
Expert Group Meeting on
Methods for Conducting Time-use Surveys
13-16 October 1997
New York

Annotated Agenda

Opening

Organizational matters

1. Overview of experiences
Presentations on EUROSTAT experience and experience with activity specification in the time-use survey of Italy.
2. Objectives and uses of time-use surveys
Historical overview on objectives of time-use surveys and user needs as expressed by recent global conferences, covering both developed and developing countries, and discussion of uses and priorities for the collection of time-use data, current and planned, in developed and developing countries.
3. Alternative schemes for classifying time-use activities
Background, framework and structure of classification by UNSD development.
Rationale, principles and structure of the alternative classification
4. Structure and specification of the classification
Proposals and agreement on an approach, main criteria and categories:
 - a. Scope and structure (major activity groups, context variables, criteria, level of detail and corresponding number of digits)
 - b. Content - categories of activities and codes for the classification
 - c. Context variables (with whom, for whom, location) - categories and codes
5. Methodological issues relevant to the classification
6. Procedures for finalizing, external review and testing of the classification
Steps needed to finalize document, outline of the classification document, required review and possible contacts, countries which might be considered for testing the classification
7. Adoption of summary report