**Regional Workshop on Consumer Price Indices**

**11-13 September 2019**

**Minsk, Belarus**

**Provisional agenda**

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|  **Day 1** |
| 08.30–09.00 09.00–09.30  | Registration of participantsWelcome and opening of the Workshop Presentation of all the participants and their expectations for the Workshop |
| 09.30–10.30 | **Session 1: Data collection and data sources**  |
|  | Collection and processing of price data in the Russian Federation. *Mikhail Afonin, Russian Federation*Data collection in the field, quality control and software for tablets. *Corinne Becker Vermeulen* |
| 10.30–11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00–12.30 | Scanner data: how to start, recommendations. *Corinne Becker Vermeulen* Internet-based data collection including web scraping. *Randi Johannessen*Experiences from participants, discussion |
| 12.30 –14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00–15.30 | **Session 2: Seasonal items and missing items** |
|  | Package holidays in the CPI of Georgia. *Giorgi Tetrauli, Georgia*Seasonal products and missing observations. *Nadezhda Profatskaya, Ukraine*Seasonal goods and their accounting in CPI in the Republic Kazakhstan. *Kanat Ukibassov, Kazakhstan*Missing items. *Randi Johannesen* How to treat seasonal items – a general approach. *Randi Johannessen* |
| 15.30 –15.50 | Coffee break |
| 15.50 –17.00 | **Session 2 (cont.)** |
|  | Practical exercises with seasonal items. *Corinne Becker Vermeulen* |
|  | Experiences from participants, discussion |
| 17.00 | End of first day  |
| **17.30** | **Welcome cocktail reception for all participants** |

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|  **Day 2** |
| 09.00 –10.30 | **Session 3: Index calculation and weighting**  |
|  | The formation of a weighting system for calculating the CPI of Tajikistan. *Najibulloev Abdukhalil, Tajikistan*Index calculation and weighting issues. *Randi Johannessen / Corinne Becker Vermeulen* |
| 10.30 –11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00 –12.30 | Index calculation and weighting (cont.) |
| 12.30 –14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 –15.15 | **Session 3 (cont.)** |
|  | Treatment of outliers in the CPI of Georgia.*Giorgi Tetrauli, Georgia*Experiences from participants, exercises and discussion |
| 15:15–15:30 | Improvement of the methodology and the structure of HCPI for CIS. *Zoya Basova, CISSTAT* |
| 15.30 –15.50 | Coffee break |
| 15.50 –17.00 | **Session 4: Alternative aggregates** |
|  | Alternative aggregates. *Randi Johannessen* |
|  | Experiences from participants, discussion |
| **Day 3** |
| 09.00 –10.30 | **Session 5: Rented dwellings and owner-occupied housing**  |
|  | Rented dwellings. *Corinne Becker Vermeulen* Owner-occupied housing: introduction to different approaches – rental equivalence, payment, user cost and net acquisition. *Randi Johannessen* |
| 10.30 –11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00 –11.30 | **Session 5 (cont.)**  |
|  | Experiences from participants, discussion |
| 11.30 - 12.30 | **Session 6: Special topics**  |
| 11.30 - 12.15 | Financial services and insurance. *Randi Johannessen* |
| 12.15 - 12.30 | Compiling weights’ system for the CPI calculation. Harmonization of household surveys and SNA data. Irina Goryacheva, *CISSTAT* |
| 12.30 –14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00–15.00 | **Session 7: Meeting user needs: publication, dissemination and user relations** |
|  | CPI in the Republic of Belarus, meeting user needs. *Aleksei Yarkovets, Belarus*Meeting user needs – documentation, dissemination and communication. *Corinne Becker Vermeulen / Carsten Boldsen*  |
| 15.30 –16.00 | **Feedback from the participants and closing of the workshop** |