



**United Nations Workshop on International Economic and Social Classifications
10-13 December 2007,**

**Ramses-Hilton, Cairo, Egypt
Provisional Agenda**

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Morning sessions will be from 8:00 to 13:00 (except on Monday), afternoon sessions from 14:00 to 17:00. Lunch breaks will be from 13:00 to 14:00 every day. There will also be a coffee break during the morning sessions and afternoon sessions.

All sessions will be organized as open discussions, usually following an introductory presentation.

DAY 1. Monday, 10 December 2007

09:30 Registration of participants

Session 1. Introduction and background

10:00 Opening Session

- *Introduction and opening of meeting (CAPMAS, UNSD, ESCWA, GOIC)*
- *Agenda, General questions and Workshop objectives (ESCWA, UNSD)*

10:30 Family of International Classifications (UNSD)

- *International work on classifications*
- *UN Classifications website and tools*

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Overview of Economic Statistics and Classifications in the ESCWA Region (ESCWA)

12:30 Discussion

Session 2. ISIC and CPC Revision

14:00 Importance of harmonized Industry Statistics in the Gulf Region (GOIC)

14:30 ISIC and CPC revision process (UNSD)

- *Process*
- *Discussion of the top structures of ISIC and CPC*

15:00 **ISIC Revision 4 (UNSD)**

- *Major changes*
- *New concepts in applying the classification, e.g. Treatment of Outsourcing (incl. recording of activities and products in ISIC and CPC)*

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee Break

16:15 Discussion

16:30 Country presentations

DAY 2. Tuesday, 11 December 2007

Session 3. ISIC Revision: Detailed Changes

08:30 **ISIC Revision 4 (UNSD)**

- *Selected detailed changes*
- *Alternate aggregations*
- *Application of the classification in national contexts*

10:00 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Country presentations

Session 4. CPC Revision: Detailed Changes

14:00 **CPC Version 2 (UNSD)**

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

15:30 Discussion

16:15 **Working Groups: Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC**

DAY 3. WEDNESDAY, 12 December 2007

Session 5. ISIC and CPC implementation

08:30 **Implications of New Classification to ESCWA (ESCWA)**

09:00 **ISIC and CPC implementation (UNSD)**

- *Timeline recommendations*
- *Required documents and tools*

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 **Working Groups: Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC**

Session 6. Countries' views and implementation

14:00 Country presentations

15:00 **Working Groups: Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC (cont.)**

16:30 **Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC**

- *Summary of workgroup discussions*
- *Options for resolution of problems*

DAY 4. THURSDAY, 13 December 2007

Session 7. ISIC/CPC implementation and Industrial statistics

08:30 **Implementation issues for ISIC and CPC (cont.)**

- *Summary of workgroup discussions*
- *Options for resolution of problems*

09:30 Discussion

10:30 **International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics (UNSD)**

- *Overview of main changes in the manual*

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Discussion

Session 8. Summary and recommendations

14:00 **Future plans**

- *Future cooperation in the region and at the international level*
- *Discussion of follow-up actions*
- *Recommendations, Summary and conclusions*

