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**Twelfth Basic-Level e-Learning Course on System of National Accounts  
(2008 SNA): Integrated Transaction Accounts**

**2-30 September 2019**

**An Introduction to System of National Accounts-Basic Concepts**

**Guidelines for the Participants**

The objective of this e-Learning Course is to provide an understanding of the basic concepts and framework of the System of National Accounts (SNA) to the newcomers to the field of national accounts.

**A. Organization of the Course**

The course, the *Twelfth Basic-Level e-Learning Course on the System of National Accounts* is to be conducted during **2-30 September 2019**.

The course covers six main topics and is divided into six lessons (eighteen parts). After completing each topic, participants are required to take an on-line test. In all, the participants will take **six on-line lesson completion tests**. Each of these tests will be conducted with a fixed set of questions. Participants may take each of these tests as many times as they like. After each attempt, participants can view their scores on their page. Participants can take lessons on the next topic only after scoring 80 per cent in the test on the preceding topic. Besides lesson completion topics, a set of quizzes are included in various lessons to enhance understanding of the concepts.

Each lesson will be taken using online presentations (interactive lessons) and accompanying notes meant for reading. Each lesson is expected to take 45 minutes to 75 minutes to complete. Thus, participants are required to devote about 12 hours in all to go

through the presentations. In addition, reading the notes is expected to require 8 to 10 hours. Each of the on-line tests will require at the most 30 minutes to complete and the time allotted for the final test is 75 minutes. Thus, participants will need to devote at the most about 40 hours during the one-month period to complete the course.

**NO EXTENSION WILL BE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE THE COURSE DURING THE DESIGNATED PERIOD.**

**B. Course Materials**

The course materials consist of a compilation of reading notes, called “*Reading Material*”. Interactive lessons can be printed in pdf format. The *Reading Material* is organised into six sections corresponding to the main topics of the course. The participants are expected to refer to the corresponding sections while going through the interactive lessons and follow up with further reading of the relevant parts of the reading notes. The following table shows the correspondence between Interactive Lessons/parts and sections of the *Reading Materials*.

<b>Interactive Lessons</b>	<b>Section of Reading Materials</b>
1. Introduction to System of National Accounts Part 1. Introduction Part 2. Economic Flows and Stocks Part 3. Economic Assets Part 4. Accounting Rules Part 5. Transactions	I- Introduction to System of National Accounts
2. Macro-Economic Framework Part 1. Introduction Part 2. Circular Flow of Outcome Part 3. Factors of Production	II- Macro-Economic Framework
3. Institutional Sectors Part 1. Domestic Economy Part 2. Institutional Units	III- Economy and Economic Agents

4. Production and Output Part 1. Defining Output Part 2. Measuring Output Part 3. Intermediate Consumption	IV- Economic Flows and Stocks
5. Relationship between SNA Aggregates - Main Identities Part 1. Relationship between Macroeconomic Aggregates Part 2. Identities-Related to Transactions Part 3. Main Identities	V- Relationship between SNA Aggregates – Main Identities
6. Sequence of Accounts Part 1. Current Accounts Part 2. Accumulation Accounts	VI- Sequence of Accounts

Participants are advised to print the *Reading Materials* before taking the lessons.

### C. Course Requirements

All the participants are required to take the **Final Test**, which will be of **75 minutes** duration at the end of the course. Participants would be permitted to take the Final Test only after successfully taking the six on-line lesson completion tests with a qualifying score of 80% and above.

### D. Final Evaluation

The final evaluation of the participants' performance is based on the highest score obtained in the final test and the performance in the lesson completion tests.

A certificate of successful completion will be issued to participants securing an overall score of at least 70%.

Successful participants will be able to print the certificates in the system after completing a mandatory **course evaluation form**, which will be available to them immediately after the completion of the course.