



International standards on statistics of work employment and labour underutilization: ILO follow-up

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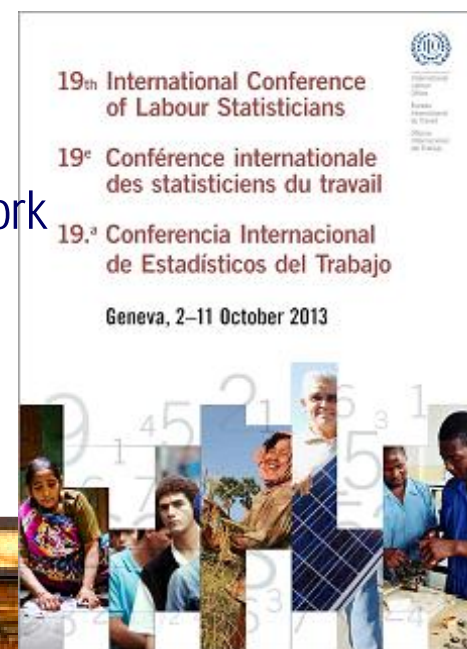
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Resolution on statistics of Work, Employment and Labour underutilization (19th ICLS, 2013)

- ✓ Updated previous standards from 1982
- ✓ Sets new reference framework for Work and Labour Force Statistics
 - New Forms of Work framework
 - Employment as “work for pay or profit”
 - Own-use production work, Volunteer work, Unpaid trainee work
 - New measures of labour underutilization
 - Calls on ILO, in collaboration with parties
 - Disseminate widely
 - Develop methods and conduct tests
 - Promote sharing of good practice
 - Prepare Manuals and model instruments
 - Technical assistance (training & capacity building)
 - Analysis & presentation of work statistics





Implications for national practice

- **Need to review national definitions used, data collection practices**
 - Labour force survey
 - Population and housing census
- **Early communication with key stakeholders and users**
 - Establish a Technical Working Group
- **Establish a testing and transition plan (multi-year)**
 - Consider existing commitments and user demands
 - Additional changes planned (sampling, frequency, mode of data collection)
- **Design and conduct tests**
 - Small tests to validate updated questionnaires, materials, training, data processing, etc
 - A large scale test (at minimum) to assess statistical impact on indicators
 - If possible, parallel run for a period of time



ILO follow-up activities

- Global programme of LFS pilot studies
- Development of ILO LFS practical guide and CAPI tool kit
- Revamping of ILOs Labour Market Statistics Academy
- Inform of progress at 48th UNSC and 20th ICLS (2018)
- Roll-out of technical assistance and capacity building programme



ILO LFS pilot studies (2015-2017): Scope and objectives

✓ Scope

- Employment (as work for pay or profit)
- Measures of Labour Underutilization
- Own-use production of work (goods and services)
- Selected aspects of status in employment

✓ Objectives

- To identify good practice in LFS survey questionnaire design
- To develop model question sequences and guidance for LFS
 - Aligned with new 19th ICLS standards
 - Based on accumulated practice AND new evidence
- *Not designed to assess impact on indicators*



LFS Pilot study design

Global level

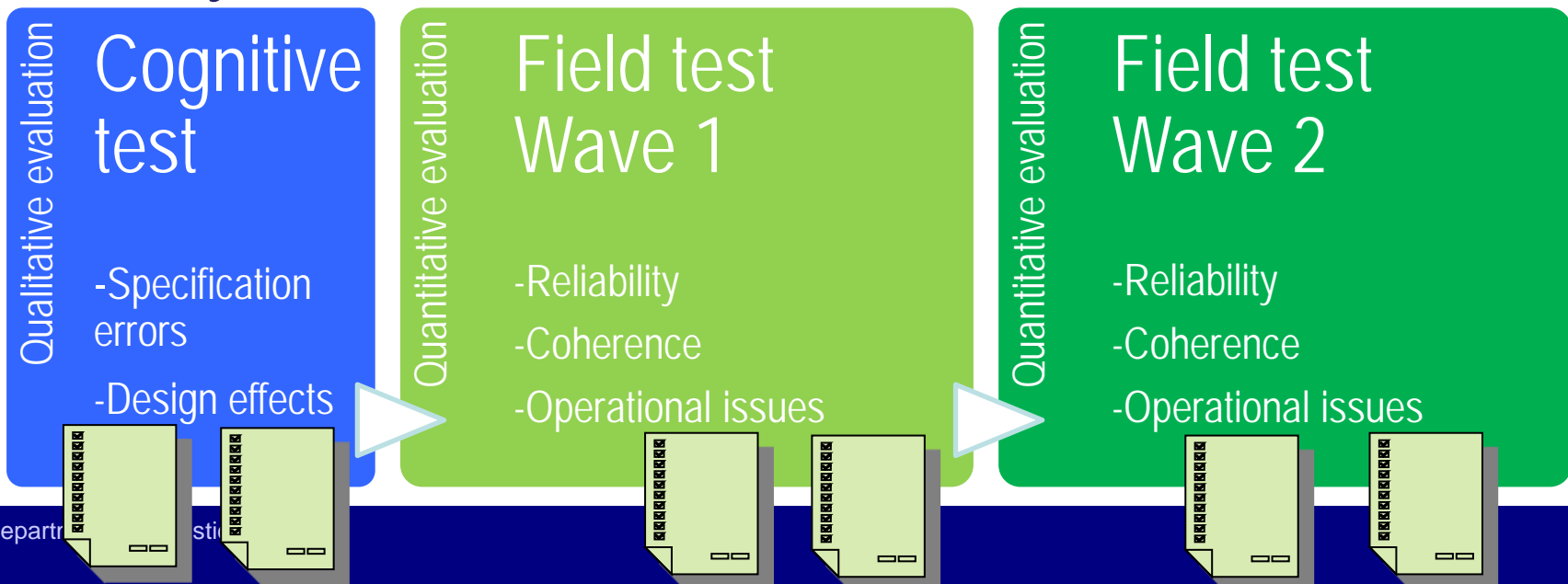
- 10 pilot countries from different regions
- 5 questionnaire types as per most common LFS practices

Country level

- 2 model questionnaires (1 as per national practice, 1 alternative)

Implementation phase:

- May 2015 – November 2016





Countries and Model assignment



Country	Region	Model Questionnaire				
		1	2	3	4	5
Cameroon	Africa -Central	✓				✓
Ivory Coast	Africa -Western	✓		✓		
Namibia	Africa -Southern	✓			✓	
Tunisia	Africa -Northern		✓	✓		
Ecuador	Americas -South			✓		✓
Peru	Americas -South			✓	✓	
Philippines	Asia & the Pacific		✓	✓		
Vietnam	Asia & the Pacific			✓	✓	
Moldova	Central & South-Eastern Europe			✓		✓
Kyrgyzstan	Central & South-Eastern Europe		✓	✓		

Choice based on:

- Economic context
- National practice
- Regional comparisons



Model Questionnaires: 5 developed & tested

M1

- Work in agriculture starting approach
- For settings with widespread agriculture

M2

- Main activity approach
- Common in population censuses, pacific islands

M3

- Worked for pay or profit approach
- Traditional in LFS

M4

- Employment type approach
- Common in Southern Africa & Asia

M5

- Has job / business approach
- Suggested in Europe to address problems with absence q.



ILO LFS practical guidance

LFS practical guide

- **In volumes, topic based:**
 - Employment
 - Work in agriculture, market orientation
 - Working time
 - Time-related underemployment
 - Main job characteristics
 - Occupation, industry
 - Status in employment
 - Institutional sector
 - Informal employment
 - Unemployment, Potential labour force
 - Own-use production of goods
 - Good practices in LFS design, testing
 - Cognitive testing for survey design
- **Volume contents**
 - Concepts, definitions
 - Relevant indicators
 - Model survey questions
 - Guidance for national adaptation
 - Guidance for field implementation
- **Accompanying LFS CAPI tool kit**
 - CSPro Android application
 - Complete LFS question sequences
 - Based on revised M1, M2, M4 from ILO pilots
 - Modular to facilitate national adaptation
 - With interviewer aids, instructions



Labour Market Statistics Academy (LMSA)

- **Content and format updated in 2015**
 - 2-week programme
 - Aligned with the 19th ICLS standards
 - Gender mainstreamed in all course content
 - Dual track curricula for producers and analysts
 - Covering special topics of high interest (SDGs in 2017)
- **Conducted annually**
 - 2015 (Nov): at ILO-ITC Turin, Italy (English)
 - 2016 (Oct): Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast (French)
 - 2017 (Nov): at ILO-ITC Turin, Italy (English)
- **More details at**
 - <http://www.itcilo.org/en/areas-of-expertise/labour-market-statistics-and-analysis>
 - http://www.ilo.org/stat/Areasofwork/Training/WCMS_546818/lang--en/index.htm





19th ICLS Implementation process

Country experiences

Implemented or in transition

- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Dominican republic
- Japan
- Myanmar
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Tajikistan
- Turkey

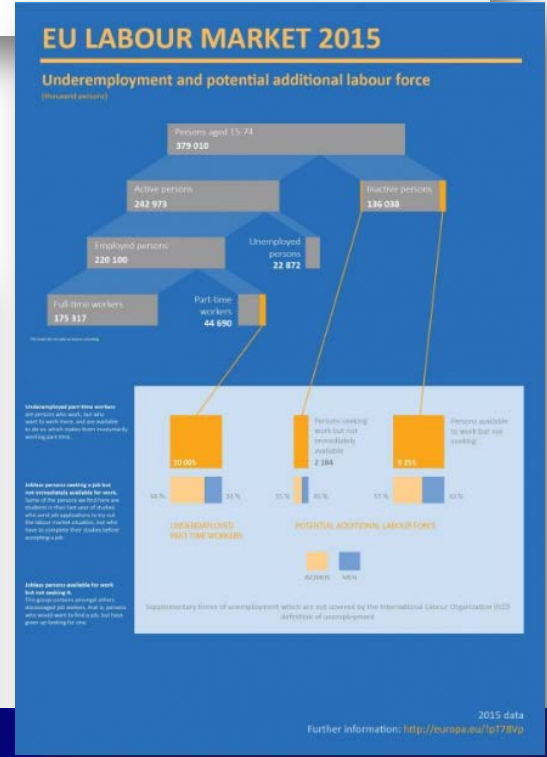
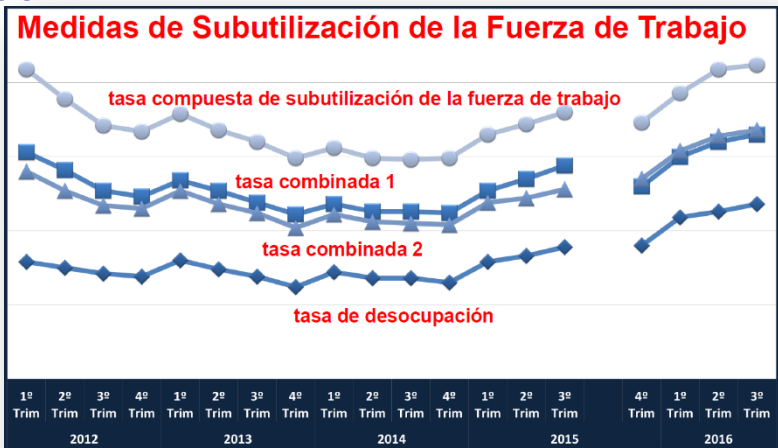
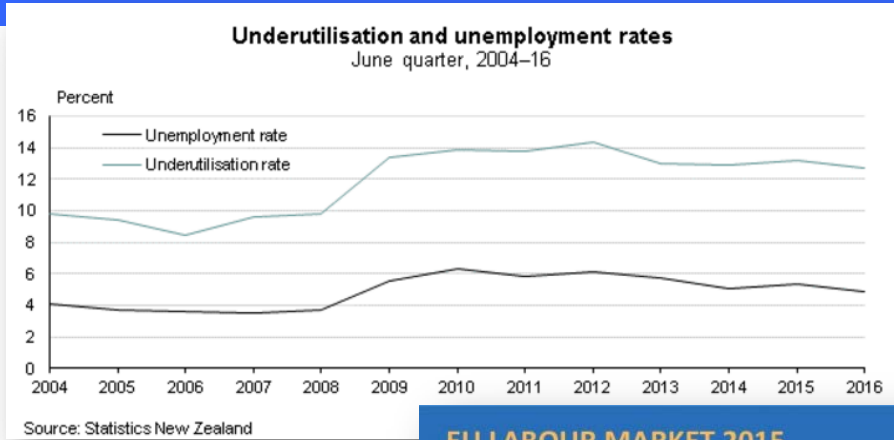
Conducting tests

- Countries of European Union
- China
- Chile
- Ecuador
- Pacific island countries
- Pakistan
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- South Korea
- Vietnam



Public release of Labour underutilization indicators

- Australia
- Brazil
- Dominican Republic
- European Union (Eurostat)
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- South Korea
- USA





Resources and Contact

- ILO LFS pilot studies programme

<http://www.ilo.org/stat/Areasofwork/Standards/lfs/lang--en/index.htm>

- ICLS Resolutions and Guidelines

<http://www.ilo.org/global/statistics-and-databases/standards-and-guidelines/>

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