

**INTER-SECRETARIAT WORKING GROUP ON PRICE STATISTICS (IWGPS)
IWGPS MEETING (AUDIO-CONFERENCE), 6 OCTOBER 2014, 16:30 - 17:30
MINUTES**

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Attendance - Institutional members

Peter van de Ven	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - Chair
Joachim Recktenwald	Eurostat
Valentina Stoevska	International Labour Organisation
Carsten Boldsen	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
<i>International Monetary Fund: no attendance</i>	
<i>World Bank: no attendance</i>	

1 Opening

The meeting was chaired by Peter van de Ven (OECD) with participation of institutional IWGPS members (see list above). The main agenda item related to the further way forward regarding the update of the CPI Manual.

2 Update of the 2004 CPI Manual

Note on discussion issues: On the basis of the written feedback provided by the IWGPS-members on the discussion issues paper, Peter will draft the main conclusions on each of issues (deadline: October 7), and send them to the IWGPS for written consultation. The members will respond by October 13, after which the document can be finalised.

Note with guidelines for the authors: Carsten will redraft the guidelines for the authors, taking into account the couple of comments that have been made. This document will also be distributed to the IWGPS for final consultation by October 13.

Note with chapter-by-chapter comments: It was noted that this document can only be finalised once consensus has been agreed on the way forward regarding the discussion issues. Carsten agreed to redraft the chapter-by-chapter comments, taking into account the comments received and the conclusions in relation to the discussion issues (see above). This document will be distributed to the IWGPS by October 20, for comments by the end of October.

It was also agreed that the document with the chapter-by-chapter comments would be sent to the countries for consultation. This would however be a “soft” consultation, in the sense that the primary goal would be to keep the countries informed and to give them the possibility to propose changes and

additions to the note with the chapter-by-chapter comments. The consultation will be initiated in the course of November.

Furthermore, it was agreed that Carsten would go through the draft Terms of Reference for the TEG (ToR-TEG), taking on board the present state of affairs. Subsequently, the document will be put forward to the IWGPS for consultation. (Addition PvdV: No specific deadline has been agreed, but it would be good if we could finalise the draft ToR-TEG in November).

In relation to the composition of the TEG, Peter will send a draft list, based on the discussion in the previous IWGPS-meeting and the proposals put forward by Mick.

Finally, it was agreed that Peter would discuss the possibilities of resourcing the editor with the IMF.

3 Any Other Business

All participants agreed that it would be good to have a physical meeting of the IWGPS in the first quarter of 2015, in Geneva, Luxembourg or Paris. Peter will discuss this with the IMF, looking at possibilities to have the meeting back-to-back with a mission of the relevant IMF-people to Europe.