Terms of reference
for the standing task team on ISIC and CPC
(STT-ISIC-CPC)

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Background – current Task Teams

- **TT-ISIC:**
    - Current TOR was approved by UNSC 52nd session in 2021
    - Has completed most of the tasks as defined in the TOR
    - In terms of output, ISIC, Rev. 5 (structure, explanatory notes, introduction, and implementation plan) was endorsed by UNSC 55th session in 2024

- **TT-CPC:**
    - Current TOR was approved by UNSC 52nd session in 2021
    - Has completed most of the tasks as defined in the TOR
    - In terms of output, CPC Ver. 3.0 structure was endorsed by UNSC 55th session in 2024
    - Ongoing work on CPC Ver. 3.0 explanatory notes

Plans for the future of the two Task Teams

- **UNSC at its 54th session in 2023:**

  - Endorsed the establishment of standing task teams to facilitate the ongoing maintenance, updating and implementation of ISIC and CPC

- **UNCEISC at its 2023 meeting:**

  - With the finalization of ISIC revision 5 and the shift in focus to implementation, the current task team on ISIC will be retired and future work will be undertaken by a new standing task team

  - Approved the establishment of a standing Task Team on ISIC

  - Agreed to extend the Task Team on CPC

  - Recommended that the two Task Teams be combined

Content of the draft TOR − objectives

- Maintain ISIC and CPC as international standards.

- Make ISIC and CPC revision process more predictable and transparent as per the recommendations of the Committee.

- Keep ISIC and CPC responsive to new user needs and emerging trends.

- Make ISIC and CPC more accessible and easier to use for their users.

- Seek continuous improvement in the alignment of ISIC and CPC with each other and with other statistical frameworks and regional and national industry and product classifications.

Content of the draft TOR − scope of work

- Develop a strategy for establishing revision cycles for ISIC and for CPC, and determine the feasibility of, and time span for a regular revision cycle including synchronizing the revisions of both classifications.

- Engage in the maintenance and update of the new ISIC and CPC.

- Monitor classification issues that emerge between revisions and pursuing the resolution of issues placed on a research agenda, leading to the next revision

- Conducting broad global consultations and analyzing results.

- Carry out a revision of ISIC or CPC when it is deemed necessary.

- On a continuous basis, conduct research on pending and emerging issues on ISIC and CPC, and assess their impact on ISIC and CPC and provide recommendations to address those issues.

- Assist in the implementation of the new ISIC and CPC after the revision process is completed.

Content of the draft TOR − expected output

- A strategy paper describing the recommended revision cycles for ISIC and CPC

- A research agenda on new, pending and emerging issues

- A timeline for the revision process, consult with countries and other stakeholders on ISIC and CPC issues

- An ongoing implementation strategy for a revised ISIC and CPC

- Review and discuss inquiries from ISIC and CPC users

Content of the draft TOR − composition and organization of work

- Supersedes TT-ISIC and TT-CPC

- Reports to the Committee and its Bureau

- Led by a Chair (or Co-Chairs)

- Geographically balanced and fluid membership

- Discretionary sub-groups

- Business Statistics Section of UNSD serves as the Secretariat of the STT-ISIC-CPC

Questions to the Committee

Members of the Committee are invited to

- Express their views on the terms in the TOR

- Approve the TOR, and recommend it to be submitted to UNSC 2025 for endorsement

- Share your thoughts on the best approach in the development of proposals

- Contribute to the formulation of relevant issues to be addressed by STT-ISIC-CPC

- Express interest in joining in the STT-ISIC-CPC

References

- TOR of TT-ISIC (2021)

   https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents/BG-3k-TOR-Task-Team-ISIC-E.pdf

- TOR of TT-CPC (2021)

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- Draft TOR of STT-ISIC-CPC

   Available on UNCEISC 2024 meeting webpage at
   https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/expertgroup/UNCEISC_2024.cshtml

Thank you!