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Prices and Volume Measuring Guide

Progress report

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Objectives

- **Main objective**

The purpose of the document is to **compile experiences** in the region to serve as a guide for the measurement of prices and volumes in the services sector. Each country will show how it has tackled this subject in terms of reflections, challenges, difficulties and achievements, so that the exchange of knowledge serves as a reference for other countries in the region. This exercise will underscore the countries' efforts to address this subject.

Objectives

- **Specific objectives**
 - a) To identify experiences and good practices on price and volume measurement in the services sector in Latin America.
 - b) Compile the experiences and good practices about the measurement of prices and volumes of the services sector in Latin America.
 - c) To serve as a reference in the construction of indexes for the services sector, being this a sector with the greatest difficulty in the measurement of prices and volumes.

Final document progress

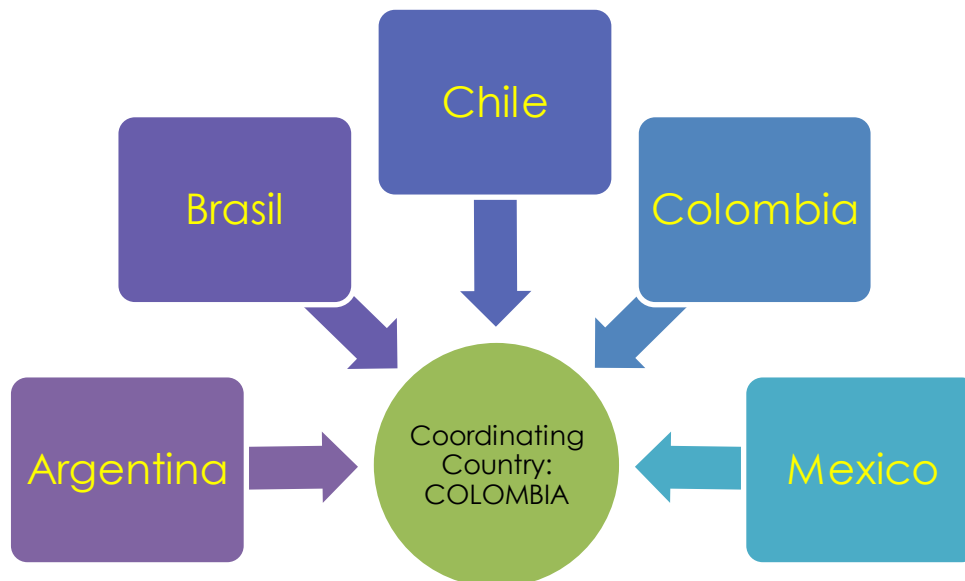
Chapter	Subsection	Subsection 2	Country
1. Introduction			DANE-Colombia
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4. Frame of reference	4.1. Basic concepts		DANE-Colombia
	4.2. International models		DANE-Colombia
5. Experiences in the measurement of prices and volumes in service sector activities in countries of the working group of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (services are presented according to ISIC Rev 4 classification).	5.1. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; water distribution; wastewater disposal and treatment, waste management and environmental sanitation activities.	5.1.1. Electricity, Gas and Water Production Index	INE- Chile
		5.1.2. Experiences in electricity and gas price indexes; water volume index. Information based on administrative records.	INDEC- Argentina <i>(In progress)</i>
		5.1.3. Experiences in price indicators under the producer price perspective and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-Mexico <i>(In progress)</i>
	5.2. Construction	5.2.1. Civil Works Cost Index	DANE-Colombia
	5.3. Wholesale and retail trade; motor vehicle and motorcycle repair; transport and storage; lodging and food services.	5.3.1. Experiences in lodging services	DANE-Colombia
		5.3.2. Experiences in transportation and warehousing services	INDEC-Argentina <i>(In progress)</i>
	5.4. Information and Communications	5.4.1. Experiences in telephony and postal services	INDEC-Argentina <i>(In progress)</i>
		5.4.2. Experiences in price indicators from the perspective of producer prices and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-Mexico
	5.5. Financial and insurance activities	5.5.1. Experience in the measurement of Financial Intermediation Services indirectly measured	INDEC-Argentina
		5.5.2. Experiences in price indicators from the perspective of producer prices and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-Mexico <i>(In progress)</i>

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	5.2. Real estate and insurance activities	5.2.1. Experiences in rent measurement	IBGE- Brasil	
		5.2.2. Experiences in price indicators from the perspective of producer prices and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-Mexico <i>(In progress)</i>	
	5.3. Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities	5.3.1. Ongoing experience in the area of pricing of engineering and architectural services, development of forms and measurement metrics	INE-Chile <i>(In progress)</i>	
		5.3.2. Experiences in price indicators from the perspective of producer prices and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-Mexico <i>(In progress)</i>	
	5.4. Public administration and defense; compulsory social security; education; human health and social services activities	5.4.1. Public administration - non-market services - study	IBGE- Brasil	
		5.4.2. Health Care System in Brazil	IBGE- Brasil	
		5.4.3. Experiences in price indicators from the perspective of producer prices and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-Mexico <i>(In progress)</i>	
	5.5. Artistic, entertainment and recreational activities, and other services activities; activities of individual households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of individual households for own use.	5.5.1. Experiences in price indicators from the perspective of producer prices and with a monthly frequency	INEGI-México <i>(In progress)</i>	
	6. Conclusions			All
	7. Glossary			All
8. Bibliography			All	

Development strategy

Colombia is coordinating the preparation of the document, with the participation of Latin American and Caribbean countries. For this reason, a working team was formed as follows:



Participating countries indicated areas in which they could share their experiences in measuring service sector indices in order to contribute to the document. Services were presented according to ISIC Rev. 4 classification and countries indicated their contributions.

Good practices applied in each of the participating countries will be incorporated.

Progress of the activities plan

No.	Activity	Level of progress (%)	Observations
1.	Elaboration table of contents	100%	Proposed by DANE
2.	Socialization of the table of contents and consensus on work strategies.	100%	Meeting on July 31, 2020, with member countries and ECLAC
3.	Incorporation of adjustments to the table of contents	100%	Update and submission of final table of contents by member countries
4.	Receipt of documents	70%	Some countries have yet to submit documents
5.	Review of the documents	50%	Feedback to member countries
6.	Compilation of the document progress	50%	In progress
7.	Final document adjustment	20%	In progress

Best practices

1. It was agreed with the countries to use the International Standard Industrial Classification ISIC Rev.
2. Generate a model document that could be used by other Latin American and Caribbean countries.
3. Each country guarantees that the price indexes generated and disseminated are in accordance with standards, methods and procedures, respecting scientific and technical independence in the statistical process.
4. Guarantee access to the methodology for the construction of price and volume indexes.

Challenges & gender approach

Challenges

- Different information templates were used by some member countries of the group, which caused delays in the review and compilation of the document.
- Due to the COVID pandemic, member countries have prioritized their internal information needs

Inclusion of the gender perspective

- The document is basically focused on integrating good practices on price measurement in the services sector in each of the countries, and therefore does not include a gender perspective.

Next steps

ACTIVITY	DATE
Schedule a meeting with the participating countries, in order to socialize the format and content expected, taking into account that there are documents that do not have the content agreed upon at the first meeting.	Last week of April
Review and compilation of experiences	Last week of May
Delivery of the first draft to ECLAC	First week of June
Adjustment of the draft and comments from ECLAC	Second week of July
Delivery of the final version of the document to ECLAC	First week of September