

# Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications

New York, 25-28 October 2022

Meeting venue: UNHQ, GA Building, Conference Room E  
Draft agenda – 19 October 2022

The meeting will take place in New York from 25-28 October 2022. Background notes will be made available in advance of the meeting, containing key questions for discussion. All participants are asked to read the background notes in advance of the meeting. This will ensure a focused discussion during each session. All materials will be made available online at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Meetings/UNCEISC2022/default.cshtml>

## Day 1 – Tuesday 25 October

9:30am – 10:00am

### Opening and objectives of the meeting

Opening statements by

- Ilaria Di Matteo, UNSD
- Andrew Hancock, Statistics New Zealand, Chair of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (UNCEISC)

Introduction of participants and adoption of agenda

10:00am – 11:15am

### Session 1. Mandate and Governance of UNCEISC – *for decision*

This session will review of the Mandate of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications, discuss its new mandate and how the Committee intends to carry out its mandate and possible future roles of the Committee.

- Andrew Hancock, Chair of UNCEISC

Background material:

- UNCEISC mandate
- Approval process for classifications

11:30am – 12:30pm

### Session 2. Review of the International Family of Classifications – *for decision*

This session will review the organizations and the content of the International Family of Classifications (IFC) also in light of the revision of the Classification of Statistical Activities (CSA) which provides the organizing structure for the IFC.

- Andrew Hancock, Chair of UNCEISC

**2:00pm – 3:30pm**

**Session 3a. Review of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC)– *for decision***

Session 3a will review of the progress in the revision of ISIC Rev. 4 and discuss the plan for the finalization of the revised ISIC. This session will also discuss the plans for the implementation of the revised ISIC and the tools to assists countries in its implementation. An update on the revision of regional classifications of activities (e.g. NACE and NAICS) will also be presented. The Committee is expected to give the provisional endorsement of the revised structure of ISIC Rev. 5 pending the outcome of the global consultation.

Presentation

- Franklin Assoumou Ndong, Statistics Canada, Chair TT-ISIC

Background documents:

- Note on the status of the revision and discussion points
- New draft structure of ISIC

**3:45pm – 5:30pm**

**Session 3b. International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC)  
Rev. 5: Future plan and new mandate**

Presentations:

- Future activities for ISIC – Franklin Assoumou Ndong (Chair TT-ISIC)
- Research agenda – TBC
- Research agenda – TBC

Background documents:

- Note future work; new mandate on the TT-ISIC

## Day 2 – Wednesday 26 October

9:30am – 10:00am

Review of conclusions of the previous day

10:00am – 11:00am

### Session 3c. Regional and national classifications of economic activities

Presentations:

- Update on the NACE 2.1 - Claude Macchi (Eurostat)
- Relevance of statistical classifications for the Pacific Island countries and territories – Nilima Lal (SPC)
- Update on the revised NAICS - Fay Dorsett (US Census Bureau) and Vincent Russo (US BLS)
- 2019 Updates to the Philippine Standard Industrial Classification System - Minerva Eloisa Esquivias and Emerson Aquino (Philippines Statistics Authority)

Background document:

- The relevance of statistical classifications for Pacific Island countries and territories

11:15am – 12:30pm

### Session 4. Revision of the Central Product Classification Ver.2.1 – *for decision*

This session will review of the progress in the revision of CPC Ver. 2.1 and discuss the plan for the finalization of this classification. This session will also discuss the plans for the implementation of the revised CPC and the tools to assists countries in its implementation.

- Update on the revision of the Central Product Classification - Vincent Russo (Chair TT-CPC)
- TBC

Background material:

- Note on the status of the revision of CPC

2:00pm – 3:30pm

### Session 4. Revision of the Central Product Classification Ver.2.1 (continued)

- Amendments to HS 2027 - Ulla Larsson (WCO)
- Update on trade classifications – Markie Muryawan (UNSD)
- The revision of SEEA and its impact on CPC - TBC

3:45pm – 5:30pm

### Session 5. Revision of the Standard International Classification of Energy Products (SIEC) – *for decision*

This session will review the Terms of Reference (ToR) and the initial list of issues for the revision of the Standard International Classification of Energy Products for consideration of the Committee. The Committee is expected to endorse the ToR and the initial list of issues for the revision of SIEC.

- Update SIEC revision process - Vincent Russo (Co-Chair TT-SIEC) and Alejandra Reyes (Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of Uruguay, Co-Chair TT-SIEC)

Background material:

- Note on the Revision process for SIEC and Terms of Reference of TT-SIEC

## Day 3 – Thursday 27 October

9:30am – 10:00am

Review of conclusions of the previous day

10:00am – 11:00am

### Session 6. Review and approval of other classifications – *for discussion*

This session will go through the approval of other classifications that are being submitted to the Committee for endorsement as international statistical classifications:

- Classification of Statistical Activities – Tiina Luige (UNECE) Outcome of the review of the classification – Andrew Hancock (Chair UNCEISC)  
Background document: CSA paper and CSA structure  
Discussion
- International classification of violence against children (ICVAC) - Claudia Cappa (UNICEF)  
Outcome of the review of the classification –Franklin Assoumou Ndong (Chair TT-ISIC)  
Background document: draft international classification of violence against children (ICVAC)  
Discussion

11:15am – 12:30pm

### Session 7. Updates on other classifications – *for information*

This session will provide an update from various custodians on classifications that are under revision or are being planned to be revised in the near future.

Initial set of issues for the Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG)

- Zaijin Zhan (IMF)
- Alessandra Alfieri (UNCEEA, UNSD)
- Herman Smith (ISWGNA, UNSD)

Discussion

2:00pm – 3:30pm

### Session 7. Updates on other classifications – *for information (continued)*

- Update on the Classification of Environmental Functions - Arturo de la Fuente (Eurostat)
- Update on the Classification of Business Functions – Claude Macchi (Eurostat) confirmed
- Update on the revision of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) - Lara Badre (ILO)
- Updates on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes - Roberto Murguía Huerta and David Rausis (UNODC)
- Development of the International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons - Roberto Murguía Huerta and (UNODC)
- Updates on the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework– Chee Hai Teo (UNSD)

Background document available

- Draft Classification of environmental functions

3:45pm – 5:30pm

### Session 8. Survey of national classifications

This session will review the methods on surveying the national classifications and the implementation of international statistical classifications. The Committee will discuss the scope and format of the survey for the assessment of national classifications.

- Zhiyuan Qian (UNSD)

## Day 4 – Friday 28 October

9:30am – 10:00am

Review of conclusions of the previous day

10:00am – 11:00am

### Session 9. Modernization of classifications

This session will discuss a number of issues related to the modernization of classifications. This will include for example the discussion on a strategy for revision cycles and dynamic updating processes; the review of the coding system for classifications, code numbering and criteria for defining titles, the development of semantic web, the re-activation of a discussion forum; mechanism for communication on new advances on classifications from Committee's members.

- Modernization of Statistical Classifications – Andrew Hancock (Chair UNCEISC)
- Development of Caliper – Veronica Gianfaldoni (FAO)
- Coding Rules in NACE- Claude Macchi (Eurostat)
- Recent developments - Zhiyuan Qian (UNSD)

11:15am – 12:30pm

### Session 10. Future work and closing remarks

Andrew Hancock, Chair of the UNCEISC  
Ilaria Di Matteo, UNSD