

Voorburg Group Future Agenda

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New Approaches for VG 2006 and VG 2007: How Well are They Working?

Discuss

 Much work is now being done throughout the year, beginning with the task force delivering the Content Development Framework (CDF) in December 2005 and then the thesaurus by March 2006, the revised thesaurus and the general methodology paper and national accounts paper for 2007 and the good work done on the mini-presentations and country progress reports (we should plan again to do a lot of work between VG 2007 and VG 2008)

CDF: New approaches to:

- Mini-presentations
- Sector papers
- New organization and format for meetings (e.g., selecting 3 countries for PPI and turnover presentations, discussants' remarks from a national income accounts perspective, facilitated group discussions of the minipresentations and the discussants' remarks, development of "key points" to be included in the sector paper, etc.)

New Approaches for VG 2006 and 2007: How Well are They Working? (continued)

- Use of the common terminologies for PPI (thesaurus)
- Country progress reports scorecard approach useful, especially if we can tie in existing progress reports (e.g., OECD SPPI progress summaries)
- Strategy for covering the 59 Voorburg Groupings
 - Beginning in 2008, produce 3 sector papers a year, targeting industries with highest and most universal payoff
 - Focus future country progress reports on activity levels for PPI, turnover for industry/industry groups to be specifically covered at upcoming meeting
 - Can provide guidance for where content improvements can be made

Industry/Industry Group Priorities at Future Meetings

- Do we agree on the industries chosen for mini-presentations at VG 2008, 2009, and 2010 meeting?
 - VG 2008 and beyond

 Here are the other industries suggested by countries providing their preferences as part of the VG 2007 industry priority survey and our discussion this week: ---TBD – industries below are placeholders

		VG#	Priority
1.	Transportation and Warehousing	2	76
2.	Advertising and market research and public opinion polling	32	57
3.	Wired, wireless, satellite, and telecommunications services	10, 11, 12	51
4.	Retail and Wholesale trade	59	37
5.	Rental and leasing services	36	36
6.	Employment Services	37	33
7.	Investigation and security services	39	28
8.	IT Services	13, 14, 15, 16	28
9.	Cleaning and facilities support	40	27
10.	Architectural and engineering activities and related technica	I	
	consultancy	29	20
11.	Legal activities	26	19
12.	Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax		
	consultancy	27	18

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VG 2008

- Sector papers:
 - IT Industries (ISIC 62)
 - Roslyn Swick VG 2007 session chair and VG 2008 sector paper author
 - Finalize General Methodology paper
 - Matt Berger
 - Prepare National Accountants paper
 - Vera Norman
- Mini-presentations:
 - Three countries to be selected for PPI and turnover for the following industry groups:
 - (To be determined)

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Proposal: Continue VG Task Force to Obtain and Disseminate Country Report Information on the highest ranking "Voorburg Groupings" to be covered next year

By December 2007:

 Develop an e-mail questionnaire, based on the VG 2006 and VG 2007 progress report worksheet questionnaires, to collect 1) country PPI and turnover activity for the industry/industry groups to be covered at VG 2008 and 2) suggestions for cross-cutting issues that VG should address

By February 2008:

• Implement the survey on the web (with a due date of June 30, 2008)

By July 2008:

Close out the survey

Discussion

