In April 2022, the classification of economies was updated, leading to the changes below. These changes have been applied to the tables released from the 12 April 2022; the other tables will be progressively revised. The new classification of economies is available on the UNCTADstat Classification Page.

I. Summary of the main changes

1. Introduction of a geographic breakdown of development status

A geographic breakdown of development status has been introduced, as follows:

- Developing economies (1400)
  - Developing economies: Africa (1410)
  - Developing economies: America (1420)
  - Developing economies: Asia and Oceania (1460 - previously 2102)
    - Developing economies: Asia (1430 - previously 2104)
    - Developing economies: Oceania (1450 - previously 2106)
- Developed economies (1500)
  - Developed economies: America (1520)
  - Developed economies: Europe (1540)
  - Developed economies: Asia and Oceania (1560 - previously 2101)
    - Developed economies: Asia (1530 - previously 2103)
    - Developed economies: Oceania (1550 - previously 2105)

The groups "developing economies" (1400) and "developed economies" (1500) are almost identical to the groups "developing regions (M49)" (code 2200) and "developed regions (M49)" (code 2205) of the classification of the previous year, with the main difference that the Republic of Korea is included in "developed economies" (1500) and not in "developing economies" (1400).

2. Changes of codification

The following recodifications have been implemented:

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II. New group of economies
The following geographical group has been created:

- Europe, Northern America, Australia and New Zealand (5706).

III. Changes in label
ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) (3907) has been renamed into OACPS (Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States). This change has been also applied to each subgroup: 3940, 3941, 3942, 3943, 3944, 3945, 3946, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3950.

IV. Changes in composition
The following groups have been updated:

- Developing economies excluding China (1600) and Developing economies excluding LDCs (1601):
  Added: Bouvet Island (074), British Indian Ocean Territory (086), South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands (239), French Southern Territories (260).
  Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410).

- SIDS (Small island developing States) (UN-OHRLLS) (1640):
  Added: Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (535).

- Selected exporters of petroleum (2370):
  Added: Chad (148).

- Selected exporters of manufactured goods (2371):
  Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410).

- Selected exporters of manufactured goods and primary commodities (2372):
  Added: China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (344).
  Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410).

- Selected exporters of agricultural products (2373):
  Added: Mauritania (478).
  Dropped: Djibouti (262), Honduras (340), Nicaragua (558).

- Selected exporters of minerals and mining products (2374):
  Added: Jamaica (388), Zimbabwe (716).
  Dropped: Eritrea (232), Mauritania (478), Sierra Leone (694).

- Selected LIFDC (Low-income food-deficit countries) (2376):
  Added: Sudan (729), Sudan (...2011) (736).
  Dropped: Solomon Islands (090), Djibouti (262), India including Sikkim (356), Viet Nam (704), Tanzania, United Republic of (834).
• LIFDC (Low-income food-deficit countries) (FAO) (2378): 
  Dropped: Solomon Islands (090), Djibouti (262), India including Sikkim (356), Viet Nam (704).

• Net food-importing economies (2411): 
  Added: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894). 
  Dropped: American Samoa (016), Gibraltar (292), Nauru (520), Russian Federation (643), Singapore (702), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).

• Net food-exporting economies (2412): 
  Added: American Samoa (016), Gibraltar (292), Nauru (520), Russian Federation (643), Singapore (702), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810). 
  Dropped: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894).

• Net food-exporting developing economies (2413): 
  Added: American Samoa (016), Nauru (520), Singapore (702). 
  Dropped: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894).

• Net food-exporting developed economies (2415): 
  Added: Gibraltar (292), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).

• Major net food-exporting economies (2416): 
  Added: Lithuania (440), Papua New Guinea (598), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).

• Net food-importing developing economies (2420): 
  Added: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894). 
  Dropped: American Samoa (016), Korea, Republic of (410), Nauru (520), Singapore (702).

• Net food-importing developed economies (2422): 
  Added: Korea, Republic of (410). 
  Dropped: Gibraltar (292), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).

• Major net food-importing economies (2423): 
  Added: Afghanistan (004), Bosnia and Herzegovina (070), Cameroon (120), Romania (642), Syrian Arab Republic (760). 

• HIPCs (Heavily indebted poor countries) (IMF) (2611): 
  Added: Somalia (706).
• High-income developing economies (2621):
  Added: Libya (434).
  Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (862).

• Middle-income developing economies (2622):
  Added: Haiti (332), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (862).
  Dropped: Libya (434), Pakistan (586), Sudan (729), Sudan (...2011) (736), Zambia (894).

• Low-income developing economies (2623):
  Added: Pakistan (586), Sudan (729), Sudan (...2011) (736), Zambia (894).
  Dropped: Haiti (332).

• Low-income economies (World Bank) (2624):
  Dropped: Haiti (332), Tajikistan (762).

• Lower-middle-income economies (World Bank) (2625):
  Added: Belize (084), Haiti (332), Indonesia (360), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364), Tajikistan (762),
  Samoa (882), Indonesia (...2002) (960).
  Dropped: Moldova, Republic of (498).

• Upper-middle-income economies (World Bank) (2626):
  Added: Mauritius (480), Moldova, Republic of (498), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama
  (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Romania (642).
  Dropped: Belize (084), Indonesia (360), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic
  of) (862), Samoa (882), Indonesia (...2002) (960).

• High-income economies (World Bank) (2627) and High-income non OECD members (World Bank)
  (2629):
  Dropped: Mauritius (480), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone
  (592), Romania (642).

• ALBA-TCP (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples’ Trade Treaty) (3209):
  Added: Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (068).

• ADB (African Development Bank), developing member countries (3310):
  Added: Niue (570).

• ADB: Group B (3312):
  Added: Niue (570), Fiji (242).

• ADB: Group C (3313):
  Dropped: Fiji (242).
- Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (3382): Added: Bahamas (044), Bahrain (048), Brazil (076), Kiribati (296), Tunisia (788), Ukraine (804).

- BioTrade countries (3384): Added: Cambodia (116), Cameroon (120), Ghana (288), Kenya (404), Malaysia (458), New Zealand (554), Nicaragua (558), Pakistan (586), Switzerland, Liechtenstein (757), North Macedonia (807). Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410), Nepal (524), Zambia (894).


- ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) (3907): Added: South Sudan (728).

- G-77 (Group of 77) (3919): Dropped: Bosnia and Herzegovina (070).

- GSTP (Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries) (3921): Dropped: Colombia (170), North Macedonia (807).

- GSTP (3923): Dropped: Colombia (170).

V. Deletion of groups of economies

The following groups have been deleted:

- Developing regions (M49) (2200)
- Developed regions (M49) (2205)
- UNASUR (Union of South American Nations) (3210)
- ECA: North Africa (3321)
- ECA: Eastern Africa (3322)
- ECA: Central Africa (3323)
- ECA: Southern Africa (3324)
- ECA: West Africa (3325)
- ECA: Island economies (3326)
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- ECA: Least developed countries (3329)
- ECLAC: Caribbean (3331)
- ECLAC: Latin America (3332)
- ECA: Small island states (3339)
- ESCAP: Africa (3341)
- ESCAP: Latin America (3342)
- ESCAP: Europe (3343)
- ESCAP: East and North-East Asia (ENEA) (3344)
- ESCAP: North and Central Asia (3345)
- ESCAP: South and South-West Asia (3346)
- ESCAP: Pacific (3347)
- ESCAP: Pacific island developing economies (PIDE) (3348)
- ESCAP: Other area (3349)
- ESCAP: East and North-East Asia, incl. the Russian Federation (3350)
- ESCAP: Least developed countries (3351)
- ESCAP: Landlocked developing countries (3352)
- ESCAP: Small islands developing states (3354)
- ESCAP: High-income economies (World Bank) (3356)
- ESCAP: Upper-middle-income economies (World Bank) (3357)
- ESCAP: Lower-middle-income economies (World Bank) (3358)
- ESCAP: Low-income economies (World Bank) (3359)
- EU25 (European Union 2004 ... 2007) (3402)
- EU15 (European Union 1995 ... 2004) (3404)
- EU27 (European Union 2007 ... 2013) (3408)
- EU28 (European Union 2013 ... 2020) (3410)
- G8 (Group of Eight) (3913).