the ILO's Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160) and Labour Statistics Recommendation, 1985 (No. 170). This will facilitate the ILO to disseminate this data through its database on labour statistics, ILOSTAT (<http://www.ilo.org/ilostat>).

