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**UNSD/UNECE Regional Meeting on  
Revision of Economic Classifications  
(Geneva, 29 September-1 October 2004)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on 29 September 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Introduction to the International Family of Classifications
4. ISIC, CPC 2002 update and ISIC, CPC 2007 revision
5. ISIC 2007 Revision: Presentation of ISIC Rev.4 draft detail
6. CPC 2007 Revision: Proposals for CPC ver.2 revision regarding concepts, structure, detail
7. Revision of the ISCO
8. UN List of Industrial Products
9. Cooperation in the field of classifications in the ECE region
10. Future work

11. Other business
12. Adoption of the report

Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

This Workshop is conducted by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

All sessions will be organised as open discussions, mostly following an introductory presentation.

Presentations of country participants on a) their national experiences with economic and social classifications and b) their comments and feedback on ISIC full structure proposals sent out as a questionnaire will be scheduled throughout the week.

**WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00** Registration of the participants

**10:00-10:10** Items 1 and 2

Item 3: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY OF CLASSIFICATIONS

**10:10-11:00** Overview of International Family of Economic and Social Classifications – presentation by the UNSD:

- Introduction to the Preamble, Role of custodians;
- Reference classifications, adaptation of reference classifications;
- Linkages and consequences, relationship with derived and related Classifications, including development and use of correspondences;
- Activity classifications (ISIC/NACE/NAICS/ANZSIC) and their relationships as an example of a family of economic classifications;
- Processes and International Cooperation (workshops and training, working groups);
- UN Classification systems and mechanisms (Classifications Hotline, Classifications Registry, Website, monitoring mechanisms on use of classifications).

**11:00-11:15** Coffee break

**11:15-11:30** Discussions and comments on Item 3

**11:30- 13:00** Country practices (Round table discussion)

**13:00-15:00** Lunch

Item 4: ISIC, CPC 2002 UPDATE AND ISIC, CPC 2007 REVISION

**15:00- 16:15** Presentation by the UNSD:

- Summary of the latest ISIC, CPC versions (ISIC 3.1, CPC 1.1), summary of changes, impact and implications of changes, relationship to other classifications, such as HS, SITC, BOP, COICOP;
- ISIC and CPC 2007 revision process:
  - Process, the three rounds of consultation;
  - Discussions and decisions on the ISIC and CPC underlying concepts;
  - Discussion of the top structure as presented in ISIC Rev. 4 draft.

**16:15-16:30** Coffee break

**16:30-17:00** Discussion

**17:00-18:00** Country practices (Round table discussion)

#### **THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER**

Item 5: ISIC 2007 REVISION: PRESENTATION OF ISIC REV. 4 DRAFT DETAIL

**09:30-10:15** Presentation by the UNSD:

- A summary of detail as presented in ISIC Rev.4 draft;
- A discussion of sections A, B, and section C except for division 33 (Repair, maintenance and installation of machinery and equipment).

**10:15-10:45** Discussion

**10:45-11:00** Coffee break

Item 5: ISIC 2007 REVISION: PRESENTATION OF ISIC REV. 4 DRAFT DETAIL (cont'd)

**11:00-12:00** Presentation by the UNSD:

- Division 33 of section C in connection with section S;
- Sections E and K.

**12:00-12:30** Discussion

**12:30-14:30** Lunch

Item 5: ISIC 2007 REVISION: PRESENTATION OF ISIC REV. 4  
DRAFT DETAIL (cont'd)

**14:30-15:15** Presentations by the UNSD : Sections N, O and T

**15:15-15:30** Discussion

Item 6: CPC 2007 REVISION

**15:30-16:15** Presentation by the UNSD:

- Proposals for its revision regarding concepts, structure, detail;
- Process and questionnaire.

**16:15-16:30** Coffee break

Item 6: CPC 2007 REVISION (cont'd)

**16:30-16:45** Discussion

**16:45-17:30** Country practices (Round table discussion)

## **FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER**

Item 7: REVISION OF ISCO

**09:30-10:45** Presentation by the ILO: Revision of ISCO classification, processes, working groups, problems.

**10:45-11:15** Discussion

**11:15-11:30** Coffee break

**11:30-12:30** Country practices (Round table discussion)

**12:30-14:30** Lunch

Item 8: UN LIST OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

**14:30-15:00** Presentation by the UNSD:

- Current status of international data collection for industrial commodities;
- Revision of the United Nations List of selected industrial products:
  - anticipated changes;
  - data collection issues.

**15:00-15:30** Discussion

Item 9: COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE ECE REGION

**15:30-16:00** Presentation by the UNSD and the UNECE: Practical problems and solutions and intra-regional cooperation in the adaptation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC) in the ECE countries.

**16:00-16:15** Coffee break

**16:15-16:45** Discussion

**16:45-17:00** Item 10: FUTURE WORK

- Follow-up on questions raised during the workshop;
- Future cooperation in the region and on the international level;
- Planning of follow-up actions.

**17:00-17:10** Item 11: OTHER BUSINESS

**17:10-17:20** Item 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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