

INFORMATION NOTE

ESCAP/SIAP and Rosstat High-level Meeting and Technical training

The Russian Federation provided funding to strengthen the capacity of national statistical systems (NSS) in North and Central Asian countries to produce and disseminate economic statistics, including national accounts in accordance with the 2008 SNA within the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics RPES.

It was proposed to organize two meetings for the sub-region:

1. High-level Meeting for Coordinated Implementation of International Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics. Rosstat proposed Vladivostok, Russky Island where APEC summit took place in 2012 as the venue of the meeting. Early September was proposed as the date of meeting.
2. Technical training on the 2008 SNA with a focus on GDP exhaustiveness. Training can take place in SIAP Headquarters in Chiba.

It is expected that ESCAP and Rosstat will jointly organize the High-level Meeting and invite policy makers and experts to discuss the International Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics and their further development.

As for the technical training we are ready to provide an expert who will share Rosstat experience in implementation of 2008 SNA in Russia.

These two activities are proposed based on the priorities of the member states expressed in the meetings mentioned above as well as in the various assessments. An advocacy meeting is more effective if it can also enhance coordination among the providers of economic statistics in the national statistical systems and have similar national statistical systems share experiences. GDP exhaustiveness is selected as the topic of the technical course because the 2008 SNA has specific recommendations on the issues selected under this topic and the countries of the sub-region have particular challenges concerning the computation of imputed rent and non-observed economy.

It was also proposed by UNSD to link statistical capacity building programme for Russian speaking Central Asia countries that share many elements of the UNSD (and the ECE) programme with UNSD intervention with the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) member countries from Central Asia.

ECO approached UNSD to help them with a meeting of the ECO member countries on the implementation of the SNA. It was proposed to use the UNSD approach to developing an implementation programme for the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics at the country level.