



ICATUS 2012

Introduction and Objectives of the Meeting

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Why reviewing ICATUS?

- ❑ ICATUS
 - 10 years old
 - Issued as a “trial”
 - Need to
 - ❑ Review completeness, coverage and relevance of activities listed
 - ❑ Reflect comments received

- ❑ To obtain a finalized and agreed **international** classification of activity categories for Time Use Statistics (TUS) for countries to use
 - With time activities and related groups relevant at the international level for cross-country and over-time comparability

 - With possibility of conversion/mapping into other TUSs classifications

 - Allowing national flexibility by collapsing/expanding activity groups



Purpose of ICATUS 2012: international classification

- Provide a framework for international comparability of national time use statistics
- Guide countries developing a classification of activities
- Provide a more comprehensive measurement of all forms of work
 - Allow establishment of satellite accounts for unpaid productive activities outside SNA boundary
- Allow for studies on time use by different population subgroups and on gender-relevant issues
- Provide information on well being/QL of life/progress of societies+ other time use research
- For both developing and developed countries
- Be relevant for a certain amount of years to come



Points to keep in mind: more details in next sessions

- ❑ ICATUS 1997 and 2005 developed with a major goal of improving measurement of all forms of work (paid and unpaid) using SNA as a framework.
 - From comments received this seems still relevant
 - ICATUS in line with SNA 2008, and ISIC rev 4

- ❑ Contextual variables built-in in the classification to differentiate time use activities
 - To provide a more meaningful classification for analysis and policy use

- ❑ While ICATUS has a strong emphasis on ECONOMIC activities (particularly those that may not be perceived as such), it is built on existing national and regional classifications of TIME USE activities

- ❑ Simplified (3 digits, 3 levels): more flexible to be adapted to countries' context.



International Statistical Classifications

- ❑ Principles (provided by the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications)
 - Product of international agreement
 - Approved by UN Statistical Commission (or other international board) and recommended as “model classification”
 - Means of harmonization of international statistics
 - Guidelines for the preparation of (multi-)/national classifications
 - Used for data collection and comparison at the international level
 - Define structure and building blocks



International Statistical Classifications

- ❑ Requirements (provided by the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications)
 - Have to be general enough to
 - ❑ be applicable to all countries
 - ❑ provide room for national adaptation and specifications
 - Have to be specific enough to
 - ❑ allow for useful data collection
 - ❑ provide reasonable guidelines for creation of national classifications
 - Should orchestrate updates with other members of the Family
 - ❑ Establish long-term update schedule



Revision of ICATUS: expected output of EGM

- ❑ A set of recommendations (document) on the proposed changes to ICATUS 2005
 - Including ICATUS 2012 and related context variables, as annex
 - Prepared by UNSD and presented to EG on Wednesday afternoon
 - Presented to 2013 Statistical Commission (in SG's report or as a background document)



Revision of ICATUS: proposed process after EGM

- ❑ Further work on ICATUS 2012 to implement EGM recommendations
 - Additional feedback and comments from Experts over next months (broader virtual communication to include many experts that could not join us in NY)

- ❑ ICATUS submitted to EG on International Statistical Classifications by October 2012

- ❑ UNSD presents ICATUS 2012 to Stat Comm 2013

- ❑ Stat Comm considers and approves ICATUS 2012

- ❑ UNSD as the custodian of ICATUS, promoting it among countries



Challenges/to keep in mind for next sessions

- ❑ Many purposes/goals in national TUS-
 - ICATUS should reflect the needs of both developing and developed countries in the classification of time activities, and allow flexibility in contracting/expanding building blocks

- ❑ Mapping should be possible between ICATUS and other existing international/regional/national classifications (including old ICATUS)

- ❑ EGM discussion focusing on classification rather than Time Use Surveys