

Report to the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) from the VG 2006 Meeting

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Ongoing Methodological Work

- Content Development Framework
- Thesaurus
- Industry Scorecard
- CDF includes:
 - Mini-presentations
 - Sector papers presenting key methodological guidelines
 - Concrete deliverables

Priority Objectives

- New strategic direction
- Improved process
- Develop schedule for industry specific papers over next few years
- Continue to develop coherent, reliable, and internationally comparable statistics on Service Sector industries

Other Outcomes from the Wiesbaden Meeting (2006)

- PPI mini-presentation on road freight by Australian Bureau of Statistics; the Federal Statistical Office of Germany; and the Central Bureau of Statistics, Netherlands
- Turnover/output mini-presentations on road freight by FSO Germany, the U.S. Census Bureau, and Statistics Canada
- PPI mini-presentations on management consultancy by INSEE France, FSO Germany, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Turnover/output mini-presentations on management consultancy by Statistics Canada, INSEE France, and the U.S. Census Bureau

Task Force Assignments

- 1. Identify 40-50 industries/industry groups that are highest priority for future work and collect country progress information on IT industries
- 2. Develop concrete examples to accompany each of the seven pricing methods included in the pricing thesaurus
- 3. Develop key issues and questions to be addressed by national accountants to prepare and deliver presentations covering the issues
- 4. Develop the general methodology paper to address key points of a general nature pertaining to the service sector as a whole

Voorburg Group 2007 Meeting

- Country progress reports
- Adoption of the revised pricing thesaurus
- Adoption of two sector papers
- Price and turnover/output mini-presentations on IT services industries
- Two special sessions: national accountants and general methodology