

**Proposed Agenda\***  
**of the Fourth Meeting of the Voorburg Group**  
**On Services Statistics**

**Simon Goldberg Conference Room**  
**R.H. Coats Bldg.**  
**(Ottawa, October 2-5, 1989)**

**MONDAY**      **October 2, 1989**

- 9:30 a.m. - Opening Remarks by the Chief Statistician of Canada
- 9:45 a.m. - UNSO and Chairman remarks; procedural and administrative matters
- 10:00 a.m. - Trade in Services
- . GATT                      Users needs emerging from the group of services negotiations
  - . IMF                        Classification in international trade in services. An update of country concepts on trade in services.
  - . OECD                      Analytical classification of trade in services.
  - . Sweden                    The results of a study on exports and imports of services from bank sources.
  - . United States            A survey of trade in services.
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - Trade in Services (Cont.)
- . Netherlands            Registration of processing in make and use tables and input-output tables
- 3:00 p.m. - Panel Discussion
- Service Industry Policies Information Needs
- Moderator                Dr. R. Dobell
- Panellists                Dr. Sylvia Ostry
- Dr. Sidney Jones
- 5:00 p.m. - Reception

\* Some of the titles of the papers are provisional. Additional contributions are expected.

TUESDAY      October 3, 1989

- 9:30 a.m. - Quantity and Price Indices of Services
- . IMF                      Price and quantities in international trade in services
  - . Norway                  Quantity and price indices in transport, trade, hotels and restaurants
  - . UNSO                     Where we stand now and what is ahead of us in the field of service indices.
  - . Canada                  A product classification for telecommunication services
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - Particular Service Areas Statistics
- . Federal Republic of Germany      Services in manufacturing industries
  - . IMF                      Some thoughts on a conceptual framework of financial services
  - . Sweden                  Services in manufacturing industries
  - . Canada                  Some thoughts on specific service industries
  - . New Zealand            Developments in economic censuses and surveys in New Zealand
  - . United States          The development of statistics on specific service areas
  - . Finland                 A five-year plan for establishing a system of annual statistics of private service activities: Finnish experiences
- 5:00 p.m. - End of daily session

WEDNESDAY      October 4, 1989

- 9:30 a.m. - General Methodological Issues
- . Australia                Own-account production, transactors and transactions

- . Canada            A comparison of questionnaires used in different countries
  - . Germany           A conceptual framework for the improvement of service statistics
  - . United States     The definition of statistical units in specific service industries
  - . France             Transposition from industry to commodities
- Short-term statistics on turnover and investments using VAT-documents and specific surveys
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - Social Events/Sightseeing
- ~~6:30~~  
~~7:00~~ p.m. - Dinner hosted by Statistics Canada

**THURSDAY    October 5, 1989**

- 9:30 a.m. - General Methodological Issues (Continued)
- . France            The relationship between statisticians and users through the Commission on National Accounts and Services
  - . Netherlands     Investment in knowledge and markets
  - . Sweden            A broader concept of investments
  - . UNSO              A note on the concept of services
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - Future work of the Voorburg Group
- . Continuation of activities
  - . Presentation of results of the Voorburg Group to the 26th (1991) session of the Statistical Commission
- 5:00 p.m. - Closing Remarks on the Fourth Meeting of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics