

Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices Provisional Programme

Online sessions on 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 June 2021, starting at 13:00 CEST

Wednesday 2 June, 13:00 – 16:00 CEST (11.00 – 14.00 UTC)	
Session 1: New data sources – scanner data	
	Chair: Corinne Becker-Vermeulen, Statistics Switzerland Moderator: Beiling Yan, OECD
13:00 – 13:05	Opening and introduction to the meeting
13:05 – 14:20	<i>Index Compilation Techniques for Scanner Data: An Overview</i> Claude Lamboray, Eurostat <i>Machine Learning in the Norwegian CPI</i> Kjersti Nyborg Hov, Statistics Norway <i>New data sources: the case of scanner data for the French consumer price index</i> Gwendoline Volat, INSEE, France
14:20 – 14:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
14:30 – 15:45	<i>New index number methods in consumer price statistics</i> Alex Rose and Helen Sands, ONS, United Kingdom <i>Scanner data to compile CPIs: data, Aggregation structure and the Window Linking issue</i> Alessandro Brunetti et al., ISTAT, Italy <i>Comparison of multilateral index extension methods: Application on seasonal items</i> Antonio G. Chessa, Statistics Netherlands
15:45 – 16:00	Conclusion and closing of the session
Thursday 3 June, 13:00 – 16:00 CEST (11.00 – 14.00 UTC)	
Session 2: New data sources – web scraping	
	Chair: Chris Jenkins, ONS, United Kingdom Moderator: Antonio Chessa, Statistics Netherlands
13:00 – 13:05	Opening
13:05 – 14:20	<i>How to start with web scraping in the HICP: Evidence from EU member states</i> Pavel Belchev, Eurostat <i>ABS research into the use of web scraped data in the CPI</i> Leigh Merrington, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>Classification progress in the UK CPI</i> Liam Greenhough, ONS, United Kingdom
14:20 – 14:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>

14:30 – 15:45	<p><i>Generalising Classification Below the Elementary Aggregate Level</i> Alice Xu and Zachary Weselake-George, Statistics Canada</p> <p><i>Practical experience and methodological issues with web-scraped data in Slovenia</i> Črt Grahonja and Matevž Postrašija, Statistical Office of Slovenia</p> <p><i>Estimating computers and peripherals price indices using web-scraped data</i> Roobina Keshishbanoosy and Lance Taylor, Statistics Canada</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Conclusion and closing of the session

Friday 4 June, 13:00 – 15:45 CEST (11.00 – 13.45 UTC)

Session 3: Quality changes and quality adjustment methods

	<p>Chair: Helen Sands, ONS, United Kingdom Moderator: Rui Evangelista, Eurostat</p>
13:00 – 13:05	Opening
13:05 – 14:20	<p><i>Feature, Function and Benefit: Designing Amazing Products – Learning from the Captivating World of Product Managers</i> Brian Barnier, Value Bridge Advisors and City University of New York, United States</p> <p><i>Quality Adjustments of telecommunication services – How to deal with ever-changing tariff packages</i> Alexandra Schindlar, Statistics Austria</p> <p><i>Twenty-One Years of Adjustments for Quality Change in the US Consumer Price Index</i> Brendan K. Williams, Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States</p>
14:20 – 14:30	Coffee/tea break
14:30 – 15:30	<p><i>Price Index for Clothes and Shoes in Finland: Solving the Life-Cycle Bias in Scanner Data</i> Kristiina Nieminen, Finland</p> <p><i>Quality Adjustment and Hedonics: A Unified Approach</i> Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia, Canada</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Conclusion and closing of the session

Wednesday 9 June, 13:00 – 16:00 CEST (11.00 – 14.00 UTC)

Session 4: Meeting user needs

	<p>Chair: Paul Konijn, Eurostat Moderator: Valentina Stoevska, ILO</p>
13:00 – 13:05	Opening
13:05 – 14:20	<p><i>Measuring households' experience of price change: the Household Costs Indices</i> Christopher Payne, ONS, United Kingdom</p> <p><i>The effects of changing currency on the Zimbabwe Consumer Price Index</i> Thomas Munyaradzi Chikadaya, Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency</p>

	<i>Measuring inflation of ride sharing services in Brazilian official CPIs</i> Vladimir G. Miranda et al., IBGE, Brazil
14:20 – 14:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
14:30 – 15:45	<i>Design methodology of the Colombian CPI by household income-level</i> Juan Daniel Oviedo, Colombia <i>First Steps for Introducing New Weights in the CPI</i> Paul Armknecht, IMF Price Statistics Expert <i>Options for publishing timely, nearly superlative indexes</i> Robert Cage, Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States
15:45 – 16:00	Conclusion and closing of the session

Thursday 10 June, 13:00 – 16:00 CEST (11.00 – 14.00 UTC)

Session 5: Producing CPI under lockdown

	Chair: Patrick Kelly, Statistics South Africa Moderator: Brian Graf, IMF
13:00 – 13:05	Opening
13:05 – 13:30	<i>A comparison of multilateral price index methods: Transactions data and stockpiling during the COVID-19 pandemic</i> Catherine Smyth, Australian Bureau of Statistics
13:30 – 14:20	<i>Presentation and discussion of the draft Guide on Producing CPI under Lockdown</i> Chris Jenkins, ONS, United Kingdom
14:20 – 14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Deriving weights for the CPI based on consumption data for 2020 and 2021</i> <i>Weight update in the HICP.</i> Ioannis Xirouchakis, Eurostat <i>CPI weights in practice.</i> Chris Jenkins, United Kingdom (ONS) <i>Weight update in Mexico's CPI – 2022.</i> Rafael Gaona Lopez. Mexico (INEGI) <i>BLS Perspective on Incongruous Expenditure and Index Reference Periods.</i> Anya Stockburger, United States (BLS)
14:50 – 15:10	Conclusion and closing of the session

Session 6: Items for information

15:10 – 15:25	<i>Report from the UN Task Team on scanner data</i> Tanya Flower, ONS, United Kingdom
15:25 – 15:40	<i>Presentation of the 2020 CPI Manual</i> Brian Graf, IMF
15:40 – 15:45	<i>Information about the meeting of the Ottawa Group in Rome, June 2022</i> Federico Polidoro, ISTAT, Italy

Future work	
15:45 – 15:55	Proposals for topics for the agenda of the 2023 CPI Expert Group meeting
15:55 – 16.00	Closing of the meeting