

more datasets than a household's expenditures.

While the Working Group has not discussed thresholds in depth, the Working Group acknowledges that poverty thresholds are a key component of a poverty measure. Individuals with resources that fall below the poverty threshold are counted as poor, and individuals with resources at or above the poverty threshold are not counted as poor. The Working Group has identified several key considerations for setting poverty thresholds, and plans to discuss each of those considerations in the coming months, as well as other concepts related to thresholds.

Finally, while the Working Group is focused on the extended income-based and consumption-based measures, the Working Group has also identified other topics worthy of further research by the Federal Statistical System. These topics include multi-dimensional poverty measurement and individual indicators of well-being, and populations such as those experiencing homelessness that are not included in the surveys on which the Working Group has focused.

Desired Focus of Comments

OMB is particularly interested in receiving comments on the questions posed by the Working Group. To be most useful to the Working Group in their ongoing deliberations and ultimately to OMB in reviewing the Working Group's final recommendations, responders should read the Working Group's interim report before addressing the posed questions. Responses should be concise, include citations if summarizing or depending on published work, and any links to related research. In addition, responses should clearly identify which question is being addressed.

Questions posed below are those the Working Group deemed most significant and relevant to the Working Group's remaining discussions. The questions have been sorted into broad categories for ease of review. In addition, a pointer to related discussion within the interim report follows each question. The Working Group's interim report titled "Interim Report of the Interagency Technical Working Group on Alternative Poverty Measures" is available as a supplemental document on www.regulations.gov in docket number "OMB-2019-0007".

Definitions

1. How should a sharing unit be defined? A sharing unit is meant to reflect the set of people sharing resources in a household. (See

Adjusting for different sharing unit sizes.)

Resource Measures

2. What standards should the group use to determine which resource measures should be preferred?

Specifically, to what extent should the group consider the following standards: (i) Association with other measures of material hardship, (ii) conceptual advantages, (iii) simplicity, (iv) feasibility (including data availability), (v) reproducibility? (See Advantages/Disadvantages of Income and Consumption Resource Measures. See also Multi-Dimensional Poverty Measurement and Individual Indicators of Well-Being.)

3. Should the value of health insurance be incorporated? And if so, how? (See Alternative versions of income measures with different values of health insurance.)

4. Should the value of education be incorporated? And if so, how? (See Treatment of Education.)

For a Potential Income Resource Measure

5. What income sources should be included (aside from health insurance, which is addressed by question 3)? If so, how? (See Income Measures Using the CPS ASEC and American Community Survey.)

6. What expenses, if any, should be subtracted from income? For example, how should medical out of pocket (MOOP) expenditures be treated in a new measure? Should other expenses such as childcare and commuting costs be subtracted? (See Income should be defined more broadly than pre-tax cash income currently used for the OPM.)

7. How should the Working Group address the problem of survey misreporting of income in household surveys? (See Correcting Survey Data for Misreporting and Improving Tax Estimates.)

For a Potential Consumption Resource Measure

8. What types of spending should be included as consumption (aside from spending on health care or insurance, which is addressed by question 3)? If so, how? (See Consumption Measures Using the Consumer Expenditure Interview Survey.)

9. How should vehicles and housing be included? (See Consumption Measures Using the Consumer Expenditure Interview Survey.)

10. How should the Working Group address the problem of survey misreporting of consumption in household surveys? Should the group

consider using only those types of consumption that are reported with greater accuracy, while excluding less accurately measured types of consumption? What are the tradeoffs in using only well-measured consumption versus full consumption? (See Accounting for Expenditure Misreporting.)

Thresholds

11. How should the thresholds be set initially? (See Setting poverty thresholds in a baseline year.)

12. How should they be updated over time? (See Adjusting poverty thresholds over time.)

13. Should thresholds be adjusted for geographic areas? If so, how? (See Adjusting poverty thresholds across geographic areas.)

14. How should a sharing unit's size and composition be accounted for? (See Adjusting for different sharing unit sizes.)

Thank you for your thoughts on these and other important questions associated with the Working Group's discussion of Alternative Measures of Poverty. OMB and the Working Group look forward to your insights and feedback.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (20-013)]

NASA Advisory Council; Human Explorations and Operations Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Human Exploration and Operations Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Committee reports to the NAC.

DATES: Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. All times listed are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Room 8Q40, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546.

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Operations Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2245, or bette.siegel@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. This meeting is also available telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the USA toll-free conference call number 1-800-593-9971 or toll number 1-517-308-9316, passcode: 4648477, to participate in the meeting on both days. The WebEx link is <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com>; the meeting number is 900 509 394, password is Exploration2020# (case sensitive) for both days.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Human Exploration and Operations Update
- Budget
- Advanced Exploration Systems
- Gateway
- Exploration Systems Development
- International Space Station

Commercial Crew Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA Headquarters security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID to Security before access to NASA Headquarters. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship, passport information (number, country, telephone); visa information (number, type, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone) title/position of the position of attendee. To expedite admittance, U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents (green card holders) are requested to provide full name and citizenship status no less 3 working days in advance.

Note: As a precaution, individuals returning from China will not be allowed into NASA Headquarters until the 14 days of observation and self-care period has expired, and they are determined not to be infectious. Attendees to the NAC Human Explorations and Operations Committee meeting who are returning from China should only participate virtually through the provided dial-in audio and WebEx, until the 14 days of observation and self-care period has expired.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (20-015)]

NASA Earth Science Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Earth Science Advisory Committee (ESAC). This Committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Director, Earth Science Division, in the NASA Science Mission Directorate. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. All times listed are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Room 6H41 (on Tuesday, March 10) and Room 5H41 (on Wednesday, March 11); 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. KarShelia Henderson, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2355, fax (202) 358-2779, or khenderson@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. This meeting is also available telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may call the USA toll free number 1-800-369-1949 or toll number 1-517-308-9360, passcode 4877306, for both days, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com/>; the meeting number is 903 089 345, password is Whbjkp?6 (case sensitive) for both days.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Earth Science Division Update
- Earth Science Decadal Survey Implementation
- Earth Venture Class, Designated Observables (DO) Studies and Incubation Studies
- Research and Applications Cross-Benefits
- Commercial Data Buy.

The agenda will be posted on the ESAC web page: <https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/nac/science-advisory-committees/esac>.

Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA Headquarters security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID to Security before access to NASA Headquarters. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; passport information (number, country, telephone); visa information (number, type, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents (green card holders) may provide full name and citizenship status no less than 3 working days in advance by contacting Ms. KarShelia Henderson via email at khenderson@nasa.gov or by fax at (202) 358-2779.

Note: As a precaution, individuals returning from China will not be allowed into NASA Headquarters until the 14 days of observation and self-care period has expired, and they are determined not to be infectious. Attendees to the Earth Science Advisory Committee meeting who are returning from China should only participate virtually through the provided dial-in audio and WebEx, until the 14 days of observation and self-care period has expired.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

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