



International Comparison Program (ICP) TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Hybrid Meeting

March 7-8, 2025

Bamboo Room, Ease 1345
1345 6th Ave, New York, NY 10105

Draft Agenda

DAY 1: Friday, March 7, 2025 | Chair: Paul SCHREYER

SESSION I: Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks *[TAG Co-Chairs, World Bank]*

SESSION II: Update on the ICP 2021 and 2024 Cycles

09:15 – 10:15 Update on the ICP 2021 and 2024 Cycles *[World Bank and ICP Regional Implementing Agencies]*

SESSION III: Short- and Long-Term Research and Development Agenda

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 Research Topics Emerging from the Previous ICP Cycles *[World Bank]*

11:15 – 12:00 Forthcoming Research Topics *[Prasada Rao]*

12:00 – 12:30 Setting Up a Short- and Long-term Research and Development Agenda *[Co-Chairs and TAG]*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

SESSION IV: TAG Functioning and Terms of Reference for Task Forces

14:00 – 14:15 TAG Composition and Terms of Reference *[TAG Co-Chairs]*

14:15 – 15:00 Terms of Reference for a Task Force on Annual PPP Production *[World Bank]*

15:00 – 15:45 **Terms of Reference for a Task Force on ICP Classification Update** [*World Bank*]

15:45 – 16:00 **Break**

SESSION V: Current Research

16:00 – 17:00 **The Treatment of Import and Export Prices in International Comparisons**
[Rob Feenstra]

DAY 2: Saturday, March 8, 2025 | Chair: Prasada RAO

SESSION V: Current Research (Cont'd)

09:00 – 09:45 **A Survey Based Approach to Adjustment for Quality Differences in Services in International Price Comparisons** [*Naohito Abe and Prasada Rao*]

09:45 – 10:30 **Treatment of Scanner (Transaction) Data in the European Comparison Program (ECP)** [*Eurostat*]

10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 11:30 **Treatment of Negative Expenditures in ICP** [*Prasada Rao and Sergey Sergeev*]

11:30 – 12:30 **Fine Tuning Global Linking Procedures**
– Alternative Global Linking Methods [*Robert Hill*]
– Similarity Linking Within and Between Regions [*Erwin Diewert and Yuri Dikhanov*]

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 **Improving Reliability of Price Comparisons**
– Basic Heading PPPs and Sparsity of Price Tableaus [*Erwin Diewert*]
– Alternative Basic Heading PPP Aggregation Methods [*Yuri Dikhanov*]

SESSION VI: Closing

15:00 – 15:15 **Any Other Business and Closing** [*TAG Co-Chairs*]