

Draft Agenda

Meeting of the Technical Subgroup on the Classification of Business Functions

Virtual meeting, 4-5 November 2020

The meeting will be held from 7am (NY time)- 10am (NY time)

Day 1 - 4 November 2020

1. Introduction (7am-7:30am)

- Opening statements
Ivo Havinga (UNSD) and Nikola Sunjka (Eurostat)
- Adoption of the agenda, objectives of the meeting– Ilaria Di Matteo, UNSD

2. Setting the stage (7:30am-8:15am)

- Process and guidelines for developing international statistical classification - Andrew Hancock, Chair of the Expert group on International Statistical Classifications, and Principal Analyst, Data Standards and Design, Statistics New Zealand (20 min)
- Need for an international business function classification - Timothy Sturgeon, Senior Researcher, MIT Industrial Performance Center (20 min)
- Discussion

3. Classification of Business Functions (8:15am-10am)

- Introduction to the Classification of Business Functions: motivation, structure and manual - Nikola Sunjka, Eurostat (20 min)
- Use of the classification of business functions in Eurostat's International sourcing survey, Peter Nielsen, Statistics Denmark (20 min)
- Uses of the classification of business functions in India - Amitava Saha Deputy Director General, India (20 min)
- Discussion

Day 2 - 5 November 2020

4. Issues in the implementation of the Classification of Business Functions (7am-9:30am)

- Issues in the implementation of business functions in EU - Nikola Sunjka, Eurostat (20 min)
- Issues in the implementation – Tim Sturgeon, Senior Researcher, MIT Industrial Performance Center (20 min)
- Discussion

5. The way forward (9:30am-10am)

- Summary of the conclusions of the discussion (10 min)

- Process and timeline for the approval of the Classification of Business Functions (Eurostat and UNSD) (*15 min*)
- Discussion

6. Conclusions