

Regional Workshop on Measuring the Informal Sector and the Non-Observed Economy
4 – 7 October 2015
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Provisional Daily Programme (As of 18 August 2015)

Sunday , 4 October		
08.30 – 09.00	Participant registration	
09.00 – 10.00	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome Statements (ECO,SIAP, SCI) ▪ Getting-to-know-you ▪ Objectives of the course and levelling of expectations ▪ “Housekeeping” 	ECO,SIAP, SCI
10.00 – 10.30	Group Photo & Coffee Break	
<p>Module One-Key Changes in the SNA 2008</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i> (a) to illustrate key differences between the SNA2008 and SNA1993; (b) to highlight implications of adopting SNA2008 on estimates of GDP series.</p>		
10.30– 11.30	Session 1.1-How are countries doing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert Presentation:</i> Status of global and regional SNA2008 implementation and major challenges • <i>Plenary discussion:</i> Country challenges 	UNSD
11.30 – 12.30	Session 1.2-Main Changes in 2008 SNA- Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Main changes in the 2008 SNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistical units and revisions in institutional sectoring ▪ Specifications of scope of transactions including the production boundary ▪ Extension and further specification of concept of assets, capital formation and CFC 	UNSD
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break	

13.30 – 15.00	Session 1.3-Main Changes in 2008 SNA- Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Main changes in the 2008 SNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refinement of treatment and definition of financial instruments and assets ▪ Scope of transactions concerning government and public sector ▪ Harmonization with BPM6 	UNSD
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break	
15.15 – 16.45	Session 1.4- 2008 SNA Changes impact on GDP estimates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Illustrating the effect of adopting 2008 SNA on GDP estimates series • <i>Selected country practices:</i> Effect of adopting 2008 SNA on GDP estimates [2 countries @10 mins] 	SIAP-Andrej
16.45-17.00	Wrap-Up	
Monday 5 October		
Module Two- Conceptual Framework for the Non-Observed Economy <i>Objectives:</i> (a) to update knowledge on statistical aspects of the definition, concepts, scope and classifications of the informal sector and; (b) to discuss frameworks for classifying the non-observed economy.		
09.00 – 10.30	Session 2.1: What is the “non-observed” economy? -An overview of classification frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation:</i> Concepts, notions and frameworks for the non-observed economy • <i>Selected Practices:</i> <i>Structure and size of the non-observed economy</i> [2 Countries @ 15 minutes each] 	SIAP-Andrej
10:30-10.45	Coffee Break	
10.45 – 11.45	Session 2.2- What is the “informal economy”?-An Overview of Implications on Statistical Measurement <p><i>Expert presentation & plenary discussion:</i> The new definition of employment adopted by the 19th ICLS in 2013 and the ILO recommendation concerning the transition from the informal to the formal economy adopted by the International Labour Conference in 2015</p>	ILO

11.45-12.30	Session 2.3- International statistical definition: <i>The Informal Sector</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation & plenary discussion:</i> International statistical definition of the informal sector—principles, criteria and operationalization • <i>Group Activity:</i> Application and practice 	ILO
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30-15.00	Session 2.4-The informal sector and the 2008 SNA framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and plenary discussion:</i> Treatment of the informal sector in the 2008 SNA framework • <i>Exchange of experience:</i> Informal sector in 2008 SNA 	UNSD
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee Break	
15.15 – 16.45	Session 2.5- International statistical definition: <i>Informal Employment and Employment in the Informal Sector</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Informal employment, employment in the informal sector and the general labour force framework • <i>Group Activity:</i> Application and practice 	ILO
16.45 – 17.00	Wrap-Up	
Tuesday, 6 October		
09.00 – 10.30	Session 2.6- Data sources for producing statistics on the informal sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group Activity: Data Sources</i> 	SIAP-AN
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break	
10.45 – 12.30	Session 2.7-Data sources for informal sector GDP estimation: Establishment Surveys, Mixed surveys, with focus on 1-2 surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and plenary discussion</i> • <i>Group Activity:</i> Identifying data items to measure the economic contribution of the informal sector from mixed surveys 	SIAP-AN
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break	

Module 3 -Measurement and estimation methods to achieve exhaustiveness		
<i>Objectives: (a) to identify improvements in compilation and estimation procedures of the non-observed and informal economies to ensure exhaustiveness of GDP estimates</i>		
13.30 – 15.00	Session 3.1 – Production Approach-General Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and plenary discussion:</i> General estimation methods [Supply, Labour Input, Commodity Flow methods <i>etc.</i>] • <i>Group Activity:</i> Assessment of estimation methods 	UNSD
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee Break	
15.15 – 16.45	Session 3.2- Production Approach- Specific Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Select industry specific methods [Agriculture, Owner occupied dwellings, Manufacturing, Trade <i>etc.</i>] • <i>Group Activity:</i> Estimating the non-observed economy using production methods 	SIAP-Andrej
16.45 – 17.00	Wrap-Up	
Wednesday, 7 October		
09:00 – 10:30	Session 3.3-Expenditure Approach—Estimation methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Use of expenditure approach to measuring the informal and non-observed economies • <i>Group Activity:</i> Expenditure aggregates measures 	SIAP-Andrej
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break	
10.45 – 12.30	Session 3.4 -Data source reconciliation- Identifying estimation gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation and discussion:</i> Exploiting household expenditure survey data; the supply-use framework • <i>Group Activity:</i> Estimation and reconciliation using different data sources 	SIAP-Andrej
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break	

Module 4: Data Quality Issues		
<i>Objective:</i> a) to review quality concepts and selected quality issues in measuring the informal sector and the non-observed economy; b) to discuss the uses of national quality assurance frameworks and data quality assessment frameworks for assuring and assessing quality of national accounts.		
13.30 – 14.30	Session 4.1- Quality and Quality Frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expert presentation:</i> Overview of quality dimensions and the generic national quality assurance framework (NQAF) • <i>Expert presentation:</i> Use of the IMF DQAF for national accounts quality assessment 	UNSD SIAP-AN
Module Five : Way forward		
<i>Objective:</i> Develop a set of actions/activities to improve coverage of GDP estimates and quality of national accounts in light of the non-observed economy and the informal sector		
14.30 – 15.30	Session 5.1- Challenges in Improving Measurement of the Informal Economy & Next Steps <p><i>Country activity: Country activity: Writing-up and presenting challenges, possible solutions and associated sets of activities, outputs towards improving the coverage of informal sector and the non-observed economy in GDP estimates and quality of national accounts over next six months. [Note: Participants should be working on this over the duration of the training course. This session is designed for sharing and identifying common challenges.]</i></p>	SIAP-AN
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45 – 16.30	Evaluation and Closing	