

Regional Training Course on System of National Accounts 2008,  
Greater Noida (near Delhi), India  
17 – 22 October 2011

The Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), in collaboration with the Central Statistical Institutional Organisation (CSO), India, conducted a Regional Training Course on the 2008 System of National Accounts from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 at the National Academy of Statistics Administration (NASA), in Greater Noida (Near Delhi). The main objective of the course was to strengthen the capacity of national statistical offices in implementing the recommendations of the 2008 SNA and reviewing the current compilation practices for improving the quality and coverage of national accounts statistics of the respective countries.

A total of 18 participants – 11 from host country India and 7 from other member countries – attended the training course. From India, seven participants were from the Central Statistical Office (CSO) and four from State Directorates of Economics and Statistics – the agencies responsible for compiling regional (sub-national) accounts. All these participants were selected by the CSO, India. The other seven participants were selected by SIAP from among the nomination forms received from different member countries. They were from: Afghanistan, Bangladesh (2), Indonesia, PNG, Philippines and Thailand .

Most of the participants were middle-level government statisticians with long experience in compilation of national accounts. These included officials directing or actually compiling national accounts or regional (sub-national) accounts, who could benefit from getting a better understanding of the concepts of the 2008 SNA. Some of the participants were, however, new to the field of national accounts.

A majority of the participants (72 %) stated that the course was at an advanced level. The course content was found to be ‘useful’ by all and ‘very useful’ by more than 80% of the participants. But, about 55 % of the participants found the duration of the course too short. A majority of the participants thought the course was relevant to their work. The course materials/handouts were assessed positively by the participants, most them (78%) rating them ‘very good’ and the rest as ‘good’.