



Regional progress report: Eurostat/OECD

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Aim of report

- Report progress on:
 - The Eurostat/OECD PPP program
 - Actions taken in regard to the 'ring' comparison
 - Overview of Actions taken in support of Statistical capacity building and support for ICP Africa in conjunction with the ADB

1) The Eurostat/OECD program

- OECD countries; 2005 is the current Benchmark year
- Eurostat; final year of three year rolling bench mark approach;
 - Spring survey: Services
 - Autumn survey: Furniture and Health
 - Construction and equipment goods surveys in progress (these are now biannual surveys)

2) ICP ring comparison

- Full pre-survey undertaken by all our 'ring' countries
 - Estonia, Japan, Slovenia & UK
 - Pre-survey mission by ONS to Estonia, Japan, Slovenia undertaken.
 - Purpose to:
 - gain understanding of their 'markets'
 - give training (where required), and
 - ensure they understood the requirements of the survey

ICP ring comparison *(Cont.)*

- 2nd Regional meeting held in June in Luxembourg:
 - Agreed joint comments on the ring list
 - Discussed survey preparations, data access, validation procedures, non household consumption surveys etc
- Joint response & country responses submitted to GO in mid July
- Provided support to the GO in their work to prepare the draft ring item list

ICP ring comparison *(Cont.)*

- Problems / issues of concern:
 - Treatment of seasonal items:
 - How to annualise prices? and
 - price collection in Q1 only?
 - Funding of translation
 - In particular, Equipment goods and Construction
 - Uncertainties over the timetable
 - In particular when will the non household surveys will be undertaken

ICP ring comparison (*Cont.*)

- Current status:
 - All countries are ready to participate in the consumption part of ICP ring comparison in Q1 2006
 - So long as there are no delays in finalising and distributing the item list, and issues involving, seasonal items are resolved
 - For government, investment and construction surveys outstanding issues need to be resolved quickly if our countries are to meet the planned deadlines

3) ONS support for ICP Africa and statistical capacity building

- UK government supported program
 - \$1.3 million over 3 years, for
 - Support for ICP Africa
 - Statistical Capacity building (prices & national Accounts)
- Coordinated by ONS in conjunction with ADB
 - Concentrated on anglophone countries
 - INSEE supporting francophone countries

ONS support for ICP Africa and Statistical Capacity building *(Cont.)*

- Activities undertaken to date:

- **May**

- Attended Hammamet Seminar Tunisia, provided support to the African ring countries

- **June - July**

- ONS provided expert consultants to help assist in ICP work and to input into the ADB assessment of country readiness.
- Missions were carried out to, Ghana, Nigeria, Angola, Swaziland & Tanzania
- The ONS also provided an expert to attend and participate in the SADC data collection conference

ONS support for ICP Africa and Statistical Capacity building *(Cont.)*

- **August - September**

- ONS have continued to provide assistance to the ICP in Africa by attending 3 data quality conferences in; Harare (SADC), Abuja (ECOWAS) & Lusaka (COMESA)
- ONS consultants have also visited Botswana and Zambia, and Angola on a follow up mission
- ONS and INSEE are collaborating over the treatment of National Accounts components, and the ONS will be attending the Bamako National Accounts Seminar in late September

ONS support for ICP Africa and Statistical Capacity building *(Cont.)*

- **Future assistance**

- ONS will continue to work in partnership with the ADB to provide assistance over issues such as;
 - data validation
 - use of software
 - National Accounts
- ONS consultants will also continue to attend future ADB seminars and conferences
- ONS will work with the ADB to exploit potential areas of statistical capacity that the ICP creates

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- Any questions?