



**UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS DIVISION
CENTRAL STATISTICAL ORGANISATION, INDIA**

**Workshop on National Accounts
New Delhi, India
6-9 July 2009**

(Organised under the Development Account Project - Strengthening statistical capacity-building in support of progress towards the Internationally Agreed Developments Goals in countries of South Asia)

Agenda

Morning sessions will be from 9.30 to 13.00 hrs, afternoon sessions from 14.00 to 17.30 hrs. Lunch breaks will be from 13.00 to 14.00 hrs every day. There will also be a coffee break during the morning and afternoon sessions.

Monday, 6 July 2009

Morning session: 9:30 hrs. – 13:00 hrs.

Opening of the workshop

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registration |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Opening of the workshop |
| | Objectives and organization of the workshop |
| | Administrative matters and introduction of participants |
| | Adoption of the agenda |

System of National Accounts

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| 10:00 – 11:00 | System of National Accounts |
| | - <i>Update on recent developments</i> |
| | - <i>Main changes from the 1993 SNA</i> |
| 11:00 – 11.20 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11.20 – 13.00 | System of National Accounts (contd.) |

- *Scope of national accounts data and compliance with the 1993 SNA*
- Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

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

Orientation to Quarterly National Accounts

- 14:00 – 15:30 Why Quarterly National Accounts (QNA)?
- *A vital indicator for planning and policy purposes*
 - *Short term indicators and the QNA*
 - *Scope and role of QNA,*
 - *Advantages and limitations,*
 - *Approaches, sources of data*
- Discussion
- 15:30 – 15:50 *Break*
- 15:50 – 17:30 Country practices on compiling Quarterly National Accounts
- *Presentations by participating countries on methodology for QNA compilation by production approach:*
 - o *Coverage*
 - o *Data sources*
 - o *Price indicators etc.*
 - Discussion
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Tuesday, 7 July 2009

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

Quarterly National Accounts - Production Approach

- 09:30 – 11:00 Quarterly GDP using production approach – methodology, data sources etc
- *Agriculture and allied activities*
 - *Mining and quarrying*
- Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:20 *Break*
- 11:20 – 13:00 Quarterly GDP using production approach – methodology, data sources etc.
- *Manufacturing*
 - *Electricity, gas and water supply*
 - *construction*
- Discussion

13:00– 14:00 *Lunch*

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

14:00 – 15:30 Quarterly GDP using production approach – methodology, data sources etc.
- *Services*

- Discussion

15:30 – 15:50 *Break*

15:50– 17:30 Country practices on compiling Quarterly National Accounts
- *Presentations by participating countries on methodology for QNA compilation by production approach:*

- *Coverage*
- *Data sources*
- *Price indicators etc.*

Wednesday, 8 July 2009

Morning session: 9:30 hrs. – 13:00 hrs.

Quarterly National Accounts – special issues

09:30– 11:00 Benchmarking of QNA
- *pro-rata distribution*
- *Bassie method*
- *proportional Denton technique*
- *Statistical modelling approach :*

- Discussion

11:00– 11:20 *Break*

11:20– 13:00 Seasonal adjustment.
- *Need for seasonally adjusted QGDP*
- *Components of seasonal variation*
- *Softwares for seasonal adjustment*

- Discussion

13:00– 14:00 *Lunch*

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

14:00 – 15:30 Challenges faced by participating countries in compiling QNA
- *Incorporating activities of the informal sector,*
- *New classifications*

- *Volume estimates,*
- *Linking and back casting of QNA*
- Discussion

15:30 – 15:50 *Break*

- 15:50 – 17:30 Revision policies and quality standards of the QNA
- *Revision policies – best practices*
 - *Quality standards of the QNA*
 - Discussion

Thursday, 9 July 2009

Morning session: 9:30 hrs. – 13:00 hrs.

2008 SNA implementation strategy

- 09:30 – 11:00 System of National Accounts 2008
- *ESCAP initiative for improvement of economic statistics in the region*
 - *South -Asian sub -regional implementation strategy for the 2008 SNA*
 - Discussion

11:00 – 11:20 *Break*

- 11.20 – 13.00 System of National Accounts 2008 (contd.)
- *Country presentations on SNA implementation plan*
 - Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

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

Conclusions and evaluation of the workshop

- 14:00 – 15:30 Conclusion of the workshop
- *Conclusion of the workshop*
 - *Evaluation of the workshop*
 - *Closing*