

Proposed way forward on Considering the Food Security and Nutrition domain in the Classification of Statistical Activities

1. The present note proposes a way forward for considering the inclusion of a new Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) domain in the Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA) after reviewing a proposal from FAO, WHO and UNICEF to amend CSA and by considering the implications of these developments for the CSA.
2. Noting the UNSC request to consider the inclusion of a new Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) domain in the CSA, and considering that CSA 2.0 was only endorsed a year ago by UNSC at its 54th session in 2023, and the current work on CSA is focusing on supporting countries and stakeholders in implementing CSA 2.0, the UNCEISC Bureau recommends to initiate an update process to the CSA 2.0 that is limited in scope, and restricted only to consideration of including FSN in CSA 2.0 and any rearrangements or subdivisions at the lower levels of the classification that may be needed to enable the inclusion of the proposed domain.
3. Given the limited scope, it is recommended that the Committee delegate to the UNCEISC Bureau to conduct the update of CSA 2.0 with the following tasks:
 - a) Work through the issue of including FSN in CSA and develop an updated structure of CSA including explanatory notes and definitional text in close collaboration with FAO, WHO, UNICEF and experts from the classification and FSN communities.
 - b) Conduct a global consultation on the draft updated CSA as well as the users/compiler feedback on the CSA development and implementation status
 - c) Analyze and address feedback from the global consultation and finalize the updated CSA
 - d) Present the finalized CSA with a report to the UNCEISC for endorsement. The UNCEISC will report the results to the UN Statistical Commission
4. A tentative timeline is proposed as follows:
 - a) **December 2024 – March 2025:** UNCEISC Bureau to work through the issue of including FSN in CSA and develop an updated structure of CSA in close collaboration with FAO, WHO, UNICEF and experts from the classification and FSN communities
 - b) **March 2025:** Report to UNSC on the 2024 UNCEISC decision on the proposed update of the CSA

- c) **April- September 2025:** Conduct a global consultation on the draft update CSA and user/compilers feedback on the CSA development and implementation status, analyze the result and address feedback from the global consultation
- d) **October 2025:** Pending on the result of the global consultation, finalize and present the updated CSA to UNCEISC for endorsement
- e) **March 2026:** Submit the recommendation from UNCEISC on the update CSA to UN Statistical Commission

5. The Committee is invited to:

- a. Discuss the amendment proposal by FAO, WHO and UNICEF
- b. Express its view on the proposed way forward for considering FSN in CSA and provide an approval to initiate the update process of CSA 2.0 as outlined in this note.