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Examples of best practices

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Overview

- The are several examples of the successful adaptation of classifications or the development of regional classifications
 - Europe (NACE 2)
 - ASEAN (ACIC)
 - Brazil (CNAE 2)
 - North America (NAICS)



Setup

- In all these cases, a formalized governance structure has been used for the process
 - NACE/CPA Task Force
 - Task Force on Harmonization of Statistical Classifications (TFSC)
 - Three-country working group for NAICS



Brazil

- ❑ IBGE has worked with the Federal Tax Authority, which is using a more detailed version of CNAE at 6-digits
- ❑ IBGE uses the 4-digit version of CNAE for statistical purposes
- ❑ CNAE 2 is derived from ISIC 4, using the ISIC structure with limited detail added
- ❑ CNAE is now used for most administrative purposes by virtually all municipalities



Europe

- ❑ European countries have agreed on a common European classification (NACE)
- ❑ NACE is derived from ISIC
 - Identical at 1- and 2-digit level
 - Additional detail at 3- and 4-digit level, consistent with ISIC
- ❑ Individual countries develop national classifications based on subdivisions of NACE
- ❑ Work is carried out by a Task Force consisting of all member states



ASEAN

- ❑ Developed common classification for ASEAN member states (ACIC)
- ❑ ACIC developed at 3-digit level
- ❑ Based on ISIC 4
- ❑ Formalized process including all member countries



ASEAN

- First phase: developing of ACIC
- Second phase:
 - ensuring adaptation of ACIC and ISIC by entire statistical system
 - Assist countries in developing their national classifications based on ACIC and ISIC
 - Development of correspondence tables for old national versions
 - Development of guidelines for comparison of statistics



ASEAN

- ❑ ACIC has been endorsed by the AHSOM (ASEAN heads of statistics)
- ❑ Comparability study has been carried out in 4 countries for manufacturing statistics at 4-digit ISIC level
 - Expanded to include China and Korea
- ❑ Follow up to ensure comparability of manufacturing data (separate working group)