

**International Comparison Program (ICP)
Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**

TAG Composition and Terms of Reference



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TAG Membership

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TAG: Roles and Responsibilities [1]

- The **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)** is a technical body, which:
 - a. assures methodological soundness and overall quality of the PPP estimates;
 - b. ensures transparency of the PPP estimation process; and
 - c. supports the establishment of a permanent and more frequent ICP.
- The TAG, in collaboration with the Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG), sets forth a **technical research agenda** to inform future ICP comparisons, for the Governing Board's review and approval.

TAG: Roles and Responsibilities [2]

- In order to ensure comparability of PPP estimates, the short-term technical research agenda will focus on methodological aspects related to building PPP time series and fine-tuning established methods and procedures to improve the quality of the estimates.
- The TAG is formed by the ICP Governing Board, with the membership of prominent experts in the fields of index numbers, PPPs, price statistics and national accounts, with knowledge of national statistical systems and capacity-building challenges across various regions.
- The membership will bring together a group of leading academics, practitioners, former Chief Statisticians, and prominent users. Members participate in their own independent capacity and not as representatives of any specific region or institution.
- The Chair convenes meetings of the Technical Advisory Group with support from the World Bank Global ICP Unit, which serves as its secretariat.

TAG: Roles and Responsibilities [3]

- The TAG holds regular annual meetings to discuss methodological improvements under the technical research agenda and to review the methodological soundness and overall quality of the PPP estimates. Ad-hoc meetings may be organized, if need arises.
- The TAG forms Task Forces on specific topics, and invites recognized experts on the practical application of index numbers, PPPs, price statistics and national accounts to take part in them, as needed, to develop concrete proposals to address the various research agenda items.
- The Task Forces meet as needed physically or virtually. They may also join the meetings of the IACG to discuss their proposals, and the meetings of the TAG to present their findings and recommendations for the TAG's consideration.

Discussion



Thank you!

