

CENSUS 2011: QUESTIONNAIRE CONSULTATIONS

Statistics South Africa will be conducting a national population census in October 2011. The *UN Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses (UNP&R) (Revision 2)* underscores the following factors determining the selection of topics to be investigated in population censuses:

- a) The needs of a broad range of data users in the country;
- b) Achievement of the maximum degree of international comparability, both within regions and on a worldwide basis;
- c) The probable willingness and ability of the public to give adequate information on the topics; and
- d) The total national resources available for conducting a census.

The UNP&R further stipulates that census takers should avoid collecting information that is no longer required simply because it was traditionally collected in the past, but rather focus on key demographic, social and socio-economic variables.

It becomes necessary, therefore, in consultation with a broad range of users of census data, to review periodically the topics traditionally investigated and to re-evaluate the need for the series to which they contribute, particularly in the light of new data needs and alternative data sources that may have become available for investigating topics hitherto covered in the population census. It is against this background that Statistics South Africa will be conducting user consultations in 2008, to determine the data items which will be collected via the Census 2011 questionnaire.

More information can be obtained from the attached document. Dates for the consultations are as follows. Venues will be communicated once they have been confirmed.

DATE	PROVINCE
Monday 11 February 2008	Western Cape – Complete
Friday 15 February 2008	Gauteng – Complete
Tuesday 08 April 2008	Limpopo - Protea Hotel: The Ranch, Polokwane
Friday 11 April 2008	Eastern Cape – Premier Hotel King David, East London
Tuesday 15 April 2008	Mpumalanga – Emnotweni Arena, Nelspruit
Friday 18 April 2008	Northern Cape – Kimberley Lodge
Friday 09 May 2008	Free State – Kopano Nokeng, Bloemfontein
Friday 16 May 2008	KwaZulu Natal – Suncoast, Durban
Tuesday 20 May 2008	North West – Tusk Mmabatho

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Regards
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