

Virtual Meeting of the IWGPS
Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Minutes

1. Rotation of the IWGPS Chair
 - a. The next-in-line member agency, ILO, agreed to serve as Chair of the IWGPS. Because of current commitments, Valentina requested that her term as Chair begin immediately following the 2024 UNSC. In the interim, the World Bank will continue as Chair.
 - b. It was agreed that a routine and regular rotation of the Chair would be preferred. The term would be set at 2 years, with flexibility for a 3rd year if the IWGPS were in the middle of a project.
2. Status of CPI Theory publication
 - a. The IMF is in the final stages of editing the Theory Publication and reviewing page proofs. It is planned that the editing will be completed by the end of October 2023.
 - b. The Theory Publication will be made available in an electronic PDF format posted on the CPI Manual website hosted by the IMF. The link will be shared with all member agencies if they wish to post the link on their websites.
 - c. The general format of the Theory Publication will be similar to the CPI Manual. IMF COM will be contacting the publications departments of each member agency in the coming weeks to sign copy right agreements and confirm permission to use logos.
 - d. The IWGPS will draft an email announcing the release of the Theory Publication which will be sent to all CPI contacts and NSO heads by the IMF. Additional announcements will be made by the IMF on various social media accounts.
3. Voorberg Group and PPI methodologies
 - a. Carsten discussed a request by the Voorberg Group to review and endorse/promote materials produced on synergies between CPIs and PPIs.
 - b. Member agencies will volunteer to review the materials and draft a joint concept note. UNECE volunteered and the IMF and ILO are also available to review these materials.
 - c. It was agreed that the mandate of the IWGPS may not allow for the endorsement of materials produced by another UN City Group. The way forward is not so clear; however, it was noted that there is need to update the PPI Manual to ensure consistency with the updated CPI Manual and this could be an opportunity to incorporate the materials on synergies between CPIs and PPIs as appropriate.

4. Alternative Data Sources e-Handbook

- a. The discussion of this topic was postponed to the next meeting of the IWGPS which is being planned for the end of October or early November. The World Bank will coordinate availability.

5. Other business

- a. 2024 UNSC – No report on IWGP activities required for the 2024 UNSC as price statistics will not be on the agenda. It was proposed that the IWGPS would reach out to the UNSC to confirm a more frequent reporting cycle of every 2 years.