



To Institutions working with Energy Statistics

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Invitation to the second meeting of the Oslo group on energy statistics in New Delhi, 5-7 February 2007

Statistics Norway has the pleasure to invite your office to the second meeting of the Oslo group on energy statistics. The host for the meeting will be the Indian Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation. The meeting will take place in New Delhi, India at 5-7 February 2007.

Energy is important in all activities, and reliable energy statistics is essential to monitor the energy situation at country level as well as at an international level. Basic energy data are also the cornerstone of calculations of emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants. Shortages of energy, high oil prices and higher pollution give incentives for developing new energy technologies and renewable energy sources. For statisticians, this implies that the energy markets become more complex, at a time when more detailed, reliable statistics is desirable. It is important to identify and serve user needs and to strengthen official energy statistics as a part of official statistics.

The Oslo group on energy statistics is established to be a forum for the countries to discuss methodological issues, learn from good practices and to contribute to the methodological development of energy statistics. In a longer perspective, an objective will be to harmonise energy statistics among countries, and thereby support the improvement of international energy statistics. The main objective of the Oslo group is to review the United Nation manuals on energy statistics with a view to revision and updating. (See references for the manuals at the end of this letter).

As a tool and an arena for discussions between the meetings, a discussion forum for the Oslo group on energy statistics has been established. You will find a link to the discussion forum on the Oslo group website: <http://www.ssb.no/ocg/>. We invite you all to participate in the discussion. The discussion forum will be thoroughly demonstrated at the meeting in New Delhi.

The contents and success of the Oslo group depend on contribution from the countries. We would like to encourage you to contribute to the meeting in New Delhi by preparing presentations on the agenda items. On the draft agenda there are listed points of particular interest, but also other relevant issues are of interest.

Registration and papers:

Your representative(s) should register not later than 1 December 2006 by completing the enclosed form. We would also like to ask you to provide information about the topic and possible paper to be presented at the meeting. The registration form should be sent to Statistics Norway by mail, email or fax (see address and fax-number on the registration form). The form also includes questions related to the visa process. In order for the Indian host to issue visa support, it is important that you also fill in the visa-information part of the registration form.

The final papers should be sent to our office by 24 January 2007.

Practical information

All practical information on hotel, transport, climate etc. will be send to the registered participants from the Indian host.

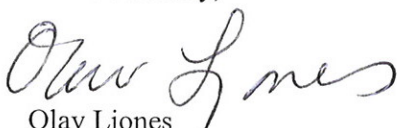
Our Indian host has asked us to mention that they wish to give the participants the possibility to visit the TAJMAHAL on Thursday 8 February. More information will come from our host.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda for the meeting and registration form.

Questions concerning the meeting can be directed to Mr. Olav Ljones, email: olj@ssb.no, phone: +47 21 09 48 41 or Mr. Atle Tostensen, email: att@ssb.no, phone: +47 21 09 45 24.

We are looking forward to your positive response,

Yours sincerely,



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Relevant links on Internet:

The Oslo group on energy statistics website:

<http://www.ssb.no/ocg/>

The manuals on energy statistics (English version):

Concepts and methods in energy statistics with a special reference to energy accounts and balances - a technical report (1982)

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_29E.pdf

Energy statistics: A manual for developing countries (1991)

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_56E.pdf

Energy statistics: Definitions, unit of measurement and conversion factors (1986)

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_44E.pdf

These manuals are also available on other languages at the following address:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs/gesgrid.asp?class=energy>

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