



Activities carried out since the last meeting of the Expert Group

United Nations Statistics Division



Previous recommendations

- At its last meeting in 2007 the EG recommended action on the following items related to UNSD's work on classifications:
 - Development of an ISIC Rev.3.1 to ISIC Rev.4 correspondence
 - Development of the Companion Guide to ISIC and CPC
 - Development of an Implementation Guide based on existing Eurostat documents
 - Development of a correspondence between CPC Ver.2 and COICOP
 - Conduct of regional workshops on ISIC and CPC implementation
 - Review of primary applications as a first step to updating or expanding the BEC
 - Regional partnerships for technical cooperation



Actions carried out

- ISIC 3.1 – ISIC 4 correspondence
 - Has been developed and is accessible at the UNSD Classifications website
- Companion Guide to ISIC and CPC
 - Available in draft form for review by the Expert Group
 - Drafting carried out by the Technical Subgroup
 - Delayed due to resource limitations, but majority of work completed



Actions carried out

□ Implementation Guide

- Available in draft form for review
- Based on suggested documents, but expanded and revised
- Initial review by country experts
- Further review to be discussed at this meeting

□ Correspondence CPC Ver.2 – COICOP

- Work not yet started
- Subject to review of priorities by the Expert group



Actions carried out

- Regional workshops
 - UNSD has conducted regional workshops on ISIC and CPC:
 - ECLAC – June 2007
 - ESCWA – Dec. 2007
 - ECA – Nov. 2008
 - ESCAP – Nov. 2008
 - ESCAP – Sept. 2009 (planned)
 - One additional workshop for French speaking countries is still under consideration
 - Individual country assistance has also been provided



Actions carried out *

Review of the BEC

- No concrete action has been taken for this review
- Should this be placed on the work plan for the next period?
 - Are any modifications to the goals necessary?



Actions carried out *

Regional partnerships for technical cooperation

- Involves all parties of the Expert Group
- UNSD to set up a discussion forum with regional moderators
 - Not completed due to lack of IT resources
 - Do we need to pursue this in the next period?



Actions carried out

- UNSD has maintained the classifications hotline and issues the Classifications Newsletter
 - In general, there are fewer requests to the Hotline, but these requests become more complex
 - Does a discussion forum provide a suitable alternative to this mechanism?



Actions carried out

- ❑ ISIC Rev.4 and CPC Ver.2 have been completed
 - Available on-line
- ❑ ISIC is available in print form
- ❑ Language versions exist or are about to be completed



Questions for EG

- Should the process of reviewing the BEC be restarted?
 - What goals should the process have?
- Should the setup of a discussion forum with regional moderation be further pursued?
 - How will it's role vs. the Classifications Hotline be defined?
 - What role does such a forum have in the formalized updating mechanism for the classifications? #

to be considered during discussion of ISIC/CPC follow-up (agenda item on Wednesday)