



Work carried out since the last meeting of the Expert Group

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Meetings

- The last meeting of the Expert Group took place in June 2005
- Since then the following meetings have taken place:
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2005
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – Oct. 2005
 - FAO meeting on agricultural products – Nov. 2005
 - Technical Expert group on ISCO – Nov. 2005
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2006
 - Technical Expert group on ISCO – July 2006
 - Technical Expert group on ISCO – Dec. 2006
- No UN Classifications Workshops have taken place during this time.



Meetings

- Work carried out in these meetings contributed to the revisions of ISIC, CPC and ISCO
- In summary, the main issues addressed were as follows:
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2005
 - Finalizing ISIC structure based on EG recommendations
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – Oct. 2005
 - Review of responses to CPC questionnaire, work on CPC structure
 - FAO meeting on agricultural products – Nov. 2005
 - Review of FAO proposals and some counterproposals for agricultural products in CPC, development of a detailed CPC structure for agricultural goods, draft of HS links



Meetings

- **Technical Expert group on ISCO – Nov. 2005**
 - Identification of scope of revision, conceptual issues, review of specific occupational groups
- **Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2006**
 - Review of special issues for ISIC, resulting in one structural change; Review first draft of ISIC introduction; discussion of alternate aggregations (review SNA aggregation and NPI aggregation; agree on procedure for others)
- **Technical Expert group on ISCO – July 2006**
 - Review of conceptual framework and specific occupational groups; preparation of second ISCO questionnaire
- **Technical Expert group on ISCO – Dec. 2006**
 - Review of responses to second ISCO questionnaire; preparation of final draft structure



Meetings

- **During this time the UN Statistical Commission met twice:**
 - **March 2006**
 - **Adopted the draft structures of ISIC and CPC**
 - **Feb. 2007**
 - **Agreed to the implementation plan proposal for ISIC and CPC**
 - **Agreed to the draft structure of ISCO-08**



ISIC/CPC work

- In parallel, UNSD carried out further work on ISIC and CPC, such as:
 - Validation of explanatory notes for ISIC Rev.4
 - Development / Review of links between:
 - ISIC Rev.4 and CPC Ver.2
 - CPC Ver.2 and HS 2007
 - CPC Ver.2 and CPC Ver.1.1
 - ISIC Rev.4 and ISIC Rev.3.1



ISIC/CPC work

- **Validation of explanatory notes for CPC Ver.2 (services)**
- **Development of explanatory notes for selected goods subclasses in CPC Ver.2**
- **Recoding of CPC index to CPC Ver.2 (46,000 items)**
- **Review of definitions provided by FAO on agricultural products**
- **Preparation of Alternate Aggregations for ISIC Rev.4:**
 - **High-level and intermediate-level aggregation for SNA purposes**
 - **Informal sector aggregation ***
 - **Information and Communications technology (ICT)**
 - **Non-profit institutions**
 - **Energy-related activities ***



ISIC/CPC work

- **Further development of the introduction to ISIC**
 - **Outstanding issues to be discussed by TSG in April 2007**
 - **Treatment of outsourcing**
 - **Review of consistency of definitions**



Recap - 2005 deliverables

- At the meeting in June 2005, the EG made recommendations for future work in the following areas:
 - a) Finalization of the ISIC Rev.4 structure
 - b) Continued work on the CPC Ver.2 structure
 - c) Review of implementation assessment mechanism of international standard classifications
 - d) Review of interrelationship and interdependence of international reference classifications



Recap - 2005 deliverables

- Actions on a) and b) have been described above.
- An implementation monitoring process has become part of the ISIC and CPC implementation and will from there be applied to other classifications.
- The review of relationships between the international reference classifications is pending. It was scheduled to take place after the work on the Companion Guide to ISIC and CPC is concluded.



Other ongoing work

- **Classifications website**
 - <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/class>
- **Classifications Hotline**
 - CHL@un.org