



**United
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**UNCEISC Virtual Meeting
14-15 May 2024
Summary of Day 2 discussion**

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Summary of Discussions – Day 2

- Reviewed **summary of Day 1** of the meeting
- The Committee approved the **Terms of Reference** for the Standing Task Team (STT-ISIC-CPC), and the final version will be submitted to the UN Statistical Committee in 2025 for endorsement
- The **STT-ISIC-CPC will begin its work** following completion of the CPC Rev. 3 explanatory notes
- **Membership** will be fluid and countries can nominate multiple members (i.e., statistical & subject matter experts and users); aim is for geographic diversity in membership
- A **Chair** (or Co-chairs) will need to be nominated
- The STT-ISIC-CPC may form various **sub-groups** for discussions on specific topics
- The following countries and international organizations expressed interest in **joining the Task Team**:
FAO, ILO, UNIDO, WCO, Philippines, Morocco, Brazil, South Africa, Switzerland, Ghana, France and Sweden;
potentially Australia; and ECLAC and Japan (as observers)

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- **WCO** presented an overview of the **HS**, its regular revision cycle (5 years, though a 1-year delay in next version)
- Reviewed the **HS Committee** (HSC) which makes final decisions, as well as the HS Review Sub-committee, HSC Working Party, and the Scientific Sub-Committee which provides support on technical matters
- HS 2022 **timeline**: began immediately after provisional acceptance of HS 2017 (June 2014); amendments reviewed over 4-year period (2014-2018); concurrently, portions provisionally adopted by HSC (2014-2019); amendments recommended for adoption (Mar. 2019); provisional acceptance by Council (June 2019); in force Jan. 2022
- Reviewed **submission proposal process**; parties to HS Convention (CPs) and other WCO members; the WCO Secretariat, Council and Committee Chair; and intergovernmental organizations may submit directly. Other parties including private sector may submit through CPs or IGOs
- Period b/t approval and entry into force: to finalize consequential amendments and notes; correlation tables; publications; database; training materials and regional trainings. Translations/updates/trainings at national level
- Reviewed process for implementing **urgent changes** to national tariffs at shorter intervals
- Noted **reasons for 5-year cycle**: staying up-to-date, balanced with need for stability; long implementation period and impacts on tariffs

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- Tom Orford (UK, Chair) introduced the revision of **COFOG** and formation of the Task Team (TT-COFOG)
- The presentation summarized some of the previous discussions and **UN Statistical Commission decisions** on the COFOG revision prior to the formation of the Task Team, and the way forward
- The presentation also reviewed some of the **drivers** for the revision: the emerging data needs on issues such as climate change and digitalization; desire for more granular data; to be in line with updates of other frameworks and classifications; and to provide more detailed compilation guidance
- A **template** for compiling the initial list of issues for discussion is to be distributed soon; a global consultation on this initial list of issues will be held later in 2024
- There was a **call for volunteers** to participate in TT-COFOG, and to share thoughts on how best to collaborate/engage with users. WHO noted interest in **joining the Task Team**
- The presentation also reviewed the typical process for revision of a classification; the composition of the Task Team; and the tentative revision **timeline** through submission to the UN Statistical Commission in 2027



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- Martijn Kind (UNODC) introduced the **International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)** and the corresponding Implementation Manual to be released later this year
- The presentation reviewed the endorsement of the ICCS in 2015; and briefly reviewed the classification methodology i.e., behavioral approach
- The draft version of **Implementation Manual** was introduced, and the contents were reviewed
- Committee members are **encouraged to provide comment** on the draft manual by end-May; Mexico noted their interest in participating in the review process
- The UNODC was requested to provide **guideline documents** to the Committee



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- The agenda for the **October 2024 UNCEISC meeting** was discussed. Suggested topics include updates on the ICCS Implementation Manual; and the revisions of SIEC, ISCED and ISCO

Thank you

