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### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

**United Nations Workshop on International Economic and Social Classifications  
19-23 July 2004, UN House Beirut, Lebanon**

**Hosted by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

#### **Organization of work**

**Monday, 19 July 2004**

#### Morning

09:00 *Registration of the participants.*

#### **Opening Session**

**10:00 *Greeting of participants, introduction of organizers***

Mr Ralf Becker, UNSD Speech

Ms Mariam Al-Awadhi, ESCWA Speech

Mr Sami Assi, Representative of Mr Fadi Smaha, Director  
General, Lebanese Ministry Industry

***Agenda, General questions and Workshop objectives (ESCWA, UNSD)***

#### **Coffee Break**

#### **Introduction to the International Family of Classifications (UNSD)**

Chairperson: Wafa Aboul Hosn (ESCWA).

Overview of International Family of Economic and Social Classifications  
(Adriana Skenderi, UNSD)

- *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*

- *Processes and International Cooperation (workshops and training, working groups)*
- *UN Classification systems and mechanisms (Classifications Hotline, Classifications Registry, Website, monitoring mechanisms on use of classifications)*

Afternoon

13:45 *Overview of Industrial Statistics and Classification (ISIC) in the ESCWA Region. (Wafa Aboul Hosn, Sectoral Statistics, Sustainable Development and Productivity - ESCWA).*

14:00 Discussion

14:45 **Country presentations: Egypt**

15:00 *ISIC, CPC 2002 update and ISIC, CPC 2007 revision (Ralf Becker, UNSD)*

- *Summary of the latest ISIC, CPC versions (ISIC 3.1, CPC 1.1), summary of changes, impact and implications of changes, relationship to other classifications, such as HS, SITC, BOP, COICOP*
- *ISIC and CPC 2007 revision process*
  - *Process, the three rounds of consultation*
  - *Discussions and decisions on the ISIC and CPC underlying concepts*
  - *Discussion of the top structure as presented in ISIC Rev. 4 draft*

15:30 Discussion

**Tuesday, 20 July 2004**

Morning

Chairperson: Wafa Aboul Hosn (ESCWA).

08:30 *ISIC 2007 Revision: Presentation of ISIC Rev. 4 draft detail (Ralf Becker, UNSD)*

- *A summary of detail as presented in ISIC Rev.4 draft*
- *A discussion of sections A, B, and section C except for division 33( Repair, maintenance and installation of machinery and equipment)*

09:45 Discussion

10:30 **Country presentations: Jordan**

Afternoon

Case study and site visit to the Lebanese Central Statistics Directorate

**Wednesday, 21 July 2004**

Morning

Chairperson: Abdel Wadoud Maatouk (*Jordan Representative*)

08:30 *ISIC 2007 Revision: Presentation of ISIC Rev. 4 draft detail (cont'd.) (Ralf Becker and Adriana Skenderi, UNSD)*

- *Discussion of division 33 of section C in connection with section S*
- *Discussion of sections E and K*

09:30 *Discussion*

12:00 **Two country presentations:** *Lebanon, Oman*

Afternoon

13:00 *ISIC 2007 Revision: Presentation of ISIC Rev.4 draft detail (cont'd.) (Adriana Skenderi, UNSD)*

- *Discussion of sections N, O, T*

13:45 *Discussion*

14:00 *CPC 2007 Revision (Ralf Becker, UNSD)*

- *Proposals for its revision regarding concepts, structure, detail*
- *Process and questionnaire*

14:45 *Discussion*

15:00 **Two country presentations:** *Palestine*

**Thursday, 22 July 2004**

Morning

Chairperson: Ralf Becker (UNSD)

08:30 *Revision of ISCO classification, processes, working groups, problems (Adriana Mata-Greenwood, International Labour Organization, ILO)*

09:45 *Discussion*

10:30 **Two country presentations**: Saudi Arabia, Syria

Afternoon

Chairperson: Mr. Khaled Al Mudhafar (Oman Representative)

**Cooperation in the field of classifications in Western Asia**

12:00 *Database and International Classification Systems Used at AIDMO*  
(Ms. Intissar Burhani, Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization, AIDMO)

12:30 *Users of Industrial Statistics: Vision and Applications* (Mr. Hassan Charif, ESCWA)

13:30 *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 Western Asia countries (ESCWA, UNSD).*

15:00 *Discussion*

15:30 **Two country presentations**: Yemen, Kuwait

**Friday, 23 July 2004**

Chairperson: Ralf Becker, UNSD

08:30 **UN List of Industrial Products** (Ralf Becker and Adriana Skenderi, UNSD)

- *Current status of international data collection for industrial commodities*
- *Revision of the United Nations List of selected industrial products*
  - *anticipated changes*
  - *data collection issues*

09:15 *Presentation by Jordan on their experience with a list of commodities and CPC*

09:30 ***Discussion***

**Questions and answers session**

*The intent of this session is to discuss any specific sections of ISIC or CPC in which countries of the region might have a special interest. Questions will be collected during the whole duration of the workshop.*

*After every presentation of the workshop there will be a short discussion (questions and answers) on the issues raised. The intent of this particular session is to cover more major issues or any particular areas of classification that bear a special interest to the countries.*

10:45 **Specific problems and issues and future plans**

- *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*

