

Seminar on the implementation of the System of National Accounts 2008 in the CARICOM Region

**Jointly organized by the United Nations Statistics Division
and the CARICOM Secretariat**

14-16 June 2010, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda

Agenda

Monday, 14 June 2010

Session 1 Opening

09:00-09:30 *Registration*

09:30-10:00 *Opening of the seminar*

Antigua and Barbuda, CARICOM, UNSD,

Objectives and organization of the seminar

Administrative matters and introduction of participants

Adoption of the agenda

10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*

Session 2 Main changes in the 2008 SNA

10:30-12:30 - *Overview of main changes in the 2008 SNA including changes relevant to the
CARICOM region*

UNSD

Discussion

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

Session 3 Financial crisis – need for high frequency economic indicators

14:00-15:30 - International initiatives for greater availability of statistics on high frequency
economic indicators

- Introducing of the high frequency economic indicators data template

UNSD

Discussion

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 4 ***Regional assessment and initiatives for improving the scope, detail and quality of the national accounts and supporting economic statistics in the region***

16:00-17:30 *Assessment of the status of National Accounts compilation in the region and initiatives for improving the scope, detail and quality of the national accounts and supporting economic statistics in the region*

UNSD/CARICOM

Discussion

Tuesday, 15 June 2010

Session 5 ***2008 SNA implementation strategy***

9:00-10:30 SNA implementation strategy: mandate UNSC, global initiative, scope widened to include basic statistics and institutional environment, principles (strategic planning, coordination and implementation), elements (modalities). ISWGNA to develop tools such Knowledge Base (KB) on normative standards and country practices and KB on training and capacity building, website on 2008 SNA implementation programme, compilation guidance, outreach tools by milestone

Discussion

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 6 ***2008 SNA implementation strategy – contd.***

11:00-12:30 *2008 SNA implementation strategy explained*

A system wide diagnostic and vision to implementation programme with well developed coordination mechanism covering the domains of the classification of statistical activities namely, economic statistics (2), environment and multi functional statistics (3), methodology of data collection, processing and dissemination (4), and institutional strategy (5)

Discussion

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

Session 7 ***Review of the strategic framework – Overview of diagnostic tool***

14:00-15:30 - Assessment of periodicity, timeliness (annual and HFI)
- Registers and census frames (agriculture, economic and population)
- Data sources: use of administrative data

Discussion

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 8 *Overview of diagnostic tool – contd.*

- 16:00-17:30 - Data sources: Use of household (income and expenditure and labour force surveys, case of 1 2 Survey) and enterprise surveys (case of industrial statistics collections: benchmark, annual and infra annual frequency, informal sector coverage, etc.)
- Data integration, linkages, editing, imputations (use of statistical techniques, data validation)

Discussion

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

Session 9 *Overview of diagnostic tool – contd.*

- 09:00-10:30 - Communication and dissemination (communication: websites, etc and dissemination: accessibility and serviceability)
- Organisation and management of statistical organization (pre-requirements: legal environment, national statistical council, statistical agenda, consultations with users (advisory committees; human resource management: training and capacity building programme, national training institute, career planning, management training in change management; ICT management: modernization of ICT environment)

Discussion

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 10 *Breakout Group discussion*

11:00-12:30 Group discussion on way forward

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

Session 11 *Plenary session*

14:00-15:30 Report back from break out group discussions

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 12 *Concluding session*

16:00-17:00 Conclusions and recommendations
Evaluation of the seminar
Closing of the seminar