

**UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS DIVISION (UNSD)  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION OF THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)**

**Workshop on Integrated Economic Statistics and Informal Sector  
for ECO Member Countries Teheran, Iran, 10 - 13 November 2007**

## **Agenda**

### **Saturday, 10 November 2007**

*Morning session: 9:00 hrs. – 12:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – UNSD, SC Iran

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Opening of the workshop

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Objectives and organization of the workshop

Administrative matters and introduction of participants

Adoption of the agenda

10.00 – 11.10 Role and importance of manufacturing statistics

- Recent trends in manufacturing
- Users of Manufacturing statistics  
(Policy needs, user-producer interaction etc.)
- Challenges of compiling manufacturing statistics including globalization (institutional settings, statistical measurement challenges, manufacturing statistics comparable with other sectors and its integration with the national accounts)

11:10 – 11:30 *Break*

11.30 – 12.30 Country practices in compiling economic statistics

- Presentations by participating countries on their system of economic statistics:
  - System of data collection for compiling manufacturing and other economic statistics
  - Scope and compliance of 1993 SNA implementation
  - 1993 SNA update issues important for the country
  - Informal sector and informal employment
  - Business register and use of administrative data

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

*Afternoon session: 14:00 hrs. – 17:30 hrs.*

14:00 – 15:40 Country practices in compiling economic statistics (continued)

Discussion

15:40 – 16:00 *Break*

16:00 – 17:30 Country practices in compiling economic statistics (continued)

Discussion

### **Sunday, 11 November 2007**

*Morning session: 9:00 hrs. – 12:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – UNSD

09:00 – 10:30 International recommendations on industrial statistics

- Brief background and reasons for revision of international recommendations
- Scope of industrial statistics
- Statistical units for structural statistics and their characteristics
- Data items to be collected

Discussion

10:30 – 10:50 *Break*

10:50 – 12:30 International recommendations on industrial statistics – contd.

- Data items to be collected – contd.
- Dissemination

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

*Afternoon session: 14:00 hrs. – 17:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – UNSD

14:00 – 15:40 1993 SNA update issues

- Major Changes in 1993 SNA Rev 1 that Impact GDP
- Treatments of illegal activities
- Ancillary units in 1993 SNA Rev. 1
- Research and development
- Mineral Exploration and evaluation

Discussion

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15:40 – 16:00 *Break*

- 16:00 – 17:30 1993 SNA update issues – contd.
- Financial intermediation services indirectly measured
  - Originals and copies
  - Public/private sector delineation and government transactions with public corporations
  - Taxes, uncollectible taxes and tax credits

Discussion

### **Monday, 12 November 2007**

*Morning session: 9:00 hrs. – 12:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – ESCAP

- 09:00 – 09:45 Informal sector statistics
- Defining informal sector
  - Characteristics of informal sector units
  - Criteria for identifying informal sector enterprises

- 09:45 – 10:40 Measurement of informal sector
- Analysis of alternative measurement objectives and tools

Discussion

10:40 – 11:00 *Break*

- 11:00 – 12:30 Unified Data Collection Strategy (UDCS) and its implementation
- Key elements of the UDCS
  - Phase I
    - Measurement objectives
    - Survey design and questionnaire
    - Implementation of Phase I

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

*Afternoon session: 14:00 hrs. – 17:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – ESCAP, UNSD

14:00 – 16:00 UDCS and its implementation (continued)

- Phase II
  - Measurement objectives
  - Sample design considerations
  - Questionnaire design
  - Implementation of Phase II

Discussion

16:00 – 16:20 *Break*

16:20 – 17:30 Informal sector statistics and SNA

- Integrating informal sector estimations into national accounts

Discussion

## **Tuesday, 13 November 2007**

*Morning session: 9:00 hrs. – 12:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – UNSD, ESCAP

09:00 – 10:30 Development of a comparable manufacturing statistics programme in the ECO region - way forward

Discussion

10:40 – 11:00 *Break*

11:00 – 12.30 Discussion on the country specific issues raised by participants and other outstanding issues

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

*Afternoon session: 14:00 hrs. – 15:30 hrs.*

Session Organizer – UNSD, ESCAP and ECO

14:00 – 15:30 Evaluation of the workshop

Conclusion of the workshop