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**Meeting of the Expert Group on
International Economic and
Social Classifications
New York, 16-18 April 2007**

Provisional agenda

Each topic will be organized as a discussion, following an introductory presentation.

Monday 16 April 2007

9:30 Registration of participants.

Morning (10:00-12:30)

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Report on work within the Family of International Economic and Social Classifications since last Expert Group meeting**
UNSD will report on work carried out since the last meeting of the Expert Group and on actions taken with regards to previous recommendations by the group.

Documentation:

Report on UNSD activities since the last meeting of the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications (ESA/STAT/AC.124/5)

4. ISIC/CPC implementation

a. Implementation process

The Expert group will review of the recommendations of the UN Statistical Commission on the implementation process and is expected to draft a detailed proposal for an implementation plan. The discussion is also expected to result in an agreement on a monitoring mechanism.

Draft versions of classification tools will be provided to the EG for review.

Documentation:

Report to the UN Statistical Commission describing a proposal for an ISIC/CPC implementation process (ESA/STAT/AC.124/6)

Draft Correspondence Table between ISIC Rev.4 and ISIC Rev.3.1 (ESA/STAT/AC.124/7)

Report on the thirty-eighth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (excerpt) (ESA/STAT/AC.124/18)

The implementation of a revised classification of economic activities in Germany (ESA/STAT/AC.124/19)

An Analysis of SCIAN at Ten Years of its Creation - A Retrospective (ESA/STAT/AC.124/20)

The outline of the 12th revision draft of Japan Standard Industrial Classification (ESA/STAT/AC.124/21)

The implementation of the revised Brazilian Classification of Economic Activities (ESA/STAT/AC.124/22)

Monitoring ISIC Revision 4 and CPC Version 2.0 Implementation Progress (ESA/STAT/AC.124/23)

Afternoon (14:00-17:00)

4. ISIC/CPC implementation (cont.)

b. ISIC/CPC Companion Guide

The Expert group will review the proposed structure and content of the ISIC/CPC Companion Guide to provide guidance on detail and specific content for the final drafting of the Guide. Sample drafts of some chapters will be available for review. The Expert Group will also review the relationship of the proposed Companion Guide to other methodological publications prepared in UNSD, such as a manual on Statistical Units.

Documentation:

Companion guide to ISIC and CPC - proposed outline (ESA/STAT/AC.124/24)

5. Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

The BEC was initially developed by UNSD for internal purposes to reclassify merchandise imports (reported in terms of SITC) into the product categories relevant to the SNA. With time, many countries started to use BEC for a variety of purposes including economic analysis and setting tariffs. UNSD has created correspondence tables between BEC and each new revision of SITC and the Harmonized System. Since the CPC is based on HS, it also can be correlated to BEC. However, over the years the BEC structure remained unchanged and the rules for assigning particular SITC or HS headings to BEC clearly need revisiting if BEC is to continue as a useful tool. The issue is quite urgent as HS07 and SITC, Rev.4 are already in force. Question is also raised about extending BEC to trade in services using CPC services categories as a starting point. UNSD prepared a draft correspondence table between HS07 and BEC, which will be submitted to the EG for a review.

The EG is requested to comment on the status and modalities of the possible future revision of BEC.

Documentation:

Future revision of the Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) (ST/ESA/STAT/AC.124/8)

Draft Correspondence Table between the Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) and the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS07) (ESA/STAT/AC.124/9)

Country experiences

Tuesday, 17 April 2007

Morning (9:30-12:30)

6. Revision of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08)

The discussions on this day will focus on different aspects of the ISCO revision, covering a review of the work carried out by the TEG/ISCO, discussion of outstanding issues and future plans for implementation of the classification.

a. Discussion of progress with updating ISCO and main areas of change between ISCO-88 and draft ISCO-08

Documentation:

Summary of major changes between ISCO-88 and ISCO-08 (Feb 2007 draft)
(ST/ESA/STAT/AC.124/11)

International Standard Classification of Occupations 2008 (ISCO-08) - draft structure (ST/ESA/STAT/AC.124/12)

Afternoon (14:00-17:00)

6. Revision of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08) (cont.)

c. Discussion of main outstanding questions and areas of contention

Documentation:

ISCO-08, Summary of Outstanding Structural Issues for Resolution
(ST/ESA/STAT/AC.124/13)

d. Planning for implementation of ISCO-08 in statistical collections

Documentation:

ILO plans to support implementation of ISCO-08 in national and regional activities (ST/ESA/STAT/AC.124/14)

Wednesday, 18 April 2007

Morning (9:30-12:30)

7. International Family of Health Classifications

The World Health Organization will present work carried out in the International Family of Health Classifications and describe classification tools that have been developed. The EG will review experiences in the WHO family with regard to implementation and review the applicability of the tools presented by WHO to the Family of International Economic and Social Classifications. The EG will also review linkages between the Family and the WHO Family of Classifications.

Documentation:

Video presentation from WHO

8. Review of the Classifications of Expenditure According to Purpose

The Expert Group will review developments and plans for revision or adaptation of, as well as experiences with expenditure classifications, e.g. COFOG and COICOP, to assess the need for a formal revision process for these classifications.

Documentation:

TBA

Country experiences

Afternoon (14:00-17:00)

9. International Family of International Economic and Social Classifications

The EG will review the composition of the Family, revision schedules and plans and will review the basic documents outlining the responsibilities of custodians.

Documentation:

*Family of International Economic and Social Classifications
(ESA/STAT/AC.124/15)*

*Preamble of the Family of International Economic and Social Classifications
(ESA/STAT/AC.124/16)*

10. Future work programme of the Expert Group

The EG will discuss future work that needs to be carried out within the Family, setting timelines and priorities and agree on responsibilities, based on discussions held throughout the meeting and recommendations made by the UN Statistical Commission.

11. Report and Recommendations for next Statistical Commission

The EG will finalize the report for this meeting and agree on any issues that should be brought to the attention of the Statistical Commission at its next meeting in 2008.