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**Economic Commission for Europe
Conference of European Statisticians**

Joint UNECE/ILO Meeting on Consumer Price Indices

**8 – 9 May 2008, Palais des Nations, Geneva
Starting at 9:30 on Thursday 8 May 2008
Room XXIV**

Provisional agenda

1. Welcome and administrative matters
2. Reports on activities in the field of price statistics by The Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS), UNECE, ILO, The Ottawa Group, IMF and Eurostat
3. Collection and processing of price data
4. Future challenges and the role of the joint CPI meetings
5. Topics for the next joint meeting
6. Integration of price indices
7. Other CPI issues
8. Other business
9. Adoption of the report of the meeting

Tentative timetable

THURSDAY 8 MAY

09.30-09.40 Item 1: Welcome and administrative matters

09.40-10.10 Item 2: Reports on activities in the field of price statistics by:

- The Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS)
- UNECE
- ILO
- The Ottawa Group
- IMF
- Eurostat

10.10-12.30 Item 3: Collection and processing of price data

Discussant: John Morris, Statistics New Zealand

The new architecture of the German Producer Price Indices (PPI) concerning survey sampling, data collection and processing. Gerda Gladis-Dörr, Federal Statistical Office, Germany

Electronic data collection methods: The use of transaction data for PPI. Gudrun R. Jonsdottir, Statistics Iceland

CPI price collection system with hand-held computers in Finland - experiences and development. Kati Heikkinen, Statistics Finland

Collection and Processing of price data in Ethiopia. Yasin Mossa, Central Statistical Agency, Ethiopia

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

Optimal allocation of prices in practice - using the Neumann formula as tool. Alexandra Beisteiner, Statistics Austria

Do we gain from collecting price data more than once per month? Nicholas Nsowah-Nuamah, Ghana Statistical Service

Price collection procedure and its development in Lithuania. Nadiezda Alejeva, Statistics Lithuania

Method for price collection in the field. David Ghislain Dongmo Kemkeng, National Statistical Institute, Cameroon

12.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00 Item 3 (continued):

Discussant: Jacobiene van der Hoeven, Statistics Netherlands

System for data validation and editing in the Norwegian CPI. Tom Andersen Langer, Statistics Norway

Data editing in the Danish CPI. Martin Birger Larsen, Statistics Denmark

The role of the Tukey algorithm in validation procedures for prices data in a consumer prices index: the UK experience and more general aspects of data editing. David Fenwick, Office for National Statistics, UK

New editing methods at Statistics Sweden. Anders Norberg, Statistics Sweden

16.00-16.20 Coffee break

16.20-17.15 Item 4: Future challenges and the role of the joint CPI meetings

Panel discussion on the future challenges and the role of the joint CPI meetings:

- David Fenwick, Office for National Statistics, UK
- Irina Goryatcheva, Rosstat, Russian Federation
- Djoret Biaka Tedang, AFRISTAT
- Valentina Stoevska, ILO
- Carsten Boldsen Hansen, UNECE

Joint meetings of the ECE/ILO on Consumer Price Indices: a look back at the first thirty years and a look forward. David Fenwick, Office for National Statistics, UK

17.15-17.30 Item 5: Topics for the next joint meeting

Proposal by the Organising Committee of topics to be included on the agenda of a possible Joint Meeting on CPIs in 2010

FRIDAY 9 MAY

09.30-12.30 Item 6: Integration of price indices

Discussant: Pam Davis, Office for National Statistics, UK

Elementary indices for Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs). Peter Hill, Consultant

New Methodological Developments for the International (Price) Comparison Program. Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia, Canada

The interpretation of the PPPs: a method for measuring the factors that affect the comparisons and the integration with the CPI work at regional level. Luigi Biggeri¹, Rita De Carli² and Tiziana Laureti³. ¹Istat and University of Firenze, Italy; ²Istat, Italy; ³University of Tuscia, Italy

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

Can we collect prices on ICP products and integrate with CPI prices to calculate the inflation? Nicholas Nsowah-Nuamah, Ghana Statistical Service

Synergies in the production processes of CPI and PPP. Merav Yiftach, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

The integration of CPIs and PPIs for services in Germany. Peter Roemer, Federal Statistical Office, Germany

12.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.50 Item 6 (continued):

Discussant: Richard Evans, Statistics Canada

The interpretation of the divergences between CPIs at territorial level: Evidence from Italy. Biggeri L*., Brunetti* A. and Laureti° T.* Italian National Statistical Institute (Istat), Rome, Italy; ° University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy

Introduction of the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) in Switzerland. Hans Markus Herren, Federal Statistical Office FSO, Switzerland

Quality assurance and European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) in the Israeli CPI. Yoel Finkel, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

15.50-16.10 Coffee break

16.10-17.00 Item 7: Other CPI issues

Discussant: Borbala Minary, The Hungarian Statistical Office, Hungary

Mobile phones in the Jamaican Consumer Price Index. Andrelene Royal, Statistical Institute of Jamaica

Empirical analysis of the difference between measured and perceived inflation in Japan. Makoto Shimizu, Statistical Bureau, Japan

Some concrete examples of quality changes in the Korean CPI. Jinho Hur, National Statistical office of Korea

17.00-17.20 Item 8: Other business

17.20-17.30 Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting

Room documents

Review of the Harmonised Consumer Price Indices in the UEMOA. Djoret Biaka Tedang, AFRISTAT

Retrospective Calculations of Superlative Price Indexes for Years where Expenditure Data is Unavailable. Jan de Haan, Statistics Netherlands, Bert M. Balk, Erasmus University and Statistics Netherlands and Carsten Boldsen Hansen, UNECE

Note sur l'Indice des Prix à la Consommation. Cas de l'Algérie. Kadi Aicha, Office Nationale des Statistiques, Algerie