

# Workshop on the Methodological Review of Benchmarking, Rebasing and Chain-Linking of Economic Indicators

Jointly organized by:

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Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic

## Agenda

**Wednesday, 24 August 2011**

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 Opening ceremony**

Opening remarks

Objectives and organization of the workshop

Administrative matters and introduction of participants

Adoption of the agenda

**9:30 Benchmarking**

- What is benchmarking?

- What are the main approaches to benchmarking time series?

*Discussion*

**10:45 Coffee break**

**11:15 Rebasing and linking of national accounts**

- Nominal vs. Volume measures of GDP

- What is rebasing?

- Why is rebasing needed?

- How is rebasing and linking done?

- What are the main effects of rebasing and linking?

- Conclusion

*Discussion*

**12:30 Lunch break**

**14:00 Exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts**

Demonstration on rebasing and linking of national accounts using hypothetical dataset

*Discussion*

**15:30** *Coffee break*

**16:00** **Exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

Demonstration on rebasing and linking of rebased national accounts using hypothetical dataset

*Discussion*

**17:00** **Close**

**Thursday, 25 August 2011**

**9:30** **Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts**

Participants will be divided into groups for a hands-on exercise to rebase and link national accounts using a real dataset from Lao People's Democratic Republic

**11:00** *Coffee break*

**11:30** **Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

**13:00** *Lunch break*

**14:30** **Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

**15:30** *Coffee break*

**16:00** **Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

*Discussion and summary of the results*

**17:30** **Close**

**Friday, 26 August 2011**

**9:30** **Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

Participants will continue with the hands-on exercise to rebase and link national accounts using a real dataset from Lao People's Democratic Republic

**11:00** *Coffee break*

**11:30 Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

**13:00 *Lunch break***

**14:30 Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

**15:30 *Coffee break***

**16:00 Practical exercise on rebasing and linking of national accounts (continued)**

***Discussion and summary of the results***

**17:00 Conclusions and the way forward**

**17:30 Close**