

Participation of representative of the State Statistical Committee in the XI Session of the Meeting of Groups of Experts on “Consumer Price Indices” organized in Geneva, Switzerland.

Representative of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan head of sector of the Price Statistics Department – Bahruz Seyidli was participated in the XI Session of the Meeting of Groups of Experts on “Consumer Price Indices” organized by UNECE and ILO in Geneva, Switzerland held on 30 May – 1 June, 2012.



The Chairman of the meeting was Head of Price Department of the Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland – Korrine Bekker Vermeulen. During her speech she noted the urgency included to the agenda of the XI Session of the Meeting of Groups of Experts and gave brief information on presented issues for discussion.

First day of the meeting following topics were carried out: “House price indices”, “System of Price indices”. It was noted that, changes in the prices of real estate market has been a great influence on the recent financial crisis. However, the statistical data on the dynamics of the housing market and its prices were not available in that period. Persons engaged in finance, economy and policy field turned their faces to statistics by the purpose of describe the current situation, assessment and to give forecast to the prices will be formalized in the housing market. By the purpose of to meet all these growing appeals and presenting the figures creation of the system in this area has become a more important issue. Methodological aspects of discussed issues were prepared by the financial support of European Statistical Office and under the control of Working Group on Price Statistics by the international expert group during the 2009-2012.

Next discussed topic was on “System of Price indices”. This system demands the study of registration of prices and during the calculation of price indices application of common methodology, necessity of users on price data. Consumer price index in

Azerbaijan was prepared by the support of International Monetary Fund and applies as official indicator reflecting level of inflation in the country during January, 1995.

II day of the meeting following topics were carried out: “Scanner data”, “New price collection methods”, “Quality adjustments of services”. France, Sweden, Denmark, Norway and United States of America discussed the problems on scanner data.

During discussing the topic on new price collection methods touched upon number of points on use of internet resources. It was noted that, internet market in the countries that did not develop as a sufficient collection of data on the internet, the price was not reasonable.

10 years ago collection of prices in Norway carried out by the traditional method (paper questioners). Then, some areas that had access to internet began to send these data in an electron form. At the moment, Norway receive the data according to the followings: 20% - paper questionnaires, 37% - electron data, 13% - web inquires, 20% - scanner data, 10% - from the second source (federal authority bodies).

Also the participants were informed about the works on improvement of current methodology on production services that it will be completed in the begging of 2013. Voorburg group talked about some methods can be applied for the detection of quality changes on production services.

III day of the meeting was discussed preparation of the consumer price index is used as a specific weight of consumption expenditure of households. As well as, participants were informed about the program provided for consumer price index and price index of industry products.