



Agenda and Documents

The meeting will be held as a week-long virtual Webex meeting from Monday September 20th to Thursday September 23rd 2020. Each day has a half-day agenda. The times are given in American Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, UTC-4).

Full Agenda ([PDF](#)) (4 pp. 101KB)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th	
Time (EDT, UTC-4)	Item
07:00-07:10 AM	Opening Remarks & Meeting Agenda Overview
	Voorburg Group co-chairs: Marcus Fridén (Sweden) / Bonnie Murphy (US, BLS)
07:10-07:40 AM	Completed papers for submission of progress to UN
	Revisited Sector Paper – ISIC 52.10 Warehousing and storage
	Christian Puchter (Austria)
	Revisited Sector Paper – ISIC 77.10 Renting and leasing of motor vehicles
	Emilia D'Silva-Parker (UK)
07:40-08:10 AM	Cross cutting topic (1) - Alternative data in SPPI on air passenger and rail freight transportation
	TBD (China)
08:10-09:00 AM	Deflator Gateway
	Craig Taylor (UK), Allison Pierce Porras (Costa Rica)
09:00-09:15 AM	Break
09:15-10:15 AM	Cross cutting topic (2) - Lessons learned in dealing with shocks
	Session leader: Christian Stock (Austria)
	Ruth Vizner (Israel)
	Jonathan Weinhagen (US, BLS)
	Discussant: Rohan Draper (Sweden)
10:15-10:30 AM	Presentation of new Voorburg Group Strategic Plan

10:15-10:30 AM Time (EDT, UTC-4)	Presentation of new Voorburg Group Strategic Plan Item
	Marcus Fridén (Sweden) / Bonnie Murphy (US, BLS)
10:30-11:00 AM	Discussions and input to future Voorburg Group meetings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Time (EDT, UTC-4)	Item
07:00-08:30 AM	Industry mini-presentations - ISIC 77.30 Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods
	Session leader: Melanie Santiago (US, BLS)
	Output:
	Mariah Nilsson (Sweden)
	Mathieu Thomassin (Canada)
	Prices:
	Antonia Bertin and/or Swann Maillefert (France)
	Eveli Šokman (Estonia)
	Ildiko Hamvainé Holocsy (Hungary)
08:30-08:45 AM	Break
08:45-09:15 AM	Small group break out room discussions on ISIC 77.3 Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods
	Melanie Santiago (US, BLS)
09:15-10:30 AM	Cross cutting topic (3) - International trade in services by mode
	Session leader: Erika Barrera (Chile)
	Agnieska Matulska-Bachura (Poland)
	Ildiko Hamvainé Holocsy (Hungary)
	Meenaxi Rawat and Ram Singh (India)
	Barbara D'Andrea (WTO-OMC)
Mariagrazia Moschetta/Sandra Maresca (Italy)	
10:30-10:45 AM	Discussions on Cross cutting topic (3) - International trade in services by mode

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

Time (EDT, UTC-4)	Item
07:00-08:00 AM	Cross cutting topic (4) - Innovative methods for capturing quality change
	Sahoko Furuta (Japan)
	Claire O'Bryan (US, BLS)
	Discussant: Ana Aizcorbe (US, BEA)
08:00-08:30 AM	IMF collaboration - Comparison of unit value and transaction pricing in Accommodation
	Andrew Baer (IMF), India, Japan, UK
08:30-09:00 AM	Presentation and demo of the new Italian standardized statistical and IT architecture: a focus on producer prices
	Cristina Cecconi/Raffaello Martinelli/Marco Silipo (Italy)
09:00-09:15 AM	Break
09:15-10:00 AM	Cross cutting topic (5) - SPPI and CPI Task Force presentation
	Session leader: TBD
	Participants: Sweden, Germany, Denmark, France, US, Israel
10:00-10:15 AM	Discussions and decision on SPPI and CPI Task force results
10:15-11:00 AM	Cross cutting topic (6) - New techniques in measurement of intangibles
	Dragos Ifrim (Canada)
	Matthew Steel (UK)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

Time (EDT, UTC-4)	Item
07:00-08:30 AM	Poster session in break out rooms
	Cross cutting topic (7) - Alternative data - Best practices to evaluate fitness for use
	Session leader: Ville Auno (Finland)
	Edward Watkins (US Census Bureau)
	Craig Taylor (UK)
	TBD (Canada)
	Note-takers: TBD
08:30-09:15 AM	VG 2022 meeting planning
	Session leader: Voorburg Group co-chairs
	VG Governance and Bureau Representation

Time (EDT, UTC-4)	Item Agenda
	Assignment of Sector Papers
	Designation of Industries and Assignments for VG 2022
	Designation of Papers on Cross-cutting topics for VG 2022
	Task Force assignments (if applicable)
09:15-09:30 AM	Break
09:30-10:00 AM	Sign up for 2022 Contributions
10:00-10:30 AM	Conclude VG 2022 meeting plan
	Designation of Assignments for VG 2022
	Meeting Arrangements for next year
	Closing remarks

ABOUT VOORBURG

For over 30 years, representatives from national statistical agencies have met to address selected problems in statistical methods. The Voorburg Group derives its name from the city in Netherlands where it first met in 1987. The experience with the Voorburg Group has shown that the international community can benefit greatly from such a process. These informal consultative groups are an innovative way to use country resources to improve and speed up the international standards development process.

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