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**Meeting of the Expert Group on
International Statistical Classifications
New York, 6-8 September 2017**

Provisional agenda

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

10:00-11:00 Session 1 – Opening

Opening statements by

- UNSD
- Andrew Hancock, Chair of the Expert group

Introduction of participants and adoption of agenda

Review of decisions and recommendations made at the previous meeting of the Expert Group (Andrew Hancock)

Documents:

AC.340/30 Report of the Bureau of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications

AC.340/Bk.1 Report of the previous meeting of the Expert Group, May 2015

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 2 – Composition of the International Family of Statistical Classifications

The Expert Group will discuss:

- the scope and content of the International Family of Statistical Classifications
- options for accessibility, maintenance of the Family and website options
- processes for undertaking classifications determinations and promulgation of them
- an approval process for international classifications by the Expert Group including
 - alignment with the Grading Criteria
 - applying this process as a case study on the specific example of the International Classification of Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)

Documents:

AC.340/11 Approval Process for an International Statistical Classification

AC.340/12 The International Classification of Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)

AC.340/14 International Family of Classifications

AC.340/28 Case Study: Approval Process for the International Classification of Non-Tariff Measures

AC.340/Bk.6 Grading Criteria for International Statistical Classifications, Andrew Hancock, Statistics New Zealand; Norbert Rainer, Statistics Austria, Valentina Ramaschiello, FAO

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00 Session 3 – Assessment of implementation of international statistical classifications in national statistical systems

The Expert Group will receive:

- a report from UNSD on the implementation of ISIC, CPC and other classifications under the custodianship of UNSD
- a report from FAO on the implementation of FAO classifications
- a report from UNESCO on the implementation of ISCED
- a report from the GTCI on support to Latin American and Caribbean nations in the use of international statistical classifications
- a report from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) on the adoption and regionalization of international classifications in the Pacific region
- a report from Afristat on the adoption and regionalization of international classifications

Documents:

AC.340/6 Report of the Working Group on International Classifications (GTCI) of the Statistical Conference of the Americas

AC.340/18 Progress on Adoption and Regionalisation of International Classifications in the Pacific

AC.340/19 Adoption and Regionalization of International Classification: Case of Afristat Countries

AC.340/20 Status of implementation of statistical classifications in the FAO statistical system

AC.340/33 Issues on Classifications for Agricultural Statistics

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15 Session 4 – International Recommendations for a Framework for a Cultural Satellite Account

The Expert Group will discuss:

- plans for a UNESCO review of the Cultural Framework and development of a Cultural Satellite Account

Documents:

AC.340/7 The Classification of cultural products and industries as part of a new Global Standard: International Recommendations for a Culture Satellite Account

17:15-18:00 Session 5 – Gender Identity

The Expert Group will receive:

- a report from Statistics Canada on work being undertaken for measuring Gender Identity in Canada
- a report from Stats NZ on their Statistical Standard for Gender Identity
- a report from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on work undertaken for measuring Gender Identity in Australia

Documents:

AC.340/9 Measuring Gender Identity in Australia

AC.340/21 Gender – Developing a Statistical Standard [in Canada]

AC.340/22 The New Zealand Statistical Standard for Gender Identity

AC.340/22a Gender identity – Developing a statistical standard (Reprint from EGM 2015)

18:00 Closing

Thursday, 7 September 2017

09:30-11:00 Session 6 – Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP)

The Expert Group will discuss:

- the outcomes and progress on work undertaken by the Technical Sub-Group on reviewing COICOP
- the finalization of COICOP for the 2018 UN Statistical Commission meeting
- the need to review the other functional classifications of the System of National Accounts (SNA)

Documents:

AC.340/5 Report from the work conducted by the Technical Subgroup on the revision of COICOP and issues for discussion

AC.340/5a Annex 1 - Introductory guidelines to COICOP 2018

AC.340/5b Annex 2 - COICOP 2018 structure and explanatory notes

AC.340/5c Annex 3 - Correspondence table between COICOP 2018 – COICOP 1999

AC.340/5d Annex 4 - Answers to the comments received during the global consultation on the revision of COICOP

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 6 – continued

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:15 Session 7 – International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) Rev. 4

The Expert Group will discuss:

- the work undertaken on resolving how to classify Factoryless Goods Production
- the impact of the digital economy for ISIC category interpretation
- the Statistical units model and the OECD/UNECE Task Force work
- the procedure for establishing/approving and publishing of alternative aggregations utilizing a case study of the 'Blue Economy'
- the release calendar for economic activity classifications
- the use of ISIC for non-statistical purposes
- whether there are issues requiring a revision to ISIC Rev.4

The Expert Group will receive:

- a report from the US Census Bureau on the treatment of intermediation/reselling of services
- a report from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the sharing economy
- a report from the Philippines Statistical Authority on initiatives for harmonizing business classifications with the Philippines Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) and on developing an Android based e-PSIC

Documents:

- AC.340/8 *Industry treatment of Sharing Economy units*
- AC.340/10 *Intermediaries in the Provision of Services and Classification in ISIC*
- AC.340/16 *Issue paper on Factoryless Goods Production and Considerations for a Future Revision of ISIC*
- AC.340/17 *Overview: "Investigating the Blue Economy: Towards a Statistical Standard"*
- AC.340/33 *Issues on Classifications for Agricultural Statistics*
- AC.340/38 *Initiatives for Harmonizing Business Classifications with the Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC)*
- AC.340/Bk.3 *Non-wood forest products in international statistical systems, FAO*
- AC.340/Bk.5 *Statistical units, Paper prepared for the 10th Meeting of the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts*
- AC.340/Bk.7 *Use of ISIC for non-statistical purposes – National experiences, Matthias Greulich, Federal Statistical Office of Germany*
- AC.340/Bk.8 *The Ocean Economy in 2030, OECD*
- AC.340/Bk.9 *New Zealand's marine economy: 2007–13, Statistics New Zealand*
- AC.340/Bk.10 *Meeting of the Technical Subgroup for the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Geneva, 18-20 May 2016, TSG-ISIC*

16:15-16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45-17:15 Session 7 – continued

17:15-18:00 Session 8 – Central Product Classification (CPC)

The Expert Group will discuss:

- the need for an update/revision of CPC
- the relationship with HS 2022
- the need for additional correspondences

Documents:

AC.340/33 Issues on Classifications for Agricultural Statistics

AC.340/Bk.3 Non-wood forest products in international statistical systems, FAO

18:00 Closing

Friday, 8 September 2017

09:30-10:15 Session 9 – Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)

The Expert Group will discuss:

- the 2022 review of the Harmonized System, and consider the implications for CPC, SITC, BEC and ISIC
- the need for better relationships and communications between World Customs Organization (WCO), and international and national statistical agencies
- availability of the HS explanatory notes and processes for direct NSO contributions to future HS revision
- the need for regional HS classification variations and if these should be supported

10:15-11:00 Session 10 – International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO08)

The Expert Group will discuss:

- The need to obtain a mandate for the revision or update of ISCO at the 20th ICLS

Documents:

AC.340/34 Options and Possibilities for the Future Revision of the International Standard Classification of Occupations, 2008 (ISCO-08)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 11 – International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93)

The Expert Group will discuss:

- progress on the review of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93) given the changes to the standards for labour statistics adopted at the 19th ICLS and the need for more detailed categories to monitor the changes that are taking place in the relationships between workers and employers;
- the extension of the revised ICSE to cover all forms of work, in the form of the proposed International Classification of Status at Work (ICSaW);
- the development of a new suite of labour related classifications that will complement the revised ICSE and proposed ICSaW;
- the Expert Group's participation in the Working Group for the revision of ICSE;
- the treatment of micro-entrepreneurship and forms of employment that challenge traditional notions of independent self-employment;
- sub-categories of employees to allow the separate identification of permanent, fixed-term and casual or short-term, employees
- the statistical measurement of multi-party employment relationships, such as workers employed by labour hire companies, where the employer and the unit for which the work is performed are not the same
- the potential impact of ICSE changes or clarifications and its revised structure on ISIC interpretations, in particular in the case of outsourcing activities
- the measurement of domestic workers based on ISIC, ISCO and classifications of place of work
- the relationship between the status at work categories and SNA production boundaries

Documents:

AC.340/32 Progress with the Review of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93)

AC.340/32a Annex 1: Draft 20th ICLS Resolution Concerning Statistics on Work Relationships

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:00 Session 12 – Other Classifications and Areas of Interest to the work of the Expert Group

The Expert Group will discuss:

- work by UNESCAP on Disaster Risk Reduction statistics and the development of a DRR characteristic-activities classification. The Expert Group will provide advice and guidance on this work. Discussion may also look at the hazard-type classification developed by IRDR with collaboration from UNISDR
- options for supporting work on other classifications, such as the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and related classifications used in environmental statistics

The Expert Group will receive:

- a report from the Philippines Statistics Authority on the International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Expert Group may discuss:

- the revision of ICNPO and the Frascati manual
- the feasibility of better coverage of indigenous requirements within international statistical classifications and what approaches or guidelines can be supplied or statistical standards developed for national statistical agencies to use
- discuss approaches to measuring homelessness and classifications to support the SDGs

Documents:

AC.340/13 Classifications in the Disaster-Related Statistics Framework (DRSF)

AC.340/31 Update on the on-going work on classifications related to Environmental-Economic Accounting

AC.340/36 International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals

AC.340/Bk.4 Disaster-related Statistics Framework (DRSF) version 1.0 - Chapter 3 (Classifications), Asia-Pacific Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics

15:00-15:30 Session 14 – Discussion on metadata standards and information models

The Expert Group will discuss:

- the role of international metadata standards such as SDMX for the management of classifications
- updates on GSIM and other metadata initiatives
- the relationship of the Expert Group with the HLG Modernisation Committee on Standards

The Expert Group will receive:

- a report from the Swiss Federal Statistical Office on their work using SDMX to develop a classification system, and how to promote use/accessibility of classifications

15:30-15:45 Session 13 – Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, Frameworks and Standards

The Expert Group will receive

- a report from UNGGIM on progress on the integration of geospatial systems with statistical data, and the implications for statistical classifications
- a report from Statistics Sweden on the 2017 Workshop on Geospatial/Statistical Integration

15:45-16:00 Session 15 – Big Data

The Expert Group will receive:

- a report from the Philippines Statistical Authority on their Task Force on Big Data

Documents:

AC.340/37 The Philippines Statistical Authority Task Force on Big Data

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15 Session 16 – Future Work

The Expert Group will discuss:

- raising the profile of the Expert Group and/or making classifications more relevant and visible
- the UN classifications discussion forum, its usage and continued need, and/or options for alternative approaches
- the future work program for the period 2017-2019 and beyond, and confirm the action items identified at the meeting

17:15-18:00 Session 17 – Election of the Bureau members and Chair

The Expert Group will elect the Bureau members and Chair

18:00 Closing

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