

## Annotated Agenda of the Regional Workshop on International Statistical Classifications

Santiago, Chile, 20-22 May 2025

**Day 1 - Tuesday 20 May**  
**Sala de Conferencias Raúl Prebisch**

Session	Topics Covered
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>  9.00am – 9.30am <b>Registration</b>  9.30am – 10.00am <b>Opening Remarks</b> (Xavier Mancero, ECLAC & Julian Chow, UNSD) <b>Roundtable Introductions</b>	
<b>1. Introduction to Classifications</b> <i>10.00am – 10.45am</i>	<b>Presentation 1.1: Introduction to UNCEISC</b> (Andrew Hancock, Statistics New Zealand 30 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to statistical classifications</li> <li>• UNCEISC and recent activities</li> <li>• Best practice principles</li> <li>• Approval process for new classifications</li> <li>• Overview of STT-ISIC-CPC and TT-BPaIFC</li> </ul> <b>Presentation 1.2: Overview of ECLAC regional survey concerning statistical classifications</b> (ECLAC, 15 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives, uses of each classification, and the main issues identified</li> </ul>
<b>Break and Group photo</b> <i>10.45am – 11.15am</i>	

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<p><b>2. International Standard Industrial Classification, Revision 5 (ISIC Rev. 5)</b>  <i>11.15am – 12.30pm</i></p>	<p><b>Presentation 2.1: Introduction to ISIC, Rev. 5</b>  (Julian Chow, UNSD, 20 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision process</li> <li>• ISIC Rev. 5 classification principle</li> <li>• Overview on the Main changes</li> <li>• Alignment of ISIC Rev. 5 with 2025 SNA</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 2.2: Practical cases on classifying activities on selected industries in ISIC Rev. 5</b> (55 min.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outsourcing and FGP (Claude Macchi, Eurostat)</li> <li>• Section C - Manufacturing (Claude)</li> <li>• Intermediation service activities (Pedro Farinas, UNSD)</li> <li>• Section G - Wholesale and retail trade (Pedro)</li> <li>• Sections J and K (Andrew)</li> <li>• Section L - Finance and insurance (Andrew)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lunch Break</b>  <i>12.30pm – 2.00pm</i></p>	

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<p><b>3. Implementation of ISIC Rev. 5</b> <i>2.00pm - 3.15pm</i></p>	<p><b>Presentation 3.1: ISIC Rev. 5 implementation plan</b> (Julian Chow, UNSD, 10 min)</p> <p><b>Presentation 3.2: Implementation of ISIC, Rev. 5 in Statistical Business Registers and Backcasting</b> (Claude Macchi, Eurostat, 25 min)</p> <p><b>Presentation 3.3: Regional Experience – development of NACE Rev. 2.1</b> (Claude Macchi, Eurostat, 10 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation plan</li> <li>• Alignment of NACE Rev. 2.1 with ISIC, Rev. 5</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 3.4: Country Experience - Mexico's Experience in the Development and Use of the North American Industrial Classification System, SCIAN</b> (Mexico, 10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 3.5 Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification</b> (ANZSIC) (Andrew Hancock, New Zealand, 10 min.)</p> <p><b>Open discussion</b> (10 min.)</p>
<p><b>Break</b> <i>3.15pm – 3.30pm</i></p>	

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<b>4. Use of ISIC, Rev. 5</b> 3.30pm - 4.45pm	<p><b>Presentation 4.1: Survey to regional countries to gather insights on the current status and use of ISIC</b> (ECLAC, 10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.2: Country Experience - Implementation of ISIC Rev. 5 in the Business and Establishment Directory</b> (Costa Rica, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.3: Country Experience - Implementation and use of ISIC Rev. 4</b> (Uruguay, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.4: Country Experience - National Classification of Economic Activities - CNAE</b> (Brazil, 20 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.5: Country Experience - development and use of industry classification</b> (Argentina, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.6: Country Experience - Update/Adaptation of economic activity classifiers based on ISIC Rev. 5</b> (Paraguay, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.7: Country Experience - International Standard Industrial Classification</b> (Peru, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.8: Country Experience - St. Lucia's experience with ISIC</b> (St. Lucia, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.9: Country Experience</b> Adaptation process for Colombia of ISIC Rev. 5 (Colombia, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 4.10: Country Experience - Implementation of a new statistical classification of economic activities at the INE</b> (Chile, 5-10 min.)</p>

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<b>5. Roundtable Discussion</b> <i>4.45pm - 5.00pm</i>	<b>Roundtable discussion</b> (led by Andrew, 15 min.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status &amp; use of industry classifications in countries</li> <li>• Challenges faced &amp; solutions discovered</li> </ul>

**Day 2 - Wednesday 21 May**  
**Sala de Conferencias Celso Furtado**

Session	Topics Covered
<b>Summary of discussion on Day 1</b> <i>9.30am – 9.40am</i>	<b>Brief summary on the outcome of Day 1 discussions</b> (Andrew Hancock, 10 min.)
<b>6. Central Product Classification, Version 3.0 (CPC Ver. 3.0)</b> <i>9.40am – 11am</i>	<b>Presentation 6.1: Survey to regional countries to gather insights on the current status and use of CPC</b> (ECLAC, 10 min.) <b>Presentation 6.2: Introduction to CPC Ver. 3.0</b> (Julian Chow, UNSD, 20 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision process</li> <li>• Main changes compared to CPC Ver. 2.1</li> <li>• Alignment with ISIC, Rev. 5</li> <li>• Alignment with HS 2022</li> <li>• Alignment with 2025 SNA</li> </ul> <b>Presentation 6.3: More topics on CPC Ver. 3.0</b> (50 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classification rules and principles of CPC Ver. 3.0 (Andrew)</li> <li>• Definition of goods and services (Pedro)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of energy products (Pedro)</li> <li>• Practical cases on classifying products (Claude)</li> </ul>
<b>Break</b> <i>11am – 11.15am</i>	
<b>7. Implementation of CPC</b> <i>11.15am – 12.30pm</i>	<p><b>Presentation 7.1: Future work on CPC Ver. 3.0</b>  (Julian Chow, UNSD, 20 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues for future research</li> <li>• Correspondence tables (from CPC Ver. 3.0 to CPC Ver. 2.1, HS 2022, and ISIC Rev. 5)</li> <li>• Expansions (agricultural products)</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 7.2: Country Experience</b>  Development and use of product classification  (Andrew Hancock, New Zealand, 10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 7.3: Country Experience</b> - Experience in the development and use of Mexico's 2023 SCPM product classification system (Mexico, 10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 7.4: Development of CPA</b>  Regional experience from the European Union  (Claude Macchi, Eurostat, 10 min.)</p> <p><b>Questions and answers</b>  (15 min.)</p>
<b>Lunch Break</b> <i>12.30pm – 2.00pm</i>	

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<p><b>8. Use of CPC Ver. 3.0</b> <i>2.00pm – 3.15pm</i></p>	<p><b>Presentation 8.1: Overview of ECLAC regional survey concerning statistical classifications</b> (ECLAC, 10 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BEC/SITC</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 8.2: Other product classifications related to CPC</b> (Pedro Farinas, UNSD, 15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision process of SIEC</li> <li>• Trade classifications (BEC/EBOPS/HS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 8.3: Country Experience - Product Lists - PRODLIST</b> (Brazil, 20 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 8.4: Country Experience - Ecuador's</b> experience with the application of CIIU 4.1 and CPC 2.1 classifications (Ecuador, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 8.5: Country Experience - Implementation of Central Product Classification</b> (Barbados, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Presentation 8.6: Country Experience - Adaptation process for the ISIC Rev. 5, CPC Ver. 3, and CCIF 2018 Classifications</b> (El Salvador, 5-10 min.)</p> <p><b>Questions and answers</b> (10 min.)</p>
<p><b>Break</b> <i>3.15pm – 3.30pm</i></p>	

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<p><b>9. COFOG and COICOP</b> <i>3.30pm – 4.15pm</i></p>	<p><b>Presentation 9.1: Introduction to COFOG</b> (Pedro Farinas, UNSD, 15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision process</li> <li>• Issues under discussion</li> <li>• Outcome of the global consultation on the issues in COFOG revision</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 9.2: Introduction to COICOP</b> (Julian Chow, UNSD, 15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical background</li> <li>• Main changes</li> </ul> <p>Examples on the established case laws</p> <p><b>Presentation 9.3: State of Adoption of COICOP 2018 in Latin America and the Caribbean</b> (Ernestina Perez, ECLAC, 15 min.)</p>
<p><b>10. ECLAC Regional Update on Classifications</b> <i>4.15pm – 5.00pm</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion - ECLAC Regional Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review results of regional survey on classifications of expenditure according to purpose</li> <li>• Roundtable discussion (moderated by ECLAC, 30 min.) use of classifications in the national statistical programmes in each ECLAC country</li> </ul>

**Day 3 - Thursday 22 May**  
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Session	Topics Covered
<b>Summary of discussion on Day 2</b> <i>9.30am – 9.40am</i>	<b>Brief summary on the outcome of discussion of Day 2</b> (Julian Chow, UNSD, 10 mins.)
<b>11. Dissemination of statistical classifications</b> <i>9.40am – 10.45am</i>	<p><b>Presentation 11.1: Overview of ECLAC regional survey concerning statistical classifications</b> (ECLAC, 10 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISCO</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 11.2: Overview of the International Family of Classifications</b> (Pedro Farinas, UNSD, 15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Family of Classifications (IFC)</li> <li>• Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA 2.0)</li> <li>• Update on CSA concerning food security</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 11.3: Dissemination and use of classifications - Experience in the European Union</b> (Claude Macchi, Eurostat, 15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples in the European Union concerning the use of statistical classifications, other than industry and product classifications</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 11.4: Country experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Practices in the Adaptation Process (Paraguay, 5-10 min.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 11.5: Country experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classifiers used (Guatemala, 5-10 min.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b> (20 min.)</p>
<b>Break</b> <i>10.45am – 11.00am</i>	

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<b>12. The future of classifications</b> <i>11am – 12pm</i>	<p><b>Presentation 12.1: Strategic view on the future of statistical classifications</b> (Andrew Hancock, 20 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National experience in Statistics New Zealand in the development and use of statistical classifications</li> <li>The platform of ARIA as a platform for classifications</li> <li>A vision for the future work on classifications (revision cycles, hierarchy/flat structure)</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation 12.2: Work plan on classifications in 2025 and beyond</b> (Julian Chow, UNSD, 20 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible topics of UNCEISC 2025 meeting</li> <li>Plans for the modernizations of classifications in UNSD</li> <li>Linked open data/UN Global Platform/Semantic web/FAO Caliper</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable discussion</b> (led by Claude Macchi, 20 min.)</p>
<b>Conclusions</b> <i>12pm – 12.30pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closing remarks</b> (ECLAC, Andrew Hancock and Julian Chow, UNSD)</li> </ul>