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**OECD SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC STATISTICS EXPERT GROUP MEETING**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Paris, 26 - 27 June 2003 starting at 9:30 on the first day**

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**Thursday, 26 June**

- 09.30 – 09.40 1. Welcome address (Enrico GIOVANNINI – Chief Statistician, OECD)
- 09.40 – 10.00 2. Summary of relevant events/issues since the 2002 STESEG meeting  
(Chair and Presenter: Denis WARD - OECD):  
- work of the three STESEG task forces;  
- OECD-Eurostat task force on PPIs for services;  
- OECD-European Commission co-operation on business tendency and consumer opinion surveys;  
- OECD-CIRET joint publication on new *Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis*  
- *Paris Group meeting (4-5 September 2003)* – measurement of working time topic  
- OECD publication on wage related statistics
- 10.00 – 11.00 3. *Task force on short-term indicators for services* (Chair: Denis WARD - OECD)  
- overview of task force activity and plans for future work (Presenter: Eun-Pyo HONG – OECD)  
- discussion of future work of task force
- Paper:  
Overview of activity of the Short-term Indicators for Services Task Force -  
Eun-Pyo HONG, OECD (STD/STESEG(2003)2)
- 11.00 – 11.30 Break
- 11.30 – 13.00 *Task force on short-term indicators for services (continued)*  
- presentation on measures of monthly GDP for service producing industries in Canada  
(Presenter: Hans MESSINGER – Statistics Canada)  
- presentation of national practices used by OECD Member countries to compile short-term indicators for service production (Presenter: Eun-Pyo HONG – OECD)  
- discussion on national practices with respect to terminology, sector coverage, measurement variables, etc.
- Paper:  
Review of indices of services production for OECD Member countries (STD/STESEG(2003)6) –  
Benoit ARNAUD, Anne HERY, Eun-Pyo HONG, Frederic PARROT, OECD
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break
- 14.30 – 16.00 4. *Task force on data presentation and seasonal adjustment* (Chair: Gian Paolo ONETO - ISTAT)  
- overview of task force activity and summary of discussions of task force members  
(Presenter: Brian FINN - OECD)  
- overview of national and international practices for the presentation of growth rates  
(Presenter: Robert KIRCHNER - Bundesbank)
- Papers:  
Some Proposals for Standard Terminologies Relating to Data Presentation – Brian FINN, OECD  
(STD/STESEG(2003)32)  
Presentation of Growth Rates – Robert KIRCHNER, Deutsche Bundesbank (STD/STESEG(2003)33)  
Presentation of Revisions – Sandra JUNG, Federal Office of Germany (STD/STESEG(2003)34)  
Sampling Error and Seasonal Adjustment – Monique GRAF, Swiss Federal Statistical Office  
(STD/STESEG(2003)35)

Presentation of Filtered Series – Baek-Geun JEON, Korea National Statistical Office (STD/STESEGA(2003)36)  
Presentation of Retrospective Fixed Base Indexes – Anna CIAMMOLA, ISTAT (STD/STESEGA(2003)37)  
Presentation of Seasonally Adjusted Series – Bernard LEFRANCOIS and Catherine MAMAY, Statistics Canada ((STD/STESEGA(2003)38)  
Some Proposals About Identification of Published Series – Adrien FRIEZ, INSEE (STD/STESEGA(2003)39)  
Overview and Summary of the Activity of the Task Force on Data Presentation and Seasonal Adjustment – Brian FINN, OECD (STD/STESEGA(2003)41)

16.00 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 18.00 *Task force on data presentation and seasonal adjustment (continued)*  
- overview of national and international practices for the presentation of seasonally adjusted data (Presenter: Roberto SABBATINI - Bank of Italy)  
- discussion of task force recommendations  
- future work including discussion on topic at UNSC in 2004

Paper:

Presentation of Seasonally Adjusted Series – Roberto SABBATINI, Bank of Italy (STD/STESEGA(2003)40)

18.00 Cocktail at OECD – Salle Marshall (OECD Chateau)

**Friday, 27 June**

09.30 – 11.00 5. *Task force on data timeliness and benchmarking* (Chair: Richard McKENZIE - OECD)  
- Overview of taskforce activities and presentation of research and new practices for improving timeliness and using benchmarking techniques in OECD Member countries  
(Presenters: Bongho CHOI - KNSO; Bente DYRBERG - Statistics Denmark; Ronald van der STEGEN - Statistics Netherlands; Sharon BROWN - US BLS)

Papers:

Summary of task force outputs and recommendations for future work  
Richard McKENZIE, OECD (STD/STESEGA(2003)14)

Use of modelling techniques and flash estimates at the Federal Statistical office of Germany  
Kai LORENTZ, Federal Statistical Office of Germany (STD/STESEGA(2003)8)

Timeliness and revisions of short-term economic statistics – Korea's practices  
Bongho CHOI, KNSO (STD/STESEGA(2003)15)

Timeliness, response burden and cooperation with respondents at Statistics Denmark  
Bente DYRBERG, Statistics Denmark (STD/STESEGA(2003)3)

How to reduce costs and reporting burden for data providers and statistical agencies in the collection of short-term economic indicators?  
Bente DYRBERG, Statistics Denmark (STD/STESEGA(2003)16)

Research into methods to improve the timeliness of short-term industrial production statistics  
Leendert HOVEN and Ronald van der STEGEN, Statistics Netherlands (STD/STESEGA(2003)9)

Benchmarking state labour force estimates in the United States  
Sharon P. BROWN, United States Department of Labor (STD/STESEGA(2003)7)

More rapid retail trade statistics in Sweden  
Anita ULLBERG, Statistics Sweden (STD/STESEGA(2003)10)

11.00 – 11.30 Break

- 11.30 – 13.00 *Task force on data timeliness and benchmarking (continued)*  
 - Recommendations for the use of benchmarking in short-term economic statistics  
 (Presenter: Segismundo FASSLER - IMF)
- Papers:
- Benchmarking of short-term economic statistics – Segismundo FASSLER, IMF (STD/STESEG(2003)5)
- Comparing methods used for Retail Trade Statistics in Italy, Sweden and the US – general lessons learnt for improving timeliness (Presenters: Anita ULLBERG – Statistics Sweden; Pietro GENNARI – ISTAT)
- Papers:
- Timeliness of retail trade statistics in Sweden, Italy and the United States  
 Richard McKENZIE, OECD; Anita ULLBERG, Statistics Sweden; Pietro GENNARI, ISTAT  
 (STD/STESEG(2003)11)
- Proposal to develop a framework to assist NSOs in improving the timeliness of short-term economic statistics (Presenter: Richard McKENZIE – OECD)
- Papers:
- Development of a framework to assist in improving timeliness for short-term economic statistics  
 Richard McKENZIE, OECD (STD/STESEG(2003)12)
- A framework to assess the trade-offs between timeliness and accuracy and reliability of short-term economic statistics – Segismundo FASSLER, IMF (STD/STESEG(2003)4)
- Discussion of task force recommendations and future work
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break
- 14.30 – 16.00 *6. National practices for the reduction of cost and burden to both respondents and statistical agencies of collecting short-term economic statistics* (Chair and Presenter: Denis WARD - OECD)  
 - overview of methods used by national agencies  
 - presentation of selected examples of national best practice  
 - discussion by STESEG
- Papers  
 OECD summary of national practices to reduce cost and burden to respondents and NSOs  
 Denis WARD, OECD (STD/STESEG(2003)13)  
 In addition, refer to numerous brief national papers on this topic located on the STESEG meeting website at [www.oecd.org/std/meeting-papers](http://www.oecd.org/std/meeting-papers)
- 16.00 – 16.20 Break
- 16.20 – 16.50 *7. Future publication of short-term services statistics and metadata by the OECD*  
 (Presenter: Denis WARD - OECD)
- 16.50 – 17.30 *8. Identification of task force topics for work over next twelve months, other business, date for 2004 meeting of the Expert Group* (Chair: Enrico GIOVANNINI - OECD)