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**THE WORLD BANK GROUP**

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

**JOINT WORLD BANK – OECD SEMINAR ON PURCHASING POWER PARITIES**

***Recent Advances in Methods and Applications***

**WASHINGTON D.C.**

**30 January – 2 February 2001**

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**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**Tuesday 30 January.**

9:00 - 9:30

Welcoming Address

Shaida Badiie, Director, Development Data Group, World Bank  
Paul McCarthy, Head, National Accounts Division, Statistics Directorate, OECD

Opening Address

Nicholas H. Stern, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank

**Topic A: Data issues**

**Chair: Derek Blades**

9:30 - 11:00

**1. *Sensitivity of results to the number of products priced***

*Optimisation of Number of Basic Headings and of Items*

*Author: Eurostat*

*On Reducing the Number of Basic Headings and Products Priced*

*Author: OECD*

***Discussant: James Cuthbert***

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee*

11:30 - 12:30

**2. *Editing Procedures for Aggregation below the Basic Heading Level***

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*Author: OECD*

***Discussant: Roland Rittenau***

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 15:00

**3. *Prioritisation of sectors for comparison***

*Prioritisation of sectors for comparison*

*Author: (John Astin, Eurostat)*

***Discussant: David Roberts***

15:00 - 16:00

**4. Integration of CPI and ICP**

*Integration of CPI and PPP: methodological issues, feasibility and recommendations*

Author: D.S. Prasada Rao

**Discussant: John Astin**

*Integrating Inter-area and International Price Comparisons with Consumer Price Index Compilation*

Author: Kimberly D. Zieschang and Paul A. Armknecht (IMF), and Dale Smith (USBLS)

**Discussant: Peter Hill**

16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee*

16:30 - 17:00

**5. Using Scanner Data to estimate Country Price Parities**

*Using Scanner Data to estimate Country Price Parities: an exploratory study*

Authors: Saeed Heravi, Mick Silver and Alan Heston

**Discussant: Robert Hill**

**Topic B: Uses of PPPs**

**Chair: Alan Heston**

17:00 - 18:00

**6. New uses of PPPs within the European Union**

*New uses of PPPs within the European Union*

Author: (John Astin, Eurostat)

**Discussant: Paul McCarthy**

**Wednesday 31 January**

9:00 - 11:00

**7. Uses of ICP Data for national and international poverty analysis**

(a) *Oral presentation*

Giovanna Prennushi

**Discussant: Michael Ward**

(b) *Price Heterogeneity and "Real" Inequality: A case-study of prices and poverty in rural South India*

Authors: Vijayendra Rao

**Discussant: Peter Lanjouw**

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee*

11:30 - 12:30

**8. Application of ICP PPPs in International Productivity Comparisons: Bottlenecks and New Directions**

*Application of ICP PPPs in International Productivity Comparisons: Bottlenecks and New Directions*

Authors: Bart van Ark and Marcel Timmer

**Discussant: D.S. Prasada Rao**

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 15:00

**9. PPPs and the Price Competitiveness of International Tourism Destinations**

*PPPs and the Price Competitiveness of International Tourism Destinations*

Authors: Larry Dwyer, Peter Forsyth and D.S. Prasada Rao

**Discussant: Derek Blades**

15:00 - 16:00

**10. True Comparisons in Real and Money Terms**

*True Comparisons in Real and Money Terms*

Author: Michael Ward

**Discussant: Robert Summers**

16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee*

16:30 - 17:30

**11. International Prices and Global Inflation**

*International Prices and Global Inflation*

Author: Michael Ward

**Discussant: Peter Hill**

Thursday 1 February

**Topic C: Aggregation Methods**

**Chair: Peter Hill**

9:00 - 10:00

**12. Weighted EKS Generalised CPD method for Aggregation at Basic Heading Level and above Basic Heading Level**

*Weighted EKS generalised CPD methods for aggregation at basic heading level and above basic heading level*

Author: D.S. Prasada Rao

**Discussant: Bert Balk**

10:00 - 11:00.

**13. Using price and quantity indicators to explore data structure**

*Using price and quantity indicators to explore data structure*

Author: Jim Cuthbert

**Discussant: Alan Heston**

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee*

11:30 - 12:30

**14. Aggregation Methods for International comparisons: What we have learned in the last decade?**

*Aggregation methods for international comparisons: What we have learned?*

Author: Bert Balk

**Discussant: Erwin Diewert**

12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 15:00

**15. Aggregation Methods on the Basis of Structural International Prices**

*Aggregation methods on the basis of structural international prices*

Author: S. Sergueev

**Discussant: Erwin Diewert**

15:00 - 16:00

**16. On the Consistency between ICP Benchmarks and National Growth Rates: Implications for Aggregation Methods**

*On the Consistency between ICP Benchmarks and National Growth Rates: Implications for Aggregation Methods*

*Author: Yuri Dikhanov*

**Discussant: Robert Summers**

16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee*

**Topic D: Linking Countries and Regions**

**Chair: Michael Ward**

16:30 - 17:30

**17. Regional and Global Comparisons: Issues and Practices**

*Linking of regions in the ECP 1996 and 1999-2000*

*Author: OECD*

**Discussant: Peter Hill**

17:30 - 18:30

**18. Linking Countries and Regions using Chaining Methods and Spanning Trees**

*Linking Countries and Regions using Chaining Methods and Spanning Trees*

*Author: Robert Hill*

**Discussant: Yuri Dikhanov**

**Friday 2 February**

**Topic E: Spatial Comparisons over Time**

**Chair: Michael Ward**

9:00 - 10:00

**19. Monitoring the World Economy: Problems involved in Comparisons over Space and Time**

*Monitoring the World Economy: Problems involved in Comparisons over Space and Time*

*Author: Angus Maddison*

**Discussant: Bart van Ark**

10:00 - 11:00

**20. An Examination of Stability in Country Price Structures: Implications for Spatial-temporal Comparisons**

*Prices structures, the quality factor and chaining*

*Authors: Bettina Aten, Robert Summers and Alan Heston*

**Discussant: D.S. Prasada Rao**

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee*

11:30 - 12:30

**21. Problem Areas in Calculating Times Series of PPPs**

*Problem Areas in Calculating Times Series of PPPs*

*Author: OECD*

**Discussant: Bart van Ark**

12:30 - 13:00

**Topic F: Conclusions**