



# Planning for Next Meeting

## Voorburg Group Meeting 2022

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# Overview

- ① Virtual Voorburg 2021 Meeting Evaluation
- ② VG Bureau Departures and Nomination
- ③ Proposed Agenda and Assignment of Work for Voorburg 2022
- ④ VG Bureau and Delegate Tasks Before Next Meeting

# Your Evaluation Feedback

- ① All delegates will be emailed a link to a secure website after the meeting
- ② Complete the short survey within one week of the meeting
- ③ Mexico will compile the results and they will be included in these revised slides and posted on the Voorburg 2021 website - (Thank you Ramon for organizing this)

# Proposed VG Bureau - End of VG meeting 2021

- Every year, a delegate from the next host country joins the Bureau and remains until the end of following year's meeting.
- We would like to thank Ville Auno from Statistics Finland for his contributions to the Voorburg Group as a Bureau member.
- We would also like to thank Erika Barrera from the Central Bank of Chili for her many years of service on the Voorburg Bureau.
- Bonnie Murphy and Marcus Friden will remain as co-chairs.
- Welcome new Voorburg Bureau members

## Members of 2022 Voorburg Group Bureau

Name	NSO
Bonnie Murphy, co-chair	US, BLS
Marcus Friden, co-chair	Statistics Sweden
Dragos Ifrim, Secretary	Statistics Canada
Christian Puchter	Statistics Austria
Ramon Bravo	INEGI, Mexico
Moegi Inoue	Bank of Japan
Craig Taylor	ONS, UK
Ruth Vizner	Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel
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# Proposed 2022 Agenda

<b>SESSIONS with participants identified:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Country contributions needed?</b>
<b>Country Progress Reports/ Alternative data industry spreadsheet</b>		ALL
<b>Industry sector paper ISIC 77.30 Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods</b>	USBLS	
<b>Alternative Data use in Air Passenger Transportation</b>	China	

## Proposed 2022 Agenda

<b><u>Industry</u> based sessions – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed</b>
Industry mini-presentations on output and prices for non-public <i>Education/Colleges and Universities</i>		Session Leader 3 prices 2 output Discussant
<i>E-commerce</i> – Countries (other than those presented in India in 2017) share their measurement experiences		3 countries
E-commerce measurement progress – <b>(Electronic survey)</b>		1 country
Mini-presentations for output and prices for <i>data center colocation</i> (part of industry J63.1)	Netherlands	Session Leader 3 prices 2 output Discussant

## Proposed 2022 Agenda

<b>NEW SESSIONS – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed:</b>
<p><b>Cross cutting topic</b> - dealing with economic shocks – countries report experiences through the pandemic including lessons learned and steps taken to mitigate measurement challenges for future economic shocks.</p> <p>FY 23 topic? - Collaborative guidance paper on SPPI and output compilation during economic shocks including best practices for producing output and price indices during these periods.</p>		2
<p><b>Cross cutting topic</b> - The pandemic has caused a transformation in the way services are digitally ordered, digitally delivered or platform-enabled. Industry papers that discuss how we are measuring those changes (especially quality change) in the services provided for affected industries (retail trade and others).</p>		2
<p><b>Cross cutting topic</b> - Data gaps and measurement issues with the online intermediary platforms (Air BnB, Uber, etc.)</p>		2
<p><b>Quality Change topic</b> – Development of new and innovative methods for capturing Quality Change (hedonic models using new techniques like Machine Learning, etc. general or for a specific sector)</p>		2
<p><b>Cross cutting topic</b> - Innovative price or output products that incorporate <u>combined</u> domestic and import prices or output in published data.</p>	Japan?	2
<p><b>Classification topic</b> - Wholesale trade is classified by products that are wholesaled rather than the service provided. Based on our experiences measuring wholesale trade output and prices, can Voorburg produce a collaborative classification paper suggesting service designations that might be appropriate for classification?</p>		2



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<b>NEW SESSIONS – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed:</b>
<b>Cross cutting topic</b> - Revisit the Globalisation topic (particularly around acquiring data from MNEs) where more countries participate and we aim for a more advisory approach for all.		3
<b>Cross cutting topic or demonstration</b> - Experiences of modernising production systems - similar topic in CPI expert group		2
<b>TASK FORCE</b> - Build on the results of the 2021 poster session on criteria for fitness for use of alternative data to establish a global guidelines document for alternative data use		Task force leader 3
<b>TASK FORCE</b> - Propose an engagement plan for the Voorburg group that aims to maximise collaboration between members and make the most of new collaborative tools to support this ambition		Task Force leader 3
<b>TASK FORCE</b> - outreach and how we are engaging with other UN City groups and / or other international organisations, and how we further enhance our role in providing guidance for developing countries in their production of output and price statistics		Task Force leader 3

# Contributions for 2022 Meeting

**Two methods to volunteer to contribute to a session scheduled for next year's meeting:**

1. Use the chat to volunteer
2. Remain on the Webex at the conclusion of this meeting to speak with the Voorburg Co-chairs
3. Send an email to the Voorburg co-chairs, Bonnie Murphy and Marcus Friden by **October 9** with your name, NSO and topic

# VG 2021 Follow-up Tasks

## Report to UNSC

Comprehensive report to UNSC to be delivered by November 30.

## Meeting notes

First draft of meeting notes from Secretary due December 1, 2021  
Session leaders review and comment by Dec. 31, 2021  
Final notes to the Chairs by January 31, 2022

## Updates to 2021 papers

Updates to papers from this year's meeting are due no later than January 15 2022 – Send to [virtualvoorburg2021@bls.gov](mailto:virtualvoorburg2021@bls.gov)

## VG 2021 Follow-up Tasks (2 of 3)

### Strategic Plan

Deliver strategic plan to Voorburg delegates

### Future Agenda

Continue to look for the most pressing issues for participants to maintain the relevance and usefulness of the work of the Group

### Standard Instructions

Post standardized instructions for session leaders, discussants, mini presentations, etc. on Voorburg website.

## VG 2021 Follow-up Tasks (3 of 3)

Update glossary

Update the glossary with new terms introduced at this meeting (based on meeting notes)

Web /  
communications

Determine communications platforms/tools that will be used for task force and collaborative project work between meetings

# VG Host 2022



Thank You!!!



- Thank you to BLS for hosting a very successful virtual meeting this year!
- Thank you to all VG participants for your many contributions and excellent insights, discussions and participation.
- WE HOPE TO “SEE” YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

# **Voorburg Roles and Responsibilities Following Slides for Reference only**



# Voorburg Bureau Roles and Responsibilities

- Plan future meetings
  - Week of meeting:
    - Meet Sunday late afternoon
    - Thursday morning and late afternoon
  - Between meetings
    - E-mail communications
    - Possible teleconference as needed
- Provide leadership between and during VG meetings through various roles such as:
  - Session leaders
  - Lead Task Forces
  - Write papers
- Voice the diverse interests and needs of the Group

## Description of tasks

### Session leader

Plans and coordinates session in advance of the meeting. Communicates with the co-chairs and the session participants. Sees that the papers followed the agreed formatted are submitted on time. Introduces the session, provides consolidated information on consolidation for industry sessions and leads discussion. Usually tasked to lead the writing of the sector/issue/guidance paper.

### Discussant

Read all papers for assigned session and present comments, insights, new ideas and discussion points before the discussion

### Task force member

Expected to contribute towards completion of a task between meetings. Communication may be through email webex, teleconference or other methods of collaboration

### Presenter of Poster

Prepares a summary abstract or full paper on the topic in advance of the meeting. Prepares a printed poster for the meeting. Presents a brief summary of the content of the poster (5 minutes) and leads discussion in small groups (usually 3 to 5 times depending on the number of posters in a session).

# Types of papers

## INDUSTRY PAPER (minipresentation)

Following the CDF, paper summarizes the practices of the country in the measurement of a industry (Output paper omits the section on SPPI and vice versa). Accompanied by a 10 minute presentation on the industry/products within your country and specific issues or points to highlight for discussion (not a repeat of the methods in the paper).

## SECTOR PAPER

Following the CDF, the sector paper compiles the best practices of the group in the measurement of a specific industry. Usually written by the session leader of the industry session in the preceding year, authors of the related industry papers usually contribute.

## REVISITED SECTOR PAPER

The revisited sector paper will align the previous sector paper to the new CDF, and will seek input from other VG members to add new information, best practices, etc. to the paper.

# Types of papers

## COUNTRY EXPERIENCES (Cross-cutting topics)

Describes an issue or topic as it relates to measurement of output/prices along with any solutions, practices or lessons learned by your country. Paper will be presented with a short presentation

## ISSUE PAPER

The issue paper summarizes the challenges of a cross-cutting topic or industry for which the Group has less experience or more questions than solutions. The paper is usually written by the session leader from the previous meeting with input from authors of the related country papers.

## GUIDANCE PAPERS

The Guidance paper provides practical advice on how to handle a cross cutting topic. One example is the concerning bundling", presented in 2015, Sydney.

## Contributions in other formats

### Poster

Describes an issue or topic as it relates to measurement of output/prices along with any solutions, best practices or lessons learned by your country. A comprehensive paper describes the methods and practices accompanied by a poster. The poster is presented to a small group (maximum 5 minutes) followed by discussion.

### DEMOS

Ad hoc demonstration of modern methods for output, price and/or volume measures based on specific innovations of participating countries. Concept should be replicable in other NSOs to be considered