



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES

15 – 16 November 2011

UN House, Beirut

Provisional Agenda

Tuesday, 15 November 2011

8:30 – **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening of the workshop**

- Objectives and organization of the workshop
- Administrative matters and introduction of participants

Speakers: Representatives of ESCWA

9.30 – 10.30 **Role and importance of industrial statistics**

- Users of industrial statistics
- Challenges of compiling industrial statistics including globalization

Speakers: Representatives of UNIDO

- Recent trends in industrial activities in the ESCWA region

Speakers: Representatives of ESCWA

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:00 **International recommendations on industrial statistics (IRIS 2008)**

- Scope and coverage industrial activities
- Statistical unit for industrial statistics and its characteristics
- Definitions of data items
- Selected implementation issues

Speakers: Representatives of ESCWA

12.00 – 13:00 **Alternative strategies of collecting industrial statistics**

- Business registers
- Economic censuses

Speakers: Representatives of UNIDO

Speakers: Representatives of ESCWA

13:00 – 14:00 *Break*

14:00 – 16:00 Classifications of industrial activities: ISIC Rev. 4

- Changes to scope and detail, compared to previous version (*ISIC 3.1*)
- New concepts and categories
- New application rules in ISIC Rev. 4
- Selected detailed changes

Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

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08:30 – 10:00 Classifications of industrial activities: ISIC Rev. 4 (– contd.)

- Alternative aggregations
- Application of the classification in national context
- Country case presentations

Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 Product classifications: CPC Rev. 2

- Summary of recent changes
- Links to other classifications
- Newly introduced product concepts: originals, intellectual property products
- Changes in selected areas of CPC
- Country case presentations

Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

12:30 – 13:30 Break

13:30 – 15:30 ISIC and CPC implementation

- Required documents and tools
- Classification change and relevance to industrial statistics
- Options for problems resolution

Speakers: Representatives of UNIDO, UNSD and ESCWA

15.30 – 16:00 Discussion and evaluation of the workshop

Way forward

Closing