

Regional Seminar on Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA and Supporting Statistics in the ECO member countries

11 – 13 September 2013

Venue: SESRIC, Kudüs Caddesi, No: 9, Diplomatik Site, 06450, Oran, Ankara, Turkey

Draft Agenda

Wednesday 11 September 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 Turkish Statistics Institute. Also, UNSD and the regional organisations will add the international and regional perspective 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:

- Turkish Statistical Institute
- ECO
- SESRIC
- ECE
- ESCAP
- UNSD

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.

Presentations

- UNSD
- ECE

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*)

Presentation

- ESCAP

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.

Presentations

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Iran

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

III. Country presentations (*continued*)

Presentations

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Pakistan

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:00 Fourth Session

III. Country presentations (*continued*)

Presentations

- Turkey

Wrap up discussions

Thursday 12 September 2013

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

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

This session will feature presentations by UNSD, the Turkish Statistics Institute and Statistics Norway 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

Turkish Statistical Institute

- Institutional setting

ECE

- Contribution of the Global Assessments of National Statistical Systems to more integrated and coherent economic statistics

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

Statistics Norway

- Business registers

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

Presentations

Turkish Statistical Institute

- Sampling techniques for enterprises/establishments and households
- Classification (ISIC Rev 4)
- Surveys (Quarterly and annual surveys)
- Prices (CPI and PPI)
- Use of administrative data sources
- Use of government finance statistics

Discussions

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

Turkish Statistical Institute

- Sectoral accounts/Supply and use tables
- Expenditure aggregates of GDP including changes in inventories
- Measurement of capital stock and consumption of fixed capital

Discussions

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session

V. The scope and detail of the national accounts required for effective policy purposes (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

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

Friday 13 September 2013

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

VI. Discussion on selected issues on SNA implementation (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

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. The UNSD jointly with staff from Turkish Statistical Institute and Federal Statistical Office of Germany will make brief presentations to introduce the main issues concerning those topics. The specific topics to be covered are: exhaustive coverage of the GDP taking into account the measurement of the informal sector and measurement of output of financial services (FISIM, insurance, pensions, etc.). The relevant conceptual issues related to the change over to the 2008 SNA will be discussed.

Presentations

ESCAP

- Results from the capacity screening exercise of ECO member countries

Turkish Statistical Institute

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

UNSD

- Treatment of social insurance

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Second Session

VI. Discussion on selected issues on SNA implementation (*continued*)

Presentations

Federal Statistical Office of Germany

- Measurement of output of financial services (FISIM, insurance, etc)

Countries

- Present selected issues for discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Third Session

VII. Overview of statistical capacity building activities and regional cooperation (20 min presentation, 10 min discussion for each)

In this session, regional partners will present an overview of the statistical capacity activities they are undertaking in countries, especially ECO member countries.

Presentations

Statistical capacity building activities of regional partners and regional cooperation

- Federal Statistical Office of Germany

- Statistics Norway

- Turkish Statistical Institute

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Fourth Session

VIII. 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.

IX. Closing