



**United Nations Workshop on International Economic and Social Classifications
10-13 December 2007, Cairo, Egypt**

Provisional Agenda

Morning sessions will be from 8:30 to 13:00 (except on Monday), afternoon sessions from 14:00 to 17:00. Lunch breaks will be from 13:00 to 14:00 every day. There will also be a coffee break during the morning sessions and afternoon sessions.

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

DAY 1. Monday, 10 December 2007

09:30 Registration of participants

Session 1. Introduction and background

Chairperson: Mr. Ralf Becker, UNSD

Rapporteur: Mr. Tayseer Ismael, GOIC

10:00 Opening Session

- Introduction and opening of meeting:
 - Ms. Effat Shukri, CAPMAS
 - Mr. Ralf Becker, UNSD
 - Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Statistics Division, ESCWA
 - Mr. Tayseer Ismael, GOIC
- Agenda, general questions and workshop objectives (ESCWA, UNSD)

10:30 Family of International Classifications (UNSD)

- International work on classifications
- UN Classifications website and tools

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Overview of Economic Statistics and Classifications in the ESCWA Region (ESCWA)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Break

Session 2. ISIC and CPC Revision

Chairperson: Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA

Rapporteur: Mr. Fouad Issa, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt

14:00 **Importance of harmonized Industry Statistics in the Gulf Region (GOIC)**

14:30 **ISIC and CPC revision process (UNSD)**

- Process
- Discussion of the top structures of ISIC and CPC

15:00 **ISIC Revision 4 (UNSD)**

- Major changes
- New concepts in applying the classification, e.g. Treatment of Outsourcing (incl. recording of activities and products in ISIC and CPC)

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Discussion

16:30 Country presentations: Bahrain

DAY 2. Tuesday, 11 December 2007

Session 3. ISIC Revision: Detailed Changes

Chairperson: Mr. Tayseer Ismael, GOIC

Rapporteur: Ms. Joumana Kelani, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Jordan

08:30 **ISIC Revision 4 (UNSD)**

- Selected detailed changes
- Alternate aggregations
- Application of the classification in national contexts

10:00 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Country presentations: Oman, Palestine and Egypt

Session 4. CPC Revision: Detailed Changes

Chairperson: Asma Abdel Rassoul, Egypt

13:00 **CPC Version 2 (UNSD)**

- Summary of recent changes
- Links to other classifications
- Newly introduced product concepts: originals, intellectual property products
- Changes in selected areas of CPC

14:00 Discussion

DAY 3. WEDNESDAY, 12 December 2007

Session 5. ISIC and CPC implementation

Chairperson: Mr. Mohammed Hassan Abdullah Albalushi, Ministry of National Economy, Oman

Rapporteur: Mr. Ali Feataroni, Central Bureau of Statistics, Syria

08:30 **Use of Economic Classifications at the Appropriate Level of Detail (ESCWA)**

09:00 **ISIC and CPC implementation (UNSD)**

- Timeline recommendations
- Required documents and tools
- Implementation of classification at the national level

10:00 Discussion

10:30 Implementation of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (EUROSTAT)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Country Presentations: Lebanon and Jordan

12:00 Discussion

Session 6. Countries' views and implementation

12:30 **Working Groups: Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC**

14:30 Break

DAY 4. THURSDAY, 13 December 2007

Session 7. ISIC/CPC implementation and Industrial statistics

Chairperson: Mr. Ali Feataroni, Central Bureau of Statistics, Syria

08:30 **International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics (UNSD)**

- Overview of main changes in the manual

09:30 Discussion

10:30 Break

11:00 **Working Groups: Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC (cont.)**

- Summary of workgroup discussions
- Options for resolution of problems

11:45 Discussion

Session 8. Summary and recommendations

13:00 **Future plans**

- Future cooperation in the region and at the international level
- Discussion of follow-up actions
- Recommendations, Summary and conclusions