



# Planning for Next Meeting

## Voorburg Group Meeting 2023

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Voorburg Group Co-Chairs

# Overview

- ① Virtual Voorburg 2022 Meeting Evaluation
- ② VG Bureau Departures and Nomination
- ③ Proposed Agenda and Assignment of Work for Voorburg 2023
- 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 from [VirtualVoorburg2022@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:VirtualVoorburg2022@statcan.gc.ca)
- ② Complete the short survey within one week of the meeting
- ③ Mexico will compile the results and they will be used to make improvements to future meetings

Thank you Ramon and INEGI for organizing this 😊

# Voorburg Group Bureau - End of VG meeting 2022

- We would like to thank Ramon Bravo from INEGI (Mexico) for his many years of service on the Voorburg Bureau.
- We would also like to thank Dragos Ifrim from Statistics Canada for his great work as Voorburg Secretary.
- Bonnie Murphy and Marcus Friden will remain as co-chairs.
- Welcome new Voorburg Bureau members

## Members of 2023 Voorburg Group Bureau

Name	NSO
Marcus Friden, co-chair	Statistics Sweden
Bonnie Murphy, co-chair	United States, BLS
Mathieu Thomassin	Statistics Canada
Christian Puchter	Statistics Austria
Moegi Inoue	Bank of Japan
Craig Taylor	ONS, United Kingdom
Ruth Vizner	Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel
Rohan Draper	Statistics Denmark
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## Proposed 2023 Agenda

<b>SESSIONS with participants identified:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Country contributions needed?</b>
Country Progress Reports/ Alternative data industry spreadsheet		ALL
<b>Data Collection</b> topic: Quarterly measure of operating income, expenses and profit from combining a new survey of 400 big enterprises with administrative data from the Swedish tax authorities (Sweden)	Sweden	
Chile and Mexico Collaboration on Financial Services (if ready)	Chili and Mexico?	
Report from the SPPI/CPI Task Force on comments from the presentation to the UNECE	?	
Update on improvements to National Accounts and the introduction of the Deflator gateway update – update and lessons learned from changes to the National Accounts processing from the UK deflator gateway that is scheduled to be implemented in 2023	UK	

## Proposed 2023 Agenda

<b><u>Industry</u> based sessions – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed</b>
<p><i>Digital Services</i> - Discuss issues included in Marshall Reinsdorf recent paper about digital economy inflation (weight update timing with respect to the pandemic, quality adjustment associated with transition to digital services, etc.): <a href="https://innovationfrontier.org/is-inflation-still-low-in-the-digital-economy/">https://innovationfrontier.org/is-inflation-still-low-in-the-digital-economy/</a>.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Session leader 3 participants</p>
<p>Recent or new methodologies or data collection methods being used to measure <i>Banking</i> (FISIM)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Session leader 2 participants</p>

## Proposed 2023 Agenda

<b><u>Methodology</u> based sessions – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed</b>
Summary of changes coming out of the SNA and BPM updates and how they might affect services price and output statistics		3 participants
Country examples of how and how often to reoptimize/update samples for PPI		4 participants
Update of the SPPI Manual – examples: recent work regarding CPI usage (no longer a special case). There are other examples of progress that has been made that would warrant an update		
Collaborative Guidance Paper on best practices for SPPI and output compilation during economic shocks	Leader – Christian Stock?	?



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<b><u>Data Collection</u> session – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed</b>
New methods and challenges employed by NSOs post-pandemic to collect data “electronically” in lieu of in-person. Example: combination of electronic questionnaires (on-line), email, CATI, CAPI, etc.	Mexico?, Singapore	2 participants

## Proposed 2023 Agenda

<b><u>Cross Cutting Sessions</u> – participants needed:</b>	Contributing countries	Number of country contributions needed:
<p><b>Task Force</b> focused on improving and <b>scheduling</b> collaboration sessions within the Voorburg group (key component of our strategic plan)</p>		3 participants
<p>Machine Learning / AI driven processes: Experiences of machine learning / AI driven imputation and quality adjustment processes. This may also include initial efforts to put together data and metadata for eventual model training.</p>		3 participants
<p>Would countries appreciate having access to desensitised data training sets? (potential longer-term benefits when comparing data from country to country and for harmonising and/or making improvements in imputation and quality adjustment methods on a per industry/product basis)</p>		Develop a survey on interest and availability?
<p>Innovative methods for capturing quality change</p>		3 participants

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<b><i>Import topic</i> sessions – participants needed:</b>	<b>Contributing countries</b>	<b>Number of country contributions needed</b>
Use of PPI time series of countries from which we import products/services as a proxy	Japan?	3 participants
Measurement of import services		3 participants

# Contributions for 2023 Meeting

## How do I volunteer to contribute to a VG 2023 session?

1. Use the chat to volunteer
2. Remain on the Teams Call during the break to speak with the Voorburg Co-chairs
3. Send an email to the Voorburg co-chairs, Bonnie Murphy ([murphy.bonnie@bls.gov](mailto:murphy.bonnie@bls.gov)) and Marcus Friden ([marcus.friden@scb.se](mailto:marcus.friden@scb.se)) by **October 7** with your name, NSO and topic

# VG 2022 Follow-up Tasks

## Report to UNSC

Co-chairs report to UNSC to be delivered by November 30.

## Meeting notes

First draft of meeting notes from Secretary due December 1, 2022  
Session leaders review and comment (if needed) by Dec. 31, 2022  
Final notes to the co-chairs by January 31, 2023

## Updates to 2022 papers

Updates to papers from this year's meeting are due no later than January 15, 2022 – Send to [VirtualVoorburg2022@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:VirtualVoorburg2022@statcan.gc.ca) (copy [murphy.bonnie@bls.gov](mailto:murphy.bonnie@bls.gov) and [marcus.friden@scb.se](mailto:marcus.friden@scb.se))

# VG 2022 Follow-up Tasks

## 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

## Future Agenda

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

# VG Host 2023



Thank You!!!



**Voorburg Group Meeting  
Ottawa, Canada - 2022**

- Thank you to Statistics Canada 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 WILL **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