

# **Regional Seminar on Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA and Supporting Statistics in Southern Africa**

**17 – 19 October 2012  
Pretoria, South Africa**

## **Agenda**

**Wednesday 17 October 2012**

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration**

**09:00 – 10:30 First Session**

### **I. Opening**

Brief opening remarks by the hosts Statistics South Africa and South African Reserve Bank. Also, UNSD and the regional agencies (ECA, AFDB, SADC, COMESA) will add the international and regional perspective to the objective of the seminar in initiating the drafting of the strategic vision and programme of work on the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics. The opening will also be used to underline the benefits of moving over to the 2008 SNA and supporting short term statistics in a global economy with internal and cross boundary vulnerabilities.

### **II. Developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics**

The institutional process and assessment and reporting tools for the development of a programme of implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics will be set out. Particular attention will be given to the stages in undertaking a system wide consultation, outreach and involvement of the major data producers and users, the coordinating role of the NSO, the required resource mobilisation for the programme and the possible external technical assistance required.

*Presentations*

UNSD

**10:30 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 13:00 Second Session**

### **II. Developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics (*continued*)**

*Presentations*

ECA

### **III. Country presentations**

Each participating country will make a presentation on an overview of the main policy issues and their relationship with the scope and detail of the national accounts framework, as well as an overview of current compilation practices, new requirements by economic activity and institutional sector, and statistical and institutional actions to remedy shortcomings as described in the note prepared by the countries for the meeting.

#### *Presentations*

Botswana

Malawi

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Third Session**

### **III. Country presentations (*continued*)**

#### *Presentations*

Namibia

South Africa

Swaziland

**15:30 – 16:00 Break**

**16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session**

### **III. Country presentations (*continued*)**

#### *Presentations*

Tanzania

Zambia

Zimbabwe

**Thursday 18 October 2012**

**09:00 – 10:30 First Session**

### **IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach**

To facilitate the discussion this session will offer presentations by UNSD, Stats SA and SARB on the application of the integrated economic statistics approach to the statistical production process taking into account the institutional environment and the main elements of the statistical production process such as the statistical business registers, surveys and administrative sources, dissemination and communication methods.

#### *Presentations*

UNSD

- Handbook on Integrated economic statistics

Stats SA

- Business registers

**10:30 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 13:00 Second Session**

**IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach (*continued*)**

*Presentations*

Stats SA

- Economic Activity Surveys
- Prices Statistics
- Labour Statistics

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Third Session**

**IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach (*continued*)**

*Presentations*

SARB

- Expenditure approach
- Household final consumption
- Capital stock and consumption of fixed capital

**15:30 – 16:00 Break**

**16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session**

**IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach (*continued*)**

*Presentations*

SARB

- Integrated economic accounts

Stats SA

- Supply and use tables

**Friday 19 October 2012**

**09:00 – 10:30 First Session**

**IV. The scope and detail of the national accounts required for effective policy purposes**

This session will be used to present the progressive multiple policy uses of the statistics, accounts and tables of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics with the extended scope and detail as recommended and required by the Minimum Required Data Set (MRDS). The discussion will allow the participants further insight in developing a more articulate outreach programme for the senior policy makers and analysts in their countries.

*Presentations*

UNSD

- The policy use of national accounts
- Harmonisation of GDP estimates
- 2008 SNA changes from the 1993 SNA
- MRDS

**10:30 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 13:00 Second Session**

**V. Discussion on selected issues on SNA implementation**

Based on the results of the 2008 SNA implementation questionnaire participants will discuss specific topics and issues related to the conceptual implementation of the 2008 SNA that need to be addressed in the respective countries. UNSD jointly with staff from Statistics South Africa and South African Reserve Bank will make brief presentations to introduce the main issues concerning those topics. The specific topics to covered are: prices, use of government finance statistics, exhaustive coverage of the GDP taking into account the measurement of the informal sector, measurement of financial production (FISIM, insurance, etc.), treatment of changes in inventories, capital stock measure, household consumption expenditure. The relevant conceptual issues related to the change over to the 2008 SNA will be discussed like goods for processing, change over to ISIC Revision 4.

*Presentations*

UNSD

- Results from the national accounts implementation survey

Stats SA

- Exhaustive coverage of GDP (informal sector, production for own final use)

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

## **14:00 – 15:30 Third Session**

### **VI. Way forward**

This session will allow for reaching a broad agreement on the actions to be taken at the national, sub-regional, regional and international level to ensure that mutually reinforcing actions will advance the formulation and implementation of a multi-year national and sub-regional programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics.

Implementation strategy

### **VII. Closing**