

Working Group for the Advancement of Employment & Unemployment Statistics

3rd Meeting

3 to 5 September 2012, Conference Room VII, ILO Geneva, Switzerland

The main purpose of this third meeting of the Working Group is to examine and refine preliminary draft revised standards for labour force and work statistics that are intended to update the *Resolution concerning statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment* (13th ICLS, 1982). In particular, the meeting will provide advice regarding the: (i) key analytical measures and indicators to be highlighted in the revised standards; (ii) scope, structure and principal contents of the revised draft international statistical standards; and (iii) recommended revised terminology.

The work programme is output-oriented and is structured in two parts: Part I “Labour force and work statistics in the future” aims to review the proposed revised framework for its coherence with the main objectives of labour force and work statistics, and in this light, to identify the specific measures and indicators for inclusion in the revised draft standards. Part II “Conceptual framework and measurement guidelines” is intended to cover the proposals for inclusion in a draft international standard for labour force and work statistics and highlight specific issues requiring further discussion.

Preliminary Agenda

DAY 1	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and registration
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Opening Remarks Objectives of the meeting and expectations from participants
	PART I. Labour force and work statistics in the future
9:30 am – 10:30 am	SESSION 1: Overview of proposed revised framework • Conceptual framework for labour force and work statistics • Coherence with related statistical domains • Proposed scope and structure of revised draft standards
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	SESSION 2: Main objectives and uses of labour force and work statistics • Scope and objectives of labour force and work statistics • Proposed draft revised standards Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	SESSION 3: Monitoring labour markets and work • Understanding labour markets and demand for employment • Making visible participation in other forms of work • Global and regional perspectives Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	SESSION 4: Key measures and indicators that the revised standards should communicate • Analytical measures and indicators related to labour markets and to work statistics • Proposed draft revised standards Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion

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DAY 2	
	PART II. Conceptual framework and measurement guidelines
9:00 am – 10:30 pm	SESSION 5: Work Statistics: General framework and reference concepts • Concepts, units, sources • Proposed draft revised standards • Issues requiring further refinement Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
10:30 am -10:45 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 am -12:00 am	SESSION 6: Labour force: Framework and scope • Framework, units, reference populations and age limits • Proposed draft revised standards • Issues requiring further refinement Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm –3:00 pm	SESSION 7: Operational definitions for work and labour force statistics • Labour force, unmet demand for employment, other forms of work • Proposed revised draft standards • Issues requiring further refinement Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
3:00 pm -3:15 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	SESSION 8: Data collection programmes • Current and structural programmes • Proposed revised draft standards • Issues requiring further refinement Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion

DAY 3	
9:00 am – 10:30 pm	SESSION 9: Tabulation of data and analysis - Units, reference populations, and main breakdowns - Proposed draft revised standards Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
10:30 am -10:45 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 am -12:00 am	SESSION 10: Communication, dissemination and international reporting - Proposed revised draft standards - Issues requiring further refinement Invited discussant(s) Plenary discussion
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm –3:00 pm	SESSION 11: Other issues: Terminology, scope and structure of draft resolution - Revised terminology relating to concepts, analytical measures and indicators - Translation issues Plenary discussion - Revisiting the scope and structure of the proposed draft standards Plenary discussion
3:00 pm -3:15 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	SESSION 12: Next steps and Future work - The Working Group and future work - Other items in preparation for the 19th ICLS Plenary discussion CLOSING