

2025 All Members Meeting *of the* Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS)

28th – 30th October 2025

Warsaw, Poland

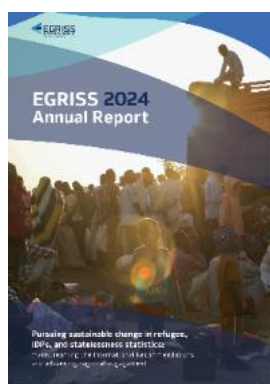
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BACKGROUND

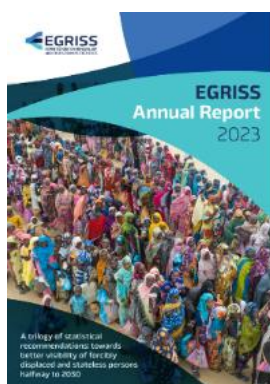
The Expert Group on Refugee, IDP, and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS) was established in 2016 by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) to address the critical need for better, harmonised, national statistics on forcibly displaced and stateless populations. Since its foundation, the Group has grown into a global network of currently 61 countries and 40 international and regional organisations, and has significantly expanded its work, transitioning from a normative and conceptual phase of development of the International Recommendations on Refugee ([IRRS](#)), Internationally Displaced Persons ([IRIS](#)), and, most recently, Statelessness ([IROSS](#)) Statistics into a platform to support their implementation and operationalisation by national statistical systems.

As EGRISS approaches the end of its [third mandate \(2020–2025\)](#), the time is opportune to regroup, take stock, identify opportunities, and chart a strategic path forward. The past six years were marked by global convulsion, as the world grappled with the COVID pandemic's wide-ranging impacts, including delays in critical statistical operations such as the 2020 round population and housing censuses. It also observed an evolving context for forced displacement and statelessness with forced displacement reaching an estimated 123.2 million people at the end of 2024. The scale, complexity, and persistence of displacement continue to challenge national statistical systems: in this milieu, the importance of inclusive and reliable data systems has never been more evident.

EGRISS' third mandate marked a period of both consolidation and momentum for the group. Highlights of members' collective progress are presented in the series of Annual Reports, with achievements spanning technical guidance, capacity building, and global implementation of the Recommendations.



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Notable milestones include the endorsement of IROSS, the publication of a revised [Compilers' Manual](#) offering technical guidance to support countries to improve official statistics, and the development and expansion of a flagship [E-learning platform](#) that has reached over 450 practitioners. Capacity development efforts gained significant traction through the regionalisation of engagement efforts across Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Western Asia and Africa. Efforts to address recurring methodological challenges have also borne fruit, through the publication of a [Methodological Paper Series](#) tackling topics such as SDG indicator disaggregation, standardising identification questions for household surveys, and developing a measure for when IDPs should no longer be counted in official statistics.

These combined efforts of EGRISS members are yielding measurable results, as indicated by 253 examples reported through the [Global Annual Inclusion \(GAIN\) Survey](#) since 2021, while ongoing methodological advancements, engagement and outreach further strengthen the Group's technical leadership and ensure its work remain relevant and up to date.

Significantly, EGRISS' work has made headway to influence wider statistical and policy processes outside its own parameters in recent years. These include statistical efforts such as the newly [Revised Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Temporary Mobility](#) and the [Principles & Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses](#), both endorsed at the 56th Session of the UNSC in 2025, and now incorporating key elements from the IRRS, IRIS, IROSS and other EGRISS resources. Beyond international statistical architecture, EGRISS continues to influence the policy space through strategic engagement. The Expert Group co-leads the [Multi-Stakeholder pledge on Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons in National Statistical Systems and Surveys](#) in the context of the 2023 Global Refugee Forum (GRF) and its follow up, garnering over 100 pledges that demonstrate how statistical inclusion directly supports the operationalization of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). Concerning IDPs, EGRISS has successfully influenced the implementation of the [UN Action Agenda on Internal Displacement](#) demonstrated by the role of IRIS to shape several country-level data activities funded by the Internal Displacement Solutions Fund (IDSF) and global guidance on data for solutions.

Nevertheless, the last several months have been marked by growing financial constraints across the humanitarian, development, and statistical sectors. These limitations have affected international organizations and national institutions, threatening the continuity and scale of technical support, collaboration, and the very infrastructure needed to track and respond to displacement crises. This shifting financial landscape underscores the need for strategic coordination, prioritisation, and alignment of resources. It also reinforces the critical imperative for sustained investments in national capacity and statistical system strengthening as essential components that ensure evidence-driven inclusive policies to address displacement and statelessness.

THE MEETING

Facing these realities and capitalising on the substantial outcomes from the successful [2022 All-Members Meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#), the [EGRISS Steering Committee](#) strongly supported the organisation of an in-person meeting in 2025 for all the members of the Expert Group. [Statistics Poland](#) has graciously offered to host the event – a commitment that reflects Poland's own experience with displacement, particularly through its hosting of Ukrainian refugees in recent years, and its commitment as an EGRISS member to contribute to global efforts to address related statistical challenges.



EGRISS 2022 All Members Meeting

The 2025 meeting will serve as a comprehensive stocktaking of progress *vis-à-vis* the Group's existing goals and a critical planning summit to further embed displacement and statelessness statistics in national and global statistical systems. By convening EGRISS members at the tail end of the Group's current mandate and in advance of submitting its official report to the UNSC in 2026, the event offers a platform for members to share experiences implementing the Recommendations and pursuing statistical inclusion of refugees, IDPs and stateless populations from various national, regional and global vantage points. Based on this, participants will have the opportunity to shape an ambitious but realistic outlook for the Group's work in subsequent years, reinforcing the shared commitment to leave no one behind.

OBJECTIVES

The 2025 EGRISS All Members Meeting aims to:

- Review progress made against the 2020–2025 TOR, including major deliverables and institutional growth;
- Highlight successful implementation of IRRS, IRIS, and IROSS and lessons learnt at national, regional and global levels, including through country case studies and peer-learning;
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and collectively advance a selection of ongoing workstreams from [Technical Subgroup 1](#) and [Technical Subgroup 2](#) workplans;
- Co-develop priorities and scope of work for a fourth mandate (2026–2030) in advance of EGRISS' official report to UNSC in 2026.

FORMAT AND LOGISTICS

- **Date:** 28 – 30 October 2025
 - **Location:** Warsaw, Poland. Statistics Poland headquarters (Aleja Niepodległości 208 00-925)
 - **Format:** Three-day **hybrid event** with:
 - High-level plenaries and peer-exchanges
 - Regional and thematic breakout sessions
 - Networking and exhibition space
 - **Working language:** English with interpretation to French
- A detailed logistics note will be made available in advance of the meeting.*



PARTICIPANTS

Representatives from all current EGRISS members (61 countries and 40 regional/international organisations) are invited to attend the meeting. A selection of external partners (or prospective members) is also welcome to attend and are encouraged to prioritise attendance of the first day.

In-person participation is highly encouraged; however, due to space limitation and to increase representation of diverse national realities, the EGRISS Secretariat will accept registration of only one delegate per institution (two for Steering Committee organisations). EGRISS will use limited available funds to cover attendance-related costs (flights, daily subsistence allowance, and terminal expenses) of country members, prioritising least developed countries and fragile contexts. Others are encouraged to self-finance or source alternative financial support.

Remote participation will be supported for those who cannot travel; however, it will only be guaranteed for plenary sessions. Connection details will be shared with participants in advance of the meeting.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Meeting report with key takeaways, action points, and inputs to the UNSC report;
- Consolidated feedback to inform the proposed TOR for EGRISS fourth mandate (2026–2030);
- Contributions to 2025 EGRISS Annual Report and Technical Subgroup activities and workplans;
- Enhanced peer learning and collaboration across members.

EXPECTED AGENDA ITEMS

Whilst an agenda is still under development and will be shared closer to the event, possible items include:

Progress & IRRS, IRIS and IROSS Implementation Assessment

- EGRISS progress review against 2020–2025 mandate;
- National experiences of implementation of the International Recommendations;
- International and regional implementation approaches and lessons learnt;
- Peer-to-peer learning through poster exhibitions.

Technical & Methodological Development

- Use of different data sources (censuses, surveys, administrative and operational data etc.);
- Alignment with migration statistics and regional specificities;
- Developing statistical measures of progress towards durable solutions for IDPs and IDP stock-exits;
- Standardisation of refugee and IDP identification questions for surveys;
- Statelessness statistics and the Compiler's Manual update.

Strategic Planning & Governance Topics

- Technical subgroup in person planning meetings;
- EGRISS future mandate and post-2025 strategic direction;
- Assessment of GRF (Global Refugee Forum) pledge implementation;
- New partnership development, membership enhancement and resource mobilisation strategies;

Enquiries

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