



Voorburg Group Strategy Session: 2006

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Strategy Session

New Approaches for VG 2006: How Well did They Work?

Discuss

- Much work was 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, 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 2006 and VG 2007)
- 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 mini-presentations and the discussants' remarks, development of "key points" to be included in the sector paper, etc.)
 - Helped to bring out many cross-cutting, general issues

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New Approaches for VG 2006:

How Well did They Work? (continued)

- Use of the common terminologies for PPI (thesaurus) -- also develop smaller set of guidelines for turnover/output
- Country progress reports - scorecard approach very useful
- Strategy for covering the many service industries included in CDF, Attachment A
 - Beginning in 2007, cover more than just 2 sector papers a year, and **target industries with highest and most universal payoff**
 - Every year produce updated country scorecards on, say 40-50 industries; desirable for tracking progress, identifying priorities, assigning mini-presentations and sector papers to countries (task force to address: Future Agenda)
 - Focus future country progress reports on activity levels for PPI, turnover and highlight progress made since previous meeting
 - Can provide excellent guidance for where content improvements can be made

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- Quality scorecards
 - New for VG 2006
 - Useful once we know what activity is occurring; then we can assess how well it is being done
 - Can provide guidance for where quality improvements can be made
 - However, should not be the focus for VG 2007, but perhaps by as early as VG 2008
- Do we agree on the industries chosen for mini-presentations at VG 2007, 2008, and 2009 meetings? The answer is ... **NO**
 - VG 2007
 - General cleaning of buildings (ISIC 8121)
 - Storage and Warehousing (ISIC 5210)
 - VG 2008
 - Passenger rail transport (ISIC 4911)
 - Coastal water transport (ISIC 5011 and 5012)

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Sessions chosen for mini-presentations at VG 2007 meeting?

Here are the other industries suggested by countries providing their preferences as part of the VG 2006 report:

- Telecommunications
- **IT industries (computer services and related activities)**
- Air transportation
- Engineering services and technical consultancy
- Labor recruitment and provision of personnel
- Advertising and public relation services
- Legal activities
- Accounting
- Cargo handling
- Private sector health

General methodological issues that VG should address

Key issues and questions to be addressed by national accountants

Discussion

