Regional Seminar on Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA and Supporting Statistics in the ECOWAS, EAC and COMESA Regions

10-11 December 2013
Kampala, Uganda

Draft Agenda

Tuesday 10 December 2013

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

I. Opening (45 min)

Brief opening statements will be made on the need for the development of a common strategic vision and programme of work on the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics by the host country. Also, UNSD and the regional organisations will add the international and regional perspectives to the objectives of the regional 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 statistics in a global economy with internal and cross boundary vulnerabilities.

Opening Remarks:
- UBOS
- UNSD
- ECA
- AfDB

Objectives of the Seminar
Adoption of agenda
Introduction of participants and administrative announcements

II. Developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics (45 min)

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.

Presentation
- 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) (60 min)

Presentation
- ECA
- AfDB

Discussions

III. Country presentations (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

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.

Presentation
Ethiopia
Gambia
Ghana

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

III. Country presentations (continued)

Presentations
Kenya
Liberia
Nigeria

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 18:00 Fourth Session

III. Country presentations (continued)

Presentations
Rwanda
Sierra Leone
Tanzania
IV. Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

This session will offer presentations by UNSD 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
- Integrated economic statistics

Wednesday 11 December 2013

09:00 – 11:00 First Session

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

Presentations
UBOS
- Overview
- Classification (ISIC Rev 4)
- Surveys (Quarterly and annual surveys)
- Use of administrative data sources
- Use of government finance statistics

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Second Session

V. 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
- MRDS
Countries
- Present selected issues for discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

VI. Discussion on selected issues on 2008 SNA implementation

Based on the results of the capacity screening exercise, 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. Brief presentations to introduce the main issues concerning those topics will be made. The specific topics to be covered are: exhaustive coverage of the GDP taking into account the measurement of the informal sector and production for own final use. The relevant conceptual issues related to the change over to the 2008 SNA will also be discussed.

Presentations

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session

VII. 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.

VIII. Closing