UNECE Workshop on Consumer Price Indices
10 – 13 October 2011
Istanbul, Turkey

Monday, 10 October 2011

09.00 – 09.30   Registration

09.30 – 09.45   Welcome and opening of the Workshop

09.45 – 11.00   **Session 1: Conceptual issues – the purpose and the definition of the CPI**

   The concept, scope and coverage of the CPI. *Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat*

   What is the target of the CPI – measuring inflation or cost of living?
   Carsten Boldsen, UNECE

11.00 – 11.20	*Coffee break*

11.20 – 13.00   **Session 2: Sampling of outlets and products**

   Sampling of outlets and products. *Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat*

   The use of registers in sampling and routines for drawing and inclusion of
   new outlets. *Randi Johannesen, Statistics Norway*

13.00 – 14.30	*Lunch*

14.30 – 16.00   **Session 3: Calculation of expenditure weights**

   Calculation of expenditure weights. *Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat*

   Using national accounts or household budget surveys as weight source in
   the CPI. *Randi Johannesen, Statistics Norway*

16.00 – 16.20	*Coffee break*

16.20 – 17.30   **Session 4: Calculation of elementary aggregate indices**

   Calculation of elementary price indices. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*

   Practical experiences with calculating elementary indices and treatment of
   missing prices. *Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat*

Tuesday, 11 October 2011

09.00 – 11.00   **Session 5: Calculation of higher-level indices and chaining of indices**

   Why we need a chained CPI – good practices and user needs. *Lasse
   Sandberg, Statistics Norway*

   Calculation of a chained CPI. *Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat*

Annual routines with chaining. *Randi Johannesen, Statistics Norway*

11.00 – 11.20	*Coffee break*

11.20 – 13.00 **Session 6: The treatment of seasonal products**

Different methods to treat seasonal products. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*

The treatment of clothing and footwear – consequences of the new regulation for the HICP. *Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway*

Seasonal products in the Turkish CPI. *Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat*

13.00 – 14.30	*Lunch*

14.30 – 17.30 **Session 7: Quality changes**

Overview of methods to adjust for quality changes. *Carsten Boldsen. UNECE*

16.00 – 16.20	*Coffee break*

16.20 – 17.30 Quality adjustment in practice – the use of consumer profiles. *Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway*

Quality adjustment in practice. *Cengiz Erdogan. TurkStat*

Wednesday, 12 October 2011

09.00 – 13.00 **Session 8: Owner Occupied Housing in the CPIs**

Reports from participating countries on the treatment of Owner Occupied Housing in the CPI

Conceptual issues on owner occupied housing. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*

11.00 – 11.20	*Coffee break*

Use of rental equivalence method in CPI. *Randi Johannesen, Statistics Norway*

Experiences from Turkey. *Cengiz Erdogan, Turkstat*

13.00 – 14.30	*Lunch*

14.30 – 16.00 **Session 9: Operational issues**

Optimization of the sample. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*

Quality control. *Cengiz Erdogan, Turkstat*

16.00 – 16.20	*Coffee break*

16.20 – 17.30 **Session 10. Dissemination of the CPI**

Dissemination of data and metadata – user needs and good practices. *Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway*

Demonstration of an on-line database, PC-Axis. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*

	Thursday, 13 October 2011
09.00 – 13.00	**Session 11: The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)**
	Overview of the HICP – coverage and methods. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*
11.30 – 11.50	*Coffee break*
	The HICP in a non-EU member country. Cengiz Erdogan, TurkStat
	Experiences of compiling an HICP in Norway. *Randi Johannesen, Statistics Norway*
13.00 – 14.30	*Lunch*
14.30 – 16.00	**Session 12: Measures of core inflation**
	Measuring core inflation. *Lasse Sandberg, Statistics Norway*
	Overview of methods of core inflation measurements. *Carsten Boldsen, UNECE*
16.00 – 16.20	*Coffee break*
16.20 – 16.30	**Session 13: Feedback from the participants and closing of the workshop**