

Draft Terms of Reference Standing Task Team on CPC

Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts
on International Statistical Classifications
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Background

- The UN Statistical Commission at its 54th session in March 2023 “endorsed the establishment of standing task teams to facilitate the ongoing maintenance, updating and implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities and the Central Product Classification (CPC), and requested the Committee to formulate a proposal for a regular revision cycle of these classifications and the development of a research agenda for future revisions for consideration by the Commission”
- See decision 54/112 of E/2023/24 E/CN.3/2023/37 available at https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_54/documents/2023-37-FinalReport-E.pdf

Background

- The Standing Task Team on CPC (STT-CPC) will be a permanent task team reporting to the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (CEISC) and its membership will comprise experts in product statistics and classifications.
- The STT-CPC has delegated authority from the CEISC to make decisions on the treatment of products in relation to the classification without requiring CEISC approval.

Proposed scope of work of STT-CPC

- (a) Identify a process for making determinations as a result of queries raised by member countries, organizations or individuals
- (b) Determine a process for publishing determinations, assess the need for a notification system to advise users of determinations, and identify the most appropriate forum and format for publication
- (c) Manage a list of issues for any revision process and identify a prioritization/categorization of those issues
- (d) Determine a revision process such as annual updates – dependent on the nature of changes required

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- (e) Identify whether issues warrant a comprehensive review process to be undertaken and advise the CEISC
- (f) Establish a research agenda and priorities for any research
- (g) Manage coding index support/advice and oversee implementation of any updates
- (h) Utilize wiki and discussion forums for issue resolution
- (f) Regularly report to the Bureau and/or CEISC asrequired

Composition

- Invitation to Committee members, existing TT-CPC members and subject matters experts
- Chair STT-CPC
- UNSD - the secretariat of the STT-CPC.
- The STT -CPC will have a fluid membership and its composition will be regularly reviewed by the Bureau of the CEISC.

Questions to UNCEISC

- Do you agree with the terms in the draft ToR of the Standing Task Team on CPC?
- How to ensure on one hand, ensure the work with of STT-CPC is aligned with STT-ISIC, but on the hand minimize duplication work and resources between the two STT

Thank you