



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS AND CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES

30 September - 2 October 2013

Doha, Qatar

Provisional Agenda

Monday, 30 September 2013

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 **Opening of the workshop**

- Opening speeches
- Objectives and organization of the workshop
- Administrative matters and introduction of participants
Representative of ESCWA

9:15 – 10:30 **Role and importance of industrial statistics**

- Users of industrial statistics
- Challenges of compiling industrial statistics including globalization
Speakers: Representatives of UNIDO
- Importance of harmonized Industry Statistics in the Arab Region
Speakers: Representatives of ESCWA and UNIDO

10:30 – 1200 **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 *Lunch break*

13:00 – 14:00 **Using administrative data and business registers**

- Business registers
- Data matching
- Record linkage
Speakers: Representatives of UNIDO

14:00 – 16:00 Presentations of regional and national experiences:

- Country case presentations by participants (1)
- Industrial statistics in the GCC region
Speakers: Representatives of GOIC
- Use of open source software in developing industrial statistics databases
Speakers: Representatives of AIDMO

Tuesday, 1 October 2013

8:30 – 10:30 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

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:00 Classifications of industrial activities: ISIC Rev. 4 (– contd.)

- Application of the classification in national context
Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

12:00 - 13:00 *Break*

13:00 – 14:30 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
Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

14:30– 16:00 ISIC and CPC implementation

- Implications of new classification to the Arab countries
- Classification change and relevance to industrial statistics
- Treatment of time-series
- Options for problems resolution
Speakers: All participating experts

Wednesday, 2 October 2013

8:30 – 10:00 Economic indicators and industrial statistics

- Index for industrial production (IIP): methodology and uses
Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

10:00 – 10:30 Country case presentations by participants (2)

10:30 – 12:00 **The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System: HS**

- Introduction to the nomenclature
- Structure and rules of interpretation
- Changes to scope and detail: major amendments of 2012
- Links to other classifications (CEB, SITC, CPC and ISIC)
- Application of the classification in national context

Speakers: Representatives of UNSD

12:00 – 12:30 *Break*

12:30 – 13:45 **Round table discussion on the challenges for developing industrial statistics in the Arab region**

Speakers: Experts and participants

13:45 – 14:15 **Discussion and evaluation of the workshop**

Way forward

Closing