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Thursday 19 November

Afternoon Session (14:00 – 18:00)

Session 7  Break-out sessions (14:00 – 18:00) – Parallel Sessions

Break-out Session: Flash GDP estimates
Chair: Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat

14:00 – 14.05     Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session

Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat

14:05 – 14.15     The relevance and utility for official statisticians of the Handbook on Flash GDP

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14:25 – 14:45     A system of rapid estimates: different products for different purposes

14:45 – 15:00     Rapid estimates for a set of indicators: a dashboard for short-term economic developments

Kees Zeelenberg, Statistics Netherlands - to be confirmed

15:00 – 15:30     Minimum quality requirements for rapid estimates: timeliness, reliability, accuracy, coverage

15:30 – 16:00     Technical issues: (i) the use of hard and soft data; (ii) statistical and econometric techniques; (iii) revision policy and rapid estimates

15:45 - 16:15     Coffee break (30 minutes)

16:00 – 16:30     Creating the culture of rapid estimates
16:30 – 17:00 Alternative to rapid estimates

17:00 – 17:30 Towards a common international approach to rapid estimates

17:30 – 18:00 Recommendations on Flash GDP estimates to the UN Statistical Commission
Roberto Barcellan, Eurostat
Kees Zeelenberg, Statistics Netherlands

Break-out Session: Composite Indicators (14:00 – 18:00)
Chair: Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands

14:00 – 14:05 Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session
Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands

14:05 – 14:25 The relevance and utility for official statisticians of the Handbook on Business Cycle Composite indicators
Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division

14:25 – 14:45 Overview of the Handbook on Business Cycle Composite Indicator
Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands

14:45 – 15:00 Historical and theoretical considerations
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat

15:00 – 15:15 Data availability, frequency and adjustment techniques
Frank van de Pol, Statistics Netherlands

15:15 – 15:30 Variables selection techniques
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat

15:30 – 15:45 Indicators to measure cyclical movement
Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break (30 minutes)

16:15 – 16:30 Indicators to detect turning points
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat

16:30 – 16:45 Indicators to measure economic growth
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat
16:45 – 17:00  Validation of business cycle composite indicators
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat

17:15 – 17:30  Draft questionnaire for the global assessment of country best practice in the use of composite indicators
Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division

17:30 – 18:00  Recommendations on Composite Indicators to the UN Statistical Commission
Geert Bruinooge, Statistics Netherlands
Gian Luigi Mazzi, Eurostat
Julian Chow, United Nations Statistics Division

Break-out Session: Tendency Surveys (14:00 – 18:00)
Chair: Gian Paulo Oneto, Italy

14:00 – 14:05  Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session
Ralf Becker, United Nations Statistics Division

14:05 – 14:25  Global assessment on tendency surveys and sentiment indicators
Paul Hanna, United Nations Statistics Division

14:25 – 14:35  The relevance and utility for official statistics of the Handbook on Tendency Surveys
Ralf Becker, United Nations Statistics Division

14:35 – 15:00  Overview of Handbook on Tendency Surveys
Georgy Gyomai, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

15:00 – 15:45  Discussion of background papers
Michael Graff, KOF, Switzerland

15:45 – 16:15  Break (30 minutes)

16:15 – 16:35  Mainstreaming data and composite indicators from tendency surveys as official statistics
Gian Paulo Oneto, Italy
16:35 – 17:25  *Flash Indicators for Business Sentiment*

Kaisa Ben Daher, Sweden

*Agricultural Tendency Surveys in Indonesia*

Kecuk Suharyanto, Indonesia

*Tendency Surveys in the Agricultural Sector*

Maryna Pugachova, Ukraine

17:25 – 17:40  Future research issues and timeline

Rosa Ruggeri Cannata, Eurostat

17:40 – 18:00  Recommendations on Tendency Surveys to the UN Statistical Commission

Ralf Becker, United Nations Statistics Division
Georgy Gyomai, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
Rosa Ruggeri, Eurostat
Michael Graff, KOF, Switzerland

**Break-out session: Data Template and Analytical Indicators**

**Chair: Ales Capek, Eurostat**

14:00 – 14.05  Opening – stating the purpose and format for the session

Ales Capek, Eurostat

14:00 – 14:20  *The proposed core set of economic statistics for Asia and the Pacific and its comparison with other data templates*

Artur Andrysiak, ESCAP

14:20 – 14:40  *Strategic indicators for industrial statistics*

Shyam Upadhyaya, United Nations Industrial Organisation

14:40 – 15:00  *High frequency data template for core set of economic and financial statistics*

Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division
15:00 – 15:20  Advancing use of visualization tools for communication and dissemination of high frequency statistics
   Floris van Ruth, Statistics Netherlands,
15:20 – 15:45  Analytical indicators template
   Carol Moylan, Bureau of Economic Analysis, USA
15.45 – 16:15  Coffee break (30 minutes)

16:15 – 16:40  Availability of statistical standards and compilation guidance
   Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division
16:40 – 17:10  Meta data structure for data template
   Ales Capec, Eurostat
17:10 – 17:30  Data hubs
   N. Eagambaram, Central Statistical Office, India
17:30 – 18:00  Recommendations on Data template and Analytical Indicators to the UN Statistical Commission
   Ales Capek, Eurostat
   Ivo Havinga, United Nations Statistics Division
   N. Eagambaram, Central Statistical Office, India
   Eduardo Nunez, IBGE, Brazil