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Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices

Eighth Meeting

Geneva, 10-12 May 2006

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on 10 May 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
Salle XIX**

The meeting is organised jointly with the International Labour Office (ILO)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Information items:
 - Report by the ILO
 - Report by the IMF
 - Report by Eurostat
 - Report of the Ottawa Group
 - Report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS)
4. System of price indices
5. Concepts and measurement – defining the (ideal) measure for the purpose
6. Core inflation measurement
7. Structured product descriptions
8. Future work
9. The CPI Manual – Usefulness, applicability, completeness
10. CPI measurement problems in emerging economies
11. Other CPI issues
12. Other business
13. Adoption of the Report

Timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The meeting on Consumer Price Indices is convened jointly by UNECE and ILO pursuant to the decision that the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians took at its meeting in October 2005 (see report of the meeting CES/BUR.2005/21).

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2006

10.00-10.10 Items 1 and 2: Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

10.10-10.40 Item 3: Information items

Information on events and activities will be provided by the following:

- Report by the ILO
- Report by the IMF
- Report by Eurostat
- Report of the Ottawa Group
- Report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS)

10.40-13.00 Item 4: System of price indices

10.40-10.50 Discussant: Ms Corinne Becker Vermeulen, Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Switzerland

10.50-11.10 System of Price Indices and supporting frameworks (invited paper)
Author: Mr David Fenwick, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

11.10-11.30 A family of Indices in the Israeli CPI (invited paper)
Author: Mr Yoel Finkel, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

11.30-11.50 Coffee break

11.50-12.10 Comparing inflation between United States and Europe using the methods of the European Union's Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (invited paper)
Author: Mr Walter F. Lane and Mary L. Schmidt, Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States

12.10-12.30 Methodological developments in the 2005 revision of the CPI in Japan (invited paper)
Author: Mr Makoto Shimizu, Statistics Bureau, Japan

12.30-13.00 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

13.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-18.00 Item 5: Concepts and measurements – Defining the (ideal) measure for the purpose

- 15.00-15.10 Discussant: Mr Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia
- 15.10-15.30 Conceptual Framework for Creating a cost-of-living index in the Russian Federation (invited paper)
Author: Federal Service of State Statistics, Russian Federation
- 15.30-15.50 The Re-design of the Dutch CPI (invited paper)
Author: Mr Jan de Haan, Statistics Netherlands
- 15.50-16.20 Coffee break
- 16.20-16.40 International standards on CPI: The purpose determines the conceptual basis of the index (invited paper)
Author: Ms Valentina Stoevska, International Labour Office
- 16.40-17.00 The price-updating of weights in the CPI (invited paper)
Author: Mr Carsten B. Hansen, UNECE
- 17.00-17.20 Further development of the Polish Consumer Price Statistics (invited paper)
Author: Ms Alina Gluchowska, Central Statistical Office, Poland
- 17.20-18.00 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers
- 18.00-19.00 Reception at Bar L'Escargot, next to Salle XIX

THURSDAY 11 MAY

09.30-12.30 Item 6: Core inflation measurement

- 09.30-09.40 Discussant: Mr Yoel Finkel, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel
- 09.40-10.00 Core inflation: measures and their choice (invited paper)
Author: Mr Mick Silver, International Monetary Fund
- 10.00-10.20 Swedish core inflation measures (invited paper)
Author: Mr Peter Nilsson and Martin Ribe, Statistics Sweden
- 10.20-10.40 A user point of view on core inflation measures (invited paper)
Author: Mr Laurent Bilke, European Central Bank
- 10.40-11.00 Discussions and comments on invited papers
- 11.00-11.20 Coffee break

- 11.20-11.30 Inflation target – implementation of a CPI-ATE in Norway (supporting paper)
Author: Mr Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway
- 11.30-11.40 Methodological base and practice of core inflation estimation in the Russian Federation (invited paper)
Author: Federal Service of State Statistics, Russian Federation
- 11.40-11.50 Core inflation measurement – Czech experience (supporting paper)
Author: Mr Jiri Mrazek, Czech Statistical Office
- 11.50-12.00 Alternative indicators of core inflation for Norway (supporting paper)
Author: Mr Morten Jonassen and Mr. Einar W. Nordbø, Central Bank of Norway
- 12.00-12.30 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers
- 12.30-14.30 Lunch**
- 14.30-15.20 Item 7: Structured Product Descriptions**
- 14.30-14.40 Discussant: Mr Timo Koskimäki, Statistics Finland
- 14.40-15.00 Structured product descriptions and the relationship between purchasing power parities and consumer price indices (invited paper)
Author: Mr Paul Konijn, Eurostat, and Mr David Roberts, OECD
- 15.00-15.20 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers
- 15.20-16.00 Item 8: Future work**
- 15.20-15.30 Report from the Workshop on "CPI measurement: Central Bank Views and Concerns", organized by the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics, Basel, 20-21 April 2006. Paul Van den Bergh, Bank for International Settlements.
- 15.30-16.00 Based on a proposal by the CPI Steering Group the meeting will discuss and agree on future ECE work on price indices and on the agenda of a possible joint ECE/ILO Meeting on CPI in 2008. The Secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of country suggestions and on the discussions as the meeting proceeds for the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians.
- 16.00-16.20 Coffee Break
- 16.20-17.30 Item 9: The CPI Manual – Usefulness, applicability and completeness**
- 16.20-16.30 Discussant: Mr Peter Hill, United Kingdom

16.30-16.40 The CPI Manual - Status and future revision (supporting paper)
Author: Ms Valentina Stoevska, International Labour Office

16.40-17.00 Updating the CPI Manual (supporting paper)
Author: Mr Peter Hill, United Kingdom

17.00-17.30 Roundtable discussion

FRIDAY 12 MAY

09.30-12.30 Item 10: CPI measurement problems in emerging economies

09.30-09.40 Discussant: Mr David Fenwick, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

09.40-10.00 Price collection in unstable market conditions (invited paper)
Author: Mr Miroslav Jankovic, Statistical Office of Serbia and Montenegro, Mr Dragi Stojiljkovic and Ms Tatjana Stanojevic-Miladinovic, Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

10.00-10.20 The Bulgarian CPI and the index of a small basket of goods and services (invited paper)
Author: Ms Stanimira Kosekova, National Institute of Statistics of Bulgaria

10.20-10.40 System of price indices (invited paper)
Author: Ms Natella Guliyeva, State Statistical Committee of Azerbaijan

10.40-11.00 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-11.50 The Consumer Price Index in Georgia (invited paper)
Author: Ms Lia Mdinardze, State Department for Statistics of Georgia

11.50-12.10 CPI and Measurement Problems in Developing Countries: the Case of Malawi (supporting paper)
Author: Mr Charles Machinliji, The National Statistical Office, Malawi

Two additional supporting papers have been provided for this item: Development of methodology for the compilation of Consumer Price Index in Nigeria, by Mr O. F. Nwaboku, National Bureau of Statistics of Nigeria, and Papua New Guinea Consumer Price Index – Methodology, Concepts and Practices, by Mr Joseph Aka, National Statistical Office, Papua New Guinea.

12.10-12.30 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

12.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.40 Item 11: Other CPI issues

14.30-14.40 Discussant: Mr George Beelen, Statistics Canada

14.40-15.00 A probability Sample Strategy for improving the Quality of the Consumer Price Index Survey using the information of the Business Register (invited paper)
Author: Mr L. Biggeri and Mr P. Falorsi, ISTAT, Italy

15.00-15.20 Stability of CPIs in consideration of changes in sample size (invited paper)
Author: Waldemar Dubla, Anna Cynkier and Arkadiusz Grabski, Regional Statistical Office of Lodz, Poland

15.20-15.40 Experiences from compilation of the Hungarian CPI (invited paper)
Author: Ms Borbala Minary, Hungarian Central Statistical Office

15.40-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.10 E-commerce in the Israeli CPI (supporting paper)
Author: Mr Yoel Finkel, Central Bureau of Statistics of Israel

16.10-16.20 Global and regional estimates of Consumer Price Inflation (supporting paper)
Author: Ms Valentina Stoevska, International Labour Office

16.20-16.40 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers

16.40-16.50 Item 12: Other business

16.50-17.00 Item 13: Adoption of the Report

Participants will be asked to adopt a short draft report (2-3 pages) including the agenda, participation, main decisions of the meeting and the recommendations for future work.

A final report will be distributed to all participants after the meeting.
