

United Nations Workshop on Classifications
Santiago, Chile
8 – 12 September 2003

Provisional agenda

The Workshop is conducted by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Statistics Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ESCWA).

All sessions will be organized as open discussions, mostly following an introductory presentation.

Morning sessions are scheduled for 9:30-12:30, afternoon sessions for 14:00-17:00.

Country presentations will be held throughout the week, not in one combined session. As only a few presentations are available yet, the timing for these presentations has to be flexible.

Monday, 8 September 2003

Morning

Opening Session

09:30 *Greeting of participants, opening remarks, introduction of organizers, agenda, general questions and Workshop objectives (ECLAC, UNSD)*

10:00 **Introduction to the International Family of Classifications**

Presenter: UNSD (J. Schwarzler)

Overview of International Family of Economic and Social Classifications

- *Introduction to the Preamble, Role of custodians*
- *Reference classifications, adaptation of reference classifications*
- *Linkages and consequences, relationship with derived and related*
- *Classifications, including development and use of correspondences*
- *Activity classifications (ISIC/NACE/NAICS/ANZSIC) and their relationships as an example of a family of economic classifications*

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Discussion

11:45 Country presentations: CARICOM, Bolivia

Afternoon

14:00 **Introduction to the International Family of Classifications (cont'd)**

Presenter: UNSD (R. Becker)

- *UN Classification systems and mechanisms (Classifications Hotline, Classifications Registry, Website, workshops and training, monitoring mechanisms on use of classifications)*
- *Processes and International Cooperation*
- *Overview of the work of the Technical Subgroup on Classifications*

15:00 **ISIC and CPC 2002 Update**

Presenter: UNSD (R. Becker)

- *Presentation of the latest ISIC, CPC versions, summary of changes, impact and implications of changes, relationship to other classifications, such as HS, SITC, BOP, COICOP*

15:45 Discussion on ISIC/CPC 2002 updates: issues and concerns

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 Country presentations: Peru, Argentina

Tuesday, 9 September 2003

Morning

09:30 **ISIC and CPC 2007 Revision: Presentation of the Concepts Paper**

Presenter: UNSD (J. Schwarzler)

- *Presentation of main issues arising in the Concepts Paper*
- *Strategies for international cooperation and feedback (Role of UNSD, other international agencies, custodians in the revision process, questionnaire, convergence project)*
- *Work plans and timetable: Status of work, overview of short and long term plans*

10:45 Discussion with countries on ISIC/CPC 2007 revision issues and concerns, comments and feedback on the Concepts Paper

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Country presentations: Brazil, Nicaragua

Afternoon

Visit to INE Chile (incl. Country presentation by Chile)

Wednesday, 10 September 2003

Morning

09:30 ***ISIC and CPC 2007 Revision: Presentation of the ISIC Structure***

Presenter: UNSD (J. Schwarzler)

Presentation of the draft ISIC Structure prepared for 2007 and discussion of implications for national classifications

Discussion of conceptual and organizational changes

Areas covered: Mining, Manufacturing, Utilities, Repair and Maintenance, Sanitation

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Discussion (cont.)

11:45 Country presentations: Guatemala, Colombia

Afternoon

14:00 ***ISIC and CPC 2007 Revision: Presentation of the ISIC Structure (cont'd.)***

Presenter: UNSD (R. Becker)

Areas covered: Agriculture, Information, Services

15:00 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 Country presentations: Paraguay, Venezuela

Thursday, 11 September 2003

Morning

09:30 **ISIC and CPC 2007 Revision: ISIC coding issues**
Presenter: UNSD (J. Schwarzler)

09:55 **ISIC and CPC 2007 Revision: Presentation of the CPC Structure**
Presenter: UNSD (R. Becker)
Discussion of issues for the CPC Structure for 2007 and discussion of implications for national classifications.

10:45 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Country presentations: Mexico, El Salvador

Afternoon

14:00 **Cooperation in the field of classifications in Latin America and the Caribbean**
Presenter: ECLAC
Work on regional classifications and coordination

14:30 Open discussion:
Practical problems and solutions and intra-regional cooperation in the adaptation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC) in Latin America and the Caribbean; cooperation between Mercosur, the Adecan Communities and Caricom.

15:40 Country presentations: Ecuador

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 Country presentations: Honduras, Panama

Friday, 12 September 2003

Morning

09:30 **ISIC and CPC issues from the view point of ILO / past and future work on ISCO-88 and ICSE-93**
Presenter: ILO

10:15 Discussion

10:45 **UN List of Industrial Products**

Presenter: UNSD (R. Becker)

Current status of international data collection for industrial commodities

Revision of the United Nations List of selected industrial products

- anticipated changes

- data collection issues

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Discussion

12:00 Country presentations: Cuba, Uruguay

Afternoon

14:00 **Specific problems and issues and future plans**

Discussion – Lead: UNSD

Follow-up on questions raised during the workshop

Future cooperation in the region and on the international level

Planning of follow-up actions

Summary and conclusions