

Presentation

1. *SAM and CGE modeling*

Number other countries in the Pacific, except Fiji and PNG, does not have neither supply use table, input-out table nor Social account matrix (SAM). This is important top for policy making purpose. I organized a workshop with statistical officer from regional government for a week in July 2012. WTO and UN ESCAP jointly supported the workshop. Detailed information of the programme attached here.

While organizing the event, we realize most of the countries do not have organized information for preparing SAM. There is need to awareness among the statistical officers for creating such database. At USP, we developed a course, named Policy Analysis (EC407), to teach SAM and basing CGE modeling using GAMS. I am sharing some resource for your information.

At our school, we are now developing Pacific Centre for Economic Policy and Modelling. The centre is planning to work on the preparation of SAM and working version of CGE for the respective countries, taking other stakeholders in the team. But, we are looking for supports to work on it.

2. *Financial Inclusion Survey*

Fiji is planned to conduct a survey on Financial Inclusion, funded by Reserve Bank of Fiji. I am expert member of the working group. The detailed questionnaire is attached.

3. Need for training to procure important database in the region:
4. Redesign of official statistics course: