



Meeting of the Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices

2 – 4 May 2016

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Salle VII

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Programme

Monday 2 May

09.30 Welcome and opening of the meeting

Opening address by Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

09.45 Session 1: Scanner data

Session Chair: Jan de Haan, Statistics Netherlands

Scanner Data; Initial Data Testing

Heiðrún Erika Guðmundsdóttir, Statistics Iceland

Measuring inflation through different sampling designs implemented on scanner data
A. Guandalini, A. Bernardini, C. De Vitiis, F. Inglese and M.D. Terribili, Italian National Institute for Statistics

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

Processing scanner data in the Dutch CPI: A new methodology and first experiences
Antonio Chessa, Statistics Netherlands

The Danish CPI with scanner data-a switch for the COICOP group 1 and 2
Thomas Hjorth Jacobsen, Statistics Denmark

Estimating Inflation by Company

Satoshi Imai, Nowcast Inc, Kota Watanabe, Meiji University, Tsutomu Watanabe, University of Tokyo

Room documents:

An Overview of Price Index Methods for Scanner Data

Jan de Haan, Antonio Chessa and Leon Willenborg, Statistics Netherlands

Modernising price collection: Scanner data and the HICP

Dirk-Jan Hoogerdijk, Eurostat

12.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30 Session 2: Big Data

Session Chair: Antonino Virgillitto, Italian National Institute of Statistics

Fifteen years of progress in the collection of prices data in the Netherlands
Jan Walschots, Statistics Netherlands

Italian experience and perspective of using big data to estimate inflation
Federico Polidoro, Antonino Virgillito, Italian National Institute for Statistics

Pricing Patterns over Product Life-Cycle and Quality Growth at Product Turnover: Empirical Evidence from Japan
Kimiaki Shinozaki, Bank of Japan

15.40-16.00 Coffee break

Alternative data collection methods - focus on online data
Ragnhild Nygaard, Statistics Norway

Are online and offline Prices Similar?
Alberto Cavallo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

On the use of Internet data for the Dutch CPI
Robert Griffioen, Olav Ten Bosch, Statistics Netherlands

Research indices using web scraped data
Robert Breton, Gareth Clews, Liz Metcalfe, Natasha Milliken, Christopher Payne, Joe Winton and Ainslie Woods, Office for National Statistic, United Kingdom

17.30 End of first meeting day

17.30-19.00 Reception at the Restaurant des Delegates, Palais des Nations, 8th floor

Tuesday 3 May

09.30 Session 3: CPIs for different population groups, income groups and geographic areas

Session Chair: Patrick Kelly, Statistics South Africa

CPIs for different population groups, income groups and geographic areas in Uganda
Vincent Nsubuga, Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Revising the Geographic Area Sample for the US Consumer Price Index
David M. Friedman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Constant-utility indexes for groups in Canadian society. An application of a consumer demand system
Radu Chiru and Clément Yélou, Consumer Prices Division, Statistics Canada

10.50-11.10 Coffee break

Drivers of measured, perceived and expected inflation in Germany.
Jens Mehrhoff, Central Bank of Germany

Estimating Consumer Price Inflation by Household
Jess Diamond, Hitotsubashi University, Kota Watanabe, Meiji University, Tsutomu Watanabe, Tokyo University

Room documents:

Household-group inflation: methods to combine expenditure patterns
Alan Bentley, Statistics New Zealand

Socioeconomic Stratification in the CPI

Maria Ximena Caicedo Moreno, National Administrative Department of Statistics, Colombia

12.30-14.30 Lunch

14.00-14.30 Poster Session

The Billion Prices Project. Using Online Data for Measurement and Research

Alberto Cavallo and Roberto Rigobon, MIT & NBER

Commercial Property Price Indicators: Sources, Methods and Issues

Joachim Recktenwald, Eurostat

CPI Major Review

Rafael Gaona, National Institute of Statistics Geography and Informatics of Mexico

Modernising Official Statistics

Steven Vale, UNECE

Selection of CPI formula in three steps

Carsten Boldsen, UNECE

14:30 Session 4: Methodological issues

Session Chair: Mathieu Lequain, Statistics Canada

Fixed Basket Methods for Compiling Consumer Price Indexes

Paul Armknecht, International Monetary Fund

A New Estimation for the US CPI – Capabilities and Impacts

David M. Friedman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The treatment of difficult-to-measure products and services in Japan.

Shunichi Shimakita, Statistical Bureau of Japan

Room documents:

Methods for calculation of elementary and higher-level price indices in Burundi

Iranyibutse Fidèle, Institut de Statistiques et des Etudes Economiques du Burundi

CPI Major Review

Rafael Gaona, National Institute of Statistics Geography and Informatics of Mexico

Practical experience in measuring health services and pharmaceuticals in the consumer price index of the Republic of Belarus

Ekaterina Grikhanova, National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus

15.50-16.10 Coffee break

16.10 Session 5: House price indices

Session Chair: James Tucker, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

The Polish experience in developing House Price Index

Renata Rechnio, Central Statistical Office of Poland

Creation of an official real estate price index in Switzerland: objectives and challenges

Davide Fischbach, Corinne Becker Vermeulen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office

Hedonic Regression Models for Tokyo Condominium Sales

W. Erwin Diewert and Chihiro Shimizu, University of British Columbia, Canada

Room document:

A Hedonic House Price Index for Turkey

Timur Hulagu, Erdi Kizilkaya, Ali Gencay Ozbekler, Pinar Tunar, Central Bank of Turkey

17.30 End of second meeting day

Wednesday 4 May

09.30 Session 6: Synergies between CPIs and PPPs and integration of survey activities

Session Chair: Nada Hamadeh, World Bank

Partnership, processes and possibilities: the South African experience of integrating PPP and CPI work.

Lekau Ranoto and Patrick Kelly, Statistics South Africa

The integration of ICP and CPI in Morocco. Reality and prospects

Mohamed Elmaliki, Statistics Morocco

Synergies between CPIs and PPPs and Integration of Survey Activities

Majed Skaini, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

Integration of survey activities for CPIs and PPPs

Irina Goryacheva, Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States

Synergies Between CPIs and PPPs and Integration of Survey Activities: The Case of Galápagos Islands

Ernestina Perez and Giovanni Savio, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

11.40 Session 7: Update of the 2004 CPI Manual

Report on the updating of the 2014 CPI Manual

Brian Graf, International Monetary Fund

12.10 Session 8: Future work

Proposals for topics to be discussed at a possible meeting of the Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices in 2018

12.30 End of the meeting
