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DELEGATE HANDBOOK

EXPERT MEETING OF STATISTICAL OFFICES
ON PREPARATION OF A JOINT BRICS STATISTICAL PUBLICATION

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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

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2. MEETING DATES AND VENUE

The Expert Meeting of Statistical Offices on preparation of a joint BRICS statistical publication will take place on **8 April 2020** in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

Meeting venue:
📍 **FEDERAL STATE STATISTIC SERVICE**
107450, Moscow, 39, Miasnitskaya St., bldg. 1



3. MEETING PROGRAMME

EXPERT MEETING OF STATISTICAL OFFICES ON PREPARATION OF A JOINT BRICS STATISTICAL PUBLICATION VIDEOCONFERENCE

(Federal State Statistic Service, Moscow, 8 April 2020)

8 April 2020

Federal State Statistics Service Expert Meeting on the BRICS Joint statistical publication (JSP)	
10:00–10:10	Opening Session (Mr. Georgy Oksenoyt, Director of International Cooperation Department)
10:10–12:00	Draft JSP2020: design and content Comments by Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
12:00–12:15	Coffee break
12:15–13:15	Discussion on JSP2020 chapters
13:15–13:30	Wrap-up

4. FORMAT OF THE MEETING

The Expert Meeting of Statistical Offices on preparation of a joint BRICS statistical publication will be held in the **videoconference format**.

5. TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION FOR JOINING THE VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION

To join the video conference session on 8 April 2020:

The videoconference will be held using Skype in order to provide participants access from home. Preliminary testing will be carried out. For questions related to connection, please contact **international@gks.ru**.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

6.1. WEATHER

Moscow climate is continental. The average day temperature in April is 11° °C (51,8 °F). The night temperature is 2°C (35,6 °F).

Please check the Russian Meteorological Agency website (**meteoinfo.ru**) for the latest weather forecast.

6.2. TIME

Moscow time zone: three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +3).

6.3. ELECTRICITY

The electricity voltage in Russia is 220V. It is recommended to boil tap water before drinking. Preferably, drink bottled water, which can be purchased at the hotel or in any local store.

6.4. SMOKING

Russia prohibits smoking in public places: bars and restaurants, theatres, museums and other cultural heritage institutions, as well as in educational institutions.

6.5. CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, shops, etc. Visa, MasterCard and American Express may be used at most places but some restaurants and small shops accept cash payments only.

6.6. CURRENCY AND ATMS

The official currency of the Russian Federation is the ruble (RUB). All payments on the territory of the Russian Federation must be made in Russian rubles. Credit card payments will also be carried out in rubles. For up-to-date information on exchange rates, please visit the website **cbr.ru**.

6.7. MOBILE PHONE INFORMATION

Most modern mobile phones work on several settings capable of using roaming services on different networks. Most GSM phones may be used in Russia supporting the GSM 900 and GSM 1800 or GSM 850 and GSM 1900 protocols. Almost all UMTS phones work on the GSM networks.

For roaming, the participants need to contact their mobile network operator.

In mobile phone shops, participants can buy a sim-card of any Russian mobile phone operator and recharge their mobile phone account.

6.8. PHARMACIES

Pharmacy 'Evalar'

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🕒 24/7

Pharmacy 36,6

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Sat.–Sun.: 09:00–22:00

Pharmacy 'Rigla'

📍 2/1, Myasnitskiy Proyezd str.
☎ 8 (800) 777-03-03
🕒 Mon.–Fr.: 08:00–21:00
Sat.–Sun.: 09:00–22:00

7. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Moscow area codes are: 495, 499

112 – Emergency (for subscribers to mobile networks)
101 – Fire service (for subscribers to mobile networks)
102 – Police (for subscribers to mobile networks)
103 – Ambulance service (for subscribers to mobile networks)

8. CITY INFORMATION

Moscow is the capital and most populous city of Russia. Moscow is among the world's largest cities, being the second-most populous city in Europe, the most populous city entirely within Europe, and also the largest city (by area) on the European continent.

Moscow has one of the world's largest urban economies and is one of the fastest growing tourist destinations in the world. Moscow is home to the third-highest number of billionaires of any city in the world, and has the highest number of billionaires of any city in Europe. Situated on the Moskva River in the Central Federal District of Western Russia, the city is the northernmost and coldest megacity on Earth.

As the cultural centre of Russia, Moscow served as the home of Russian artists, scientists, and sports figures due to the presence of its numerous museums, academic and political institutions and theatres. The city is home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and is well known for its display of Russian architecture such as the Saint Basil's Cathedral, the Red Square, and the Moscow Kremlin, of which the latter serves as the seat of power of the Government of Russia.

