

# Update on the Revision of the Central Product Classification Version 2.1

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# Presentation Outline

## Introduction

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- List of issues
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  - On-going
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- Alternate Structures

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# Introduction

- The UN Statistical Commission, in March 2021, mandated **revision** of the CPC and endorsed the proposed terms of reference for establishment of a dedicated **Task Team (TT-CPC)**
- Task Team includes **experts** on:
  - ❖ Statistical classifications
  - ❖ Subject matter experts
    - National accounts
    - Environmental accounts
    - Trade statistics
- To ensure the classification supports the **international statistical standards**



# Status of the Revision Process

- **First meeting** of the TT-CPC in August 2021
- Several virtual **meetings to identify and resolve issues** for the revision of CPC
- A **list of issues** was identified through a global consultation in Dec 2021-Mar 2022, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research and development</li><li>• Education services</li><li>• Cultural products</li><li>• Agriculture, forestry and fishery products</li><li>• Fertilizers and pesticides</li><li>• Food products</li><li>• Accommodation services</li><li>• ISIC revision issues</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy products/SIEC revision</li><li>• Impact of digitalization (e.g. (Digital intermediary platforms)</li><li>• Financial and related services products (e.g. Fintech and cryptocurrencies)</li><li>• Environmental goods and services and links with the CEA</li><li>• Waste and circular economy</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issues from selected satellite accounts</li><li>• Review of underlying principles, application &amp; use of CPC</li><li>• Goods, services and other products</li><li>• Alignment with HS 2022</li><li>• Alignment with BEC, SITC, EBOPS</li></ul> |
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# Status of the Revision Process > List of Issues

## 1) Issues that have been discussed and resolved\*

- Research and development
- Education services
- Cultural products
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Food products
- Forestry products
- Accommodation services
- Alignment with HS 2022
- Alignment with BEC, SITC, EBOPS

\*Minor issues may still require resolution but may be considered completed



# Status of the Revision Process > List of Issues

## 2) Issues where the discussion has started but is still ongoing

- Financial and Related Services Products (e.g. Fintech and cryptocurrencies)
- Environmental goods and services and links with the Classification of Environmental Activities
- Waste
- Identification of existing issues from selected satellite accounts
- Impact of digitalization on CPC (e.g. Digital intermediary platforms)
- Review underlying principles, application and use of CPC



# Status of the Revision Process > List of Issues

## 3) Issues that still require discussion

- Fisheries
- Improved alignment with SIEC
- Review of definition of goods, services and other products
- Impact of the revised ISIC on CPC



# Status of the Revision Process > Alternate Structures

## Recurrent discussion

- **Addressing thematic interests in CPC**  
e.g. information economy , environmental issues, energy, etc. while maintaining CPC as a central product classification
- **Limited coding system**  
**For each level the coding is based on 0-9, thus only 10 categories are possible;**  
**5 levels for the classification**





# Status of the Revision Process > Alternate Structures

## Alternate structures

- **Expansion** when more data is needed (i.e. in CPC Ver. 2.1. expansion for agriculture statistics)

Number of digits	1	2	3	4	5	.	6	7
CPC Level	Section	Division	Group	Class	Subclass		<i>FAO detail</i>	

- **Rearrangment** of entire structure using CPC as building blocks
- **Rearrangment** of a subset of CPC to reflect specific concept
  - Information Economy
  - Green Economy



## Status of the Revision Process > Alternate Structures

**The TT-CPC proposes to extend CPC expansions to:**

- Forestry
- Fertilizers and Pesticides
- Agri-food
- Fishery

Additional detail is added at the 6- and 7-digit level to reflect more granularity that is specific to certain domain



## Next Steps

### Proposed timeline revision

- Allow for a full consideration of the **outstanding issues**
- Better reflection of the impact of **ISIC revision** on classification of products
- Improved coordination with **SIEC revision** process

### Revised timeline

<b>September 2023</b>	Finalization of revised structure
<b>September-October 2023</b>	Global consultation
<b>October 2023</b>	Endorsement by UNCEISC
<b>March 2024</b>	Submission of revised CPC to UNSC



# Questions for the Committee

The United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications is invited to:

**Express its views on the progress of work** of the TT-CPC

**Express its view on the extensions** of CPC expansions

**Approve the proposed timeline** for the finalization of the revised CPC



**THANK YOU!**

Questions/Comments

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