



# *Voorburg Group Future Agenda*

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- VG 2007
    - Sector papers:
      - Freight transport by road (ISIC 4923)
        - Fred Barzyk - VG 2006 session chair and VG 2007 sector paper author
      - Management consultancy (ISIC 7020)
        - Pam Davies - VG 2006 session chair and VG 2007 sector paper author
    - Mini-presentations:
      - General cleaning of buildings (ISIC 8121)
      - Storage and warehousing (ISIC 5210)
- There is a new plan

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## Monday

Morning: Opening remarks, country progress reports, and presentation and discussion of the Sector Paper on Freight Transport by Road

Afternoon: Formally adopt Freight Transport by Road Sector Paper; and present, discuss, and formally adopt Management Consultancy Sector Paper

## Tuesday

Morning: Present discuss, and formally adopt a General Methodology Paper covering all service sectors (incorporating theoretical and practical general issues and key points of a cross-cutting nature brought out by this year's discussions)

Afternoon: Deliver 3 PPI and 3 Turnover/Output mini-presentations, discuss, and develop specific key points for an industry to be proposed by next year's host country, South Korea (mini-presentations obviously must be shorter than those given in VG 2006)

## Wednesday

HOST COUNTRY DAY

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### Thursday

Morning: Three presentations and discussion of papers prepared by national accountants addressing key issues and questions to be posed by the VG, followed by the development of key points for posterity

Afternoon: Deliver 3 PPI and 3 Turnover/Output mini-presentations, discuss, and develop specific key points for industries in **ISIC Sector 62, IT and Computer Services** (Computer Programming Activities (6201), Information Technology Consultancy and Computer Facilities Management Services (6202), and Other Information Technology Service Activities (6209))

### Friday

Morning: Strategy and Future Agenda sessions

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## **Proposal: Establish 3 New VG Task Forces**

### **Task Force 1: 1) Scope down the 108 industries to a reasonable and manageable number and collect and disseminate Country Report information on those industries**

#### **By December 2006:**

- Scope down to 40-50 industries and develop a questionnaire, based on the VG 2006 progress report worksheet questionnaires, to collect 1) country PPI and turnover activity for all 40-50 industries

#### **By February 2007:**

- Distribute the survey (with a due date of May 31, 2007)

#### **By June 2007:**

- Close out the survey

#### **By July/August 2007:**

- Issue a report to the VG (and use as input for the VG 2007 country progress report session)

Mark Wallace (Coordinator), Fred Barzyk, John Murphy

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Task Force 2: Develop concrete examples to accompany each of the seven pricing methods included in the Pricing Thesaurus, and improve definitions of each of the seven pricing methods – by December 2006

Kuniko Moriya (Coordinator), Seppo Varjonen, Roslyn Swick

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Task Force 3: By December 2006, develop key issues and questions to be addressed by national accountants, and identify 3 national accountants to be invited to deliver presentations covering all of these issues at VG 2007 \*

Pam Davies (Coordinator), Matt Berger, Vera Norrman

\* Assumes one national accountant will be from South Korea, one will be from Australia, and one will be from the OECD

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## Plus two more things:

1.) By February 2007, develop a short document\* citing various issues concerning turnover/output (synonyms used by various countries, relationship of turnover and output to value added statistics and the “production” perspective to GDP, why turnover by product data is the input-output accountant’s best friend, issues concerning gross vs. net valuations, and why turnover by product is important (because, after all, you need to know what it is that you are trying to deflate)

Mark Wallace (Coordinator)

\*Assumes that the section on turnover included in the soon-to-be-released Index of Service Production (December 2006) will provide a good head start for the development of this document

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When it comes to the Future Agenda of the Voorburg Group, ask yourselves if you are involved or committed