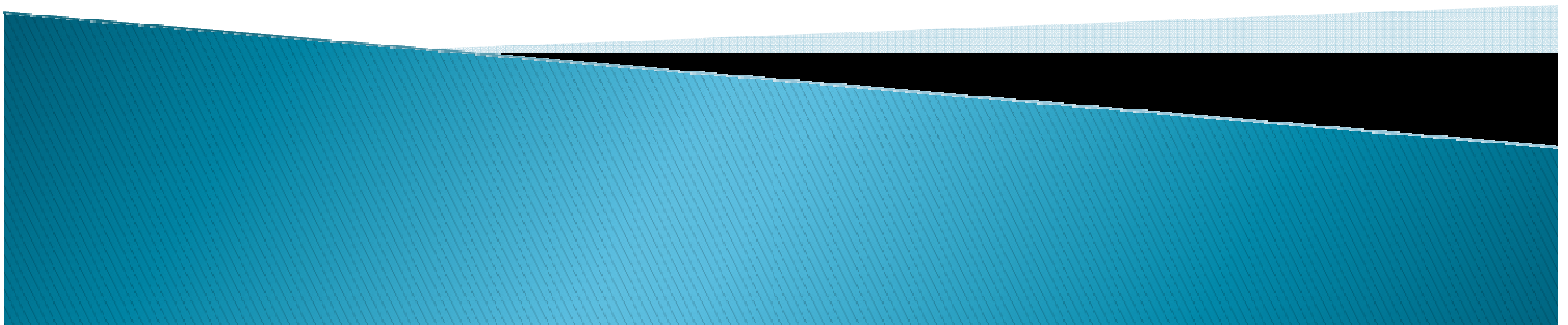# IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME OF SNA 2008 VANUATU

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Purpose

To share Vanuatu National Statistics Office's (VNSO) experience on recent NA development, constrain, and way forward to strengthen ECONOMICS STATISTICS within the National Statistical System and the region.

Policy Issue

Government has a ten year Priority Action Agenda (PAA) which has been review and update base on the original document created in 2006, with a national vision "*a just, an Educated, Healthy and Wealthy Vanuatu*"

Policy Issue (Cont'd)

The PAA identify these strategic priorities to achieve the national vision;

- ▸ Private sector development and Employment creation
- ▸ Macroeconomic Stability and Equitable growth
- ▸ Good Governance and Public Sector Reform

Policy Issue (Cont'd)

- Primary sector development, environment, climate change, and disaster risk management,
- Provision of Better Health Services, especially in rural area,
- Education and human resource development,
- Economic Infrastructure and Support Services.

Recent NA Development

- Publication is on Annual basis, latest report is 2011.
- VNSO use two approach Production and Expenditure in both normal and constant prices estimates,
- Propose publish date is nine month after a reference year.
- Base year price has been revised from 1983 to 2006 base price.
- This was done through 2009 rebasing exercise.

Recent NA Development...Con't

- The rebasing exercise commence through good source data from census, HIES 2006 and Agri-census 2007 and other administrative records,
- Economic structure changes over time therefore rebasing is the appropriate exercise to gather for this changes.
- To get real performance of the economy, it is essential to revised the accounts regularly, this is done through rebasing,

Data Issues - Strenght

- Large improvement has been made on classification, ISIC Rev 2 was revised to Revision 4 (ISIC Rev. 4).

- Recommendation from TA were to improved household expenditure from HIES data,

- There is considerable scope to improve access, coverage and quality of source data.

- Other improvement on GFS and BOP would helps in strengthening the quality of NA.

Data Issue -Constraint

- Data are not always available to compilers during the period of compilation,
- Smaller offices face difficulties in adjusting to NA compilation and other ad hoc activities that comes up.
- Staff turn-over is a major factor that affect the timing and quality of NA.
- It takes time to trained an officer in NA, CPI, and Trade compiler.

Propose Implementation Process of the SNA 2008

In order to implement SNA 2008 the following are require

- Training of staff for the implementation;
- Identify short-term targets that can be achieve in terms of data availability and set recommendation on long- term progress;
- Under NSDS coordinate among the relevant agencies (e.g. Central Bank, NPF, Labour, and others) data requirement that will facilitate the SNA 2008 implementation.

Propose Implementation Process of the SNA 2008 (Cont'd)

- ➤ Create a system for business registry;
- ➤ Classification of economic activities for all sectors according to the international Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev 4),
- ➤ Classification must be consistent in all related data set,
- ➤ Conduct a business survey using much representative sample frame from Business registry.

Propose Implementation Process of the SNA 2008 (Cont'd)

- Improvement of Trade data through implementing HS 2012;
- Classification updates in Tariffs, commodities and STIC Rev 4 – for statistical reporting;
- Improve the quality of GDP(E) and the requirement of BOP (BPM6).

Priority area for TA Assistant

- Business registry
- Business survey
- National Accounts rebasing

Challenges

▸ Certain recommendations are made from TA that still need to be implemented in NA in term of coverage and quality,

▸ Insufficient resource (Staff turn off)

▸ Management issues (It take too long to re-advertise vacant position.

Concluding Summary

▸ Policies are create to facilitate a sustainable growth for a better brighter future;

▸ NA data development is a long term progress which VNSO has committed to achieve,

▸ Major improvement has been made on the methodology of both approach (GDP (P) & (E)

▸ Economic structure change over time therefore rebasing gather for this update in detail industry level for a reliable measures.

Concluding Summary

- Implementing SNA 2008 need rigorous planning for short term achievement and long term targets,
- Have better understanding of SNA 2008 data requirement/concepts to effectively participate in preliminary stage of any survey coming up,
- TA support is also needed to have a smooth transition,
- Challenges will always be part of the development.

Thank you

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