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
ECO
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ESCAP
UNSD

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

  ▪ 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
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

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**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