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Expert Group Meeting on International Statistical Classifications
New York, 13-15 May 2013

Provisional Agenda

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[All papers are expected to be introduced by a corresponding presentation.]

Monday, 13 May 2013

09:00   Registration of participants

Session 1:   Opening

09:30   Opening statement

09:45   Election of officers, introduction of participants and adoption of agenda

10:00   Review of decisions and recommendations made at the previous meeting of the Expert Group

Documentation:
- Report of the Meeting of the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications, New York 18-20 May, ESA/STAT/AC.234/4 27 July 2011

Session 2:   Family of International Classifications

10:20   Best practices guidelines and criteria for inclusion in the Family of International Classifications

The EG will approve the revised Best practices document, providing guidance for countries/organizations in the development of new classifications and outlining criteria that need to be fulfilled for a classification to be recognized as a member of the Family of International Classifications.

The EG will also discuss the composition of the Family, the categorization of classifications (within and outside of the Family), and the classifications for consideration.

Documentation:
- Best Practice Guidelines for Developing International Statistical Classifications [New Zealand]
- Criteria to become a member of the International Family of Classifications [New Zealand]

11:15   Coffee Break

11:30   Best practices guidelines and criteria for inclusion in the Family of International Classifications (cont.)

12:00   Assessment of implementation of international standard classifications in national statistical systems

The EG will review a report on the implementation of ISIC, CPC and other classifications, based on a revised the results of the questionnaire on national classifications.

Documentation:
- Report on the survey of national classification practices and assessment of ISIC and CPC implementation [UNSD]

12:30   Lunch

Session 3:   Role of international standards and frameworks

14:00   Discussion on the role of international standards and frameworks for NSO's

The EG will discuss a paper on the role of international standards for National Statistical Offices, review developments of the Neuchâtel Terminology Model and its links to the Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), discuss the use of SDMX for the management of classifications and review links between the work on the EG, especially within the Family of International Statistical Classifications, and the Global Inventory of Statistical Standards.

Documentation:
- The Role of International Standards for National Statistical Offices [New Zealand]
- Neuchâtel Terminology Model: Classification database object types and their attributes, 2013 revision (UNECE Working Group on the Revision of Neuchâtel Part 1) [Canada]
- Use of SDMX in stocking, disseminating and managing the Swiss classification of economic activities and throughout the production process of a statistic [Switzerland]
- The Global Inventory of Statistical Standards [UNSD]

15:45 Coffee break

Session 4: Review of new classifications developments and/or revisions

In this session, the EG will discuss a number of classifications either recently revised, under revision or proposed. The EG is expected to provide feedback on these classifications, either by recommending them for inclusion the Family or by providing recommendations for future changes to these classifications.

16:00   Standard International Classification of Energy Products (SIEC)

Documentation:
- The Standard International Classification of Energy Products (SIEC) [UNSD]

16:45   ISCED-F

Documentation:
- The International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) – Fields of Education and Training [UNESCO]

17:30 Close

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Session 4: Review of new classifications developments and/or revisions (continued)

Video/Teleconference Session

09:30   International Classification of Crime (UNODC)

Documentation:
- Status of work and process for the development of an International Classification of Crime [UNODC]

10:30   International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

Documentation:
- Status of work on the revision and implementation of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) [WHO]

11:30   Coffee break

11:45   EBOPS – CPC correspondence table (WTO-OMC)

Documentation:
- Linking the Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification (EBOPS) to the Central Product Classification (CPC) [UNSD, WTO]

12:30   Lunch

14:00   Time use and ICATUS

Documentation:
- Developing Activity Classifications for Time Use Surveys [New Zealand]
- Status of work on the International Classification for Time-Use Surveys [UNSD]

14:45   ISCO 2008

Documentation:
- Status of implementation of the International Standard Classification of Occupations [ILO]

15:15   2012 Status of Employment (ICSE)

Documentation:
- Status of work on the International Classification of Status of Employment [ILO]

16:00   Coffee Break

16:15   Agriculture statistics moving to CPC

Documentation:
- Recent developments in aligning classifications for agricultural statistics with other international standards [FAO]

16:45   Other classifications of interest to the work of the EG

The EG will discuss options for supporting the work on other classifications that may fall into the family of International Classifications, such as classifications in the System National Accounts (classification of assets, classification of institutional sectors etc.), classifications used in environment statistics and classifications used in the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).

Documentation:
- Classifications for potential inclusion in the family [UNSD]

17:30   Close

Session 4: Review of new classifications developments and/or revisions (continued)

09:30   Need for a revision or update of the CPC and ISIC

The EG is expected to decide whether a revision or update of the CPC2.1 and ISIC4 is necessary, based on the inputs received since the previews update/revision and work done by other expert groups. The EG is expected to provide guidance on the scope of the revision/update, the sources to be considered, its timing and the proper mechanism to carry out the technical work required.

Documentation related to the CPC discussion:
- Report on the CPC Ver. 2.1 process and status [UNSD]
- CPC Ver.2.1 draft publication [UNSD]

Documentation related to the ISIC discussion:
- Report on issues encountered with ISIC Rev.4 [UNSD]
- Report on Factoryless Goods Production from the Task Force on Global Production [ECE]
- Potential ISIC issues raised by the Voorburg Group on Services Statistics [USA]
- Potential ISIC proposals arising out of discussions of the NACE/CPA working Group [Eurostat]
- Brazilian remarks on the need for a revision or update of ISIC Rev.4 and considerations about the national classification of products based on CPC Ver. 2.0/2.1 [Brazil]
- Update on the Implementation Guide ISIC3.1 to 4 [UNSD]

11:15   Coffee break

11:30   Need for a revision or update of the CPC and ISIC (cont.)

12:00   Need for a revision of COICOP

The EG will review the results of a recent survey on the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP) to determine whether a revision should be undertaken and will advise on the proper format of such work.

Documentation:
- Report on the survey on main issues for a revision of COICOP [Austria]

12:30   Lunch

Session 5: Management of classifications

14:00   Communication with users

The EG will discuss options for strengthening its communication with users, including main users within the statistical community and users in academia, industry etc. that may not be fully aware of the role of statistical classifications. Outreach activities should increase the recognition of classifications among data users and inform developers of national classifications about international standards, updates/corrections, developments and timelines. Options for improving the collaboration with national stakeholders during revision processes will also be discussed. A key component will be modern IT options.
The EG will also discuss regional efforts in supporting the implementation of international classifications.

Documentation:
- Report on the work of the ECLAC Working Group on International Classifications – GTCI [Mexico]
- Report on user feedback through the UNSD Classification website [UNSD]

14:30   Classifications Management Systems

The EG will discuss options for effective management of classifications.

Documentation:
- Statistics New Zealand's new classification management system [New Zealand]

15:00   Revision of the Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

Documentation:
- Status of work on the revision of the BEC [UNSD]

15:30   International Classification of Business Functions

Documentation:
- Status of work on the work on the Classification of Business Functions [UNSD]

Session 6:   Future work

16:00   Discussion of the Effectiveness of the EG and its current operating structure; Election of new bureau members and chair

Documentation:
- Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications

16:30   Future Work

The EG will discuss the future work programme for the period 2013-2015 and beyond.

17:30 Close of meeting

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