

**Development Account Project**

Strengthening statistical capacity-building in support of progress towards the  
Internationally Agreed Development Goals in countries of South Asia

**Workshop on the organization of National Statistical Systems  
and user-producer relations for countries in South Asia**

**Tuesday, 22 July 2008**

**Theme: Organization of National Statistical Systems**

*Morning session 9:00 am – 12:30 pm*

***Chair: Ms. Suranjana Vidyaratne***

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| 9:00-9:30  | Opening ceremony<br>Introduction and administrative information<br>Objectives and organization of the workshop                  |
| 9:00       | National Anthem of Sri Lanka & Lighting of the traditional<br>oil lamp  |
| 9:05       | Welcome Speech by Ms.DBP Suranjana Vidyaratne<br>Director General, Department of Census and Statistics                          |
| 9:10       | Address of the Chief Guest Mr.R.A.Jayatissa<br>Deputy Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance and<br>Planning, Sri Lanka |
| 9:20       | Address of Mr.Stefan Schweinfest, Chief, Statistical Services<br>Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division               |
| 9:25       | Vote of Thanks – Mr.HR Gunasekera, Director, Department<br>of Census and Statistics   |
| 9:30-9.45  | <i>Coffee break</i>   |
| 9:45-10:15 | National Statistical Systems – the foundation of the Global<br>Statistical System   |

*UNSD presentation*

10:15-11:30 Improving co-ordination in National Statistical Systems

*Presentation by Dennis Trewin*

*Country presentations: Nepal, Pakistan*

11:30-12:30 Improving co-ordination in National Statistical Systems (cont.)

*Round table discussion: Identification of the key issues for  
improving co-ordination of NSS and finding ways to resolve them*

12:30-13:30 *Lunch break*

*Afternoon session 13:30 pm – 17:30 pm*

***Chair: Mr. Abdul Rahman Ghafoori***

13:30-15:30 Autonomy of National Statistical Offices

*Presentation by Dennis Trewin*

*UNSD presentation*

*Country presentations: Bhutan, India*

Round table discussion

15:30-15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50-17:30 How useful are Administrative Data for statistical purposes?

*Presentation by John Cornish*

*Country presentations: Maldives*

Round table discussion

**Wednesday, 23 July 2008**

**Theme: Organization of National Statistical Systems (cont.)**

*Morning session 9:00 am – 12:30 pm*

***Chair: Mr. Fuwad Thowfeek***

9:00-10:30     Adjusting the organization of National Statistical Systems to emerging issues

*Presentation by Dennis Trewin*

*Country presentations: Afghanistan, Bangladesh*

10:30-10:50     *Coffee break*

10:50-12:30     Adjusting the organization of National Statistical Systems to emerging issues (cont.)

Round table discussion

12:30-13:30     *Lunch break*

*Afternoon session 13:30pm – 17:30pm*

**Theme: User-producer relations**

***Chair: Mr. Tunga Shiromani Bastola***

13:30-15:30     Role of National Statistical Offices in Data Analysis; release of Microdata

*Presentation by John Cornish*

*Presentation by Dennis Trewin*

*Country presentations: India*

15:30-15:50     *Coffee break*

15:50-17:30     Round table discussion

**Thursday, 24 July 2008**

*Morning session 9:00 am – 12:30 pm*

**Theme: User-producer relations (cont.)**

***Chair: Mr. Vinod Kumar Bajaj***

9:00-10:30     How can we increase user engagement?

*Presentation by John Cornish*  
*Country presentations: Sri Lanka*

Round table discussion

10:30-10:50     *Coffee break*

10:50-12:30     Conclusions and evaluation of the workshop

12.30-            *Lunch*