



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES

8 – 10 May 2011

Doha, Qatar

Provisional Agenda

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Registration

Opening of the workshop

Objectives and organization of the workshop

Role and importance of industrial statistics

- Users of industrial statistics
- Challenges of compiling industrial statistics including globalization
- Importance of harmonized Industry Statistics in the Gulf Region

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

Alternative strategies of collecting industrial statistics

- Business registers
- Data matching
- Record linkage

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

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Classifications of industrial activities: ISIC Rev. 4 (– *contd.*)

- Alternative aggregations
- Application of the classification in national context

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

ISIC and CPC implementation

- Implications of new classification to the GCC countries
- Classification change and relevance to industrial statistics
- Treatment of time-series
- Options for problems resolution

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ISIC and CPC implementation (- *contd.*)

- Working groups: implementation issues for ISIC and CPC
- Country case presentations
- Summary of working groups discussions

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

Skills of writing statistical reports

Discussion and evaluation of the workshop

Way forward
Closing