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

Jointly organized by:

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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