

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

**30 January – 1 February 2013**

**Kingston, Jamaica**

## **Draft Agenda**

### **Wednesday 30 January 2013**

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration**

**09:00 – 10:30 First Session**

#### **I. Opening (45 min)**

Brief opening remarks by the hosts Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN). Also, UNSD and the regional agencies (ECLAC, CARICOM) 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 economic statistics in a global economy with internal and cross boundary vulnerabilities.

Opening Remarks:

- Statistical Institute of Jamaica
- UNSD
- ECLAC
- CARICOM

Objective 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

ECLAC

**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*) 30 minutes**

*Presentation*  
CARICOM

**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*  
Bahamas  
Dominica  
Grenada

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Third Session**

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

*Presentations*  
Guyana  
Jamaica  
Saint Lucia

**15:30 – 16:00 Break**

**16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session**

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

*Presentations*  
St. Vincent and the Grenadines  
Suriname  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Bermuda

## **Thursday 31 January 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)**

To facilitate the discussion this session will offer presentations by UNSD, Statistical Institute of Jamaica 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

Statistical Institute of Jamaica

- Institutional setting

CARICOM

- 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*

Statistical Institute of Jamaica

- Samples
- Classification (ISIC Rev 4)
- Surveys (Quarterly and annual surveys, CPI and PPI)
- Use of administrative data sources

### **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*

Statistical Institute of Jamaica

- Expenditure approach
- Household final consumption

Statistics Canada

- 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*

ECCB

- Integration of balance of payments into the national accounts

Statistical Institute of Jamaica

- Supply and use tables

## **Friday 1 February 2013**

### **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
- MRDS

Countries

- Present selected issues for discussion

### **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. The UNSD jointly with staff from Statistical Institute of Jamaica will make brief presentations to introduce the main issues concerning those topics. The specific topics to be 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*

ECLAC

- Results from the national accounts implementation survey of CARICOM countries

Statistical Institute of Jamaica

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

Countries

- Present selected issues for discussion

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Third Session**

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

*Presentations*

Countries

- Present selected issues for discussion

**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**