Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the ICP Task Force on Housing  
September 26, 2018  
World Bank, Washington, DC

The 3rd meeting of the International Comparison Program (ICP) Task Force on Housing was held on September 26, 2018 at the World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The objectives of the meeting were to discuss the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and ways to improve quality of housing data and housing PPP estimation; and review approaches to housing data validation and selected housing dwelling definitions. The meeting agenda and the list of participants are provided in Annex 1 and Annex 2.

The following presentations were made:

- Recommendations of the 2nd Meeting of the ICP Technical Advisory Group (TAG) presentation, Alan Heston;
- Housing data collection, submission and quality: Progress to date and proposed global validation approaches presentation, Inyoung Song;
- Housing quality indicators research note presentation with paper, Alan Heston;
- Linking the regions for housing volumes, some alternatives presentation with paper, Alan Heston;
- Regional approaches: Asia and the Pacific presentation, Kaushal Joshi;
- Reviewing modern/traditional dwelling definitions presentation, Inyoung Song.

A quick roundtable was conducted to ask the Regional Implementing Agencies (RIAs) which housing data they are collecting from countries. The African Development Bank (AfDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), and United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC) stated that they are asking countries to collect both housing rental and volume data. One RIA, the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), noted that their countries would collect housing volume data only, as in the 2011 ICP round. The RIAs agreed to submit housing data per the agreed timetable, in January 2019 (Preliminary submission) and in July 2019 (Final submission).

Agreements and Conclusions:

The Task Force:

- welcomed the RIAs efforts on collecting more better-quality housing data;
- welcomed and accepted the recommendations of the TAG;
- stressed the need for timely data submission and validation;
- welcomed the proposed global validation approaches and recommended some enhancements;
– welcomed new research on housing quality indicators and their application for linking the regions by the housing volume approach, and the efforts to continue this research;
– welcomed the research on Asia’s alternative approaches to measuring housing quality data and the efforts to continue this research;
– welcomed the proposal to reclassify dwellings by durability of structure rather than style of structure [modern/traditional] and suggested that this subject be discussed further at the next meeting. This reclassification would be used in the ICP 2020 cycle.

Next steps:
To continue its work, the Task Force agreed on the set of tasks below:

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<td>Improving quality indicators</td>
<td>Examine the possibility and ways to recalculate 2011 Housing PPPs with the improved quality indicators.</td>
<td>Alan Heston and Global ICP Unit</td>
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<td>Improving quality indicators</td>
<td>Investigate further the use of the proposed new sources of quality indicators in Asia for calculating PPPs by the housing volume approach.</td>
<td>Kaushal Joshi (w/ADB)</td>
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<td>Improving methodology</td>
<td>Continue research on linking the regions using the housing volume approach, by exploring estimating housing quality and quantity indicators including number of rooms.</td>
<td>Alan Heston</td>
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<td>Assessing data quality</td>
<td>Compile housing data from the expected January 2019 regional submissions, conduct data validation, and share findings with RIAs and the Task Force.</td>
<td>Global ICP Unit</td>
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<td>Preliminary housing PPP calculations</td>
<td>Calculate preliminary Housing PPPs based on the January 2019 data submission.</td>
<td>Alan Heston, Paul Konjin, Global ICP Unit</td>
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<td>Improving definitions</td>
<td>Share the proposed reclassification of dwellings by durability of structure and collect feedback from RIAs and the Task Force.</td>
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The next meeting of the Task Force will be organized in conjunction with the Technical Advisory Group meeting, in May 2019, in Paris, France.
Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

14:00 – 14:15 Introductory remarks
   – Recommendations from the 2nd Meeting of the ICP Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Alan Heston, University of Pennsylvania

14:15 – 14:45 Housing data collection, submission and quality: Progress to date
   – Submission status, coverage and quality, Global ICP Unit, World Bank

14:45 – 15:15 Housing quality indicators
   – Research note presented at the 2nd TAG meeting, Alan Heston, University of Pennsylvania

15:15 – 15:45 Linking the regions for housing volumes, some alternatives
   – Alan Heston, University of Pennsylvania

15:45 – 16:45 Regional approaches
   – Asia and the Pacific, Kaushal Joshi, Asian Development Bank

16:45 – 17:00 Modern/traditional dwelling definitions
   – Review and proposal for the future ICP rounds, Global ICP Unit, World Bank

17:00 – 17:30 Conclusions and recommendations, Alan Heston, University of Pennsylvania
Annex 2: List of Participants

Task Force Members
- Alan Heston, University of Pennsylvania
- Bettina Aten, United States Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Inyoung Song, World Bank
- Kaushal Joshi, Asian Development Bank
- Liu Nan, National Bureau of Statistics, China
- Michel Mouyelo-Katoula, Independent Expert
- Paulus Konijn, Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat)
- Yuri Dikhanov, World Bank

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- Nada Hamadeh, World Bank
- Marko Olavi Rissanen, World Bank
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- Maurice Nsabimana, World Bank
- William Vigil Oliver, World Bank
- Edie Purdie, World Bank
- Christelle Kouame, World Bank

Regional Implementing Agencies
- Stephen Schipper, Asian Development Bank
- Ben Paul Mungyereza, African Development Bank
- Gregoire Mboya Deloubassou, African Development Bank
- Rees Mpofu, African Development Bank
- Andrey Kosarev, Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States
- Valerica Accibas, Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States
- Francette Koechlin, OECD
- Majed Skaini, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- Giovanni Savio, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Bruno Lana, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Maria Paz Collinao, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Experts and observers
- Brian Graaf, World Bank Consultant
- David Roberts, World Bank Consultant
- Gregory Max Henri Legoff, International Monetary Fund
- Marina Wright, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom
- Prasada Rao, University of Queensland
- Robert J. Dippelsman, International Monetary Fund
- Robert Hill, University of Graz
- Sergey Sergeev, World Bank Consultant
- Sharne Bailey, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom
– Sunil Jain, India Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
– Vanda Guerreiro, International Monetary Fund