

Future Agenda

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Was the meeting useful?

- Did we meet our objectives?
- Did we kept focus on these objectives?
- Did we stay in scope of our mandate?
- Did we learn something?

Objectives, focus and scope

- The objective of the group remains:
 - *to establish an internationally comparable methodology for measuring the constant dollar outputs of the service industries*
- The focus is development of concepts, methods and best practices.
- The scope is : Prices, output and classification, with a particular focus on PPI.

What did we learned?

- We learned about the scope of the statistical work of the Bank of Korea and the Korean national statistical office.
- SPPI are needed. Wage index do not behave the same way as a PPI.
- We need to aim at product.
- We have a better common understanding of definition of each Pricing method, but more work needed to be done.

What did we learned? (2)

- Charge-out rate is the price method the most often used. However within an industry different methods can be used for different product-activities.
- Negotiating directly with the firm seems to work best when choosing the most appropriate price methodology
- The SNA provides us with their priorities which coincide quite closely with ours.
- That classification for some sectors are still not adequate (ex. CPC , Nace 72)
- We have a general methodology paper that summarize many issues that surface year over year
- The Thesaurus is provide us a common language

What we still do not know..

- How to deal with the bundling of services?
- How to deal with the new issues that are the consequence of globalisation (e.g. captive units)?
- It is often not clear what is the nature of the service we need to measure.
- Is our PPI relates well to the turnover we are try to measure?

Need to improve..

- Not moving fast enough
- More tangibles results and recommendations
Ex. :
 - Specify the methods used by activities and by whom
 - At what cost are they implemented
- The thesaurus with more example on the different way of pricing.
- Need to get a sense of where we are, the progress done and way to

How ?

- Keeping what works well with some adjustments: Sector paper and mini-presentation
- Revisiting work done in PPI and add to it the information missing on turnover and cost of methods to make them sector paper
- Tasking working group to do carry some of the work between meeting

No more spleen...

- Less strategy for a while ...
- Ploughing through the agenda
- Keeping open for new questions from country members and international organisations

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	<i>Morning</i>			<i>Afternoon</i>	
Monday	Opening Remarks	Progress Reports	IT Sector Paper	Revisited Sectors (2)	
Tuesday	Mini-presentation		Mini-presentation		Mini-presentation
Wednesday	Presentation (Host)			Visit	
Thursday	Mini-presentation				Turnover
Friday	Glossary and Thesaurus	Future Agenda			