

**Regional Seminar on the Implementation 2008 SNA and Supporting Statistics in the
Arab Region
Amman, Jordan 25-27 June 2013**

Tuesday 25 June 2013		
9:00–9:30	Session 1.1 Registration	Registration desk
9:30–10:00	Opening of the Regional seminar Adoption of Agenda	DOS, AITRS, UNSD, ESCWA
10:00–10:30	Coffee break	
10:30–12:00	Session 1.2 Developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics Chair: AITRS	
10:30–10:45	Development of a programme of implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics	UNSD
10:45–11:00	Support for Implementation Strategies for 2008 SNA and Economic Statistics in Arab Countries	Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA
11:00–11:30	Report on the current status of SNA in the Arab Countries	Kotb Salem, Consultant ESCWA
11:30–12:00	Discussion	
12:00–13:00	Session 1.3 Country presentations (15 min presentation, 10 min discussion each)	Countries
13:00–14:00	Lunch	
14:00– 16:00	Session 1.4 Country presentations ---- continued	Countries
16.45 -17.00	Wrap up of day 1	
Wednesday 26 June 2013		
09:00– 10:30	Session 2.1 Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach: Chair Issues for discussion: - Statistical business registers - Business surveys - Use of Administrative sources - Dissemination and communication methods	Omar Hakouz, ESCWA
09:00– 9:15	Handbook on Integrated Economic Statistics	UNSD
09:15– 9:30	Brief on Regional Practice	Omar Hakouz, ESCWA
9:30– 10:00	Country Practices	DOS, Jordan Oman
10:00–10:30	Discussion	
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00–12:00	Session 2.2 Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach -- continued Chair Issues for discussion: - Samples and surveys (quarterly and annual surveys – CPI and PPI) - Classification (ISIC Rev 4)	



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	- Data linking (government and NSO datasets)	
11:00-12:00	Country Practices	DOS, Jordan Palestine Bahrain
12:00-13:00	Session 2.3 Overview of statistical production process in an integrated economic statistics approach -- continued Issues for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data sources used for compilation of GDP by production/expenditure approach - Capital stock and consumption of fixed capital - Supply and use tables - Integration of balance of payments into the national accounts 	
12:00-12:15	2008 SNA recommendations for compilation of Capital stock and consumption of fixed capital	UNSD
12:15-12:30	Harmonization between concepts and classifications of the SNA and <i>BPM6</i>	IMF
12:30-12:45	Country Practice on data sources used for compilation of GDP and supply and use tables	DOS, Jordan CAPMAS, Egypt
12:45-13:00	Pilot country practice for Integration of balance of payments into the national accounts	CBJ and DOS Jordan
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break.	
14:00-14:30	Discussion on session 2.2 and 2.3	
14:30-16:30	Session 2.4. Scope and detail of the national accounts required for effective economic policy as recommended and required by the Minimum Required Data Set (MRDS). Chair	
	Setting the way towards a national implementation plan	Majed Skaini ESCWA
	The policy use of national accounts	UNSD
16:30-17:00	General Discussion and Wrap-up of day 2	
Thursday 27 June 2013		
09:00-10:30	Session 3.1 Discussion on selected issues on 2008 SNA implementation Chair	
09:00-9:30	Implication of the changeover to the 2008 SNA	Kotb Salem, Consultant ESCWA
09:30-10:00	Selected issues for discussion: Goods for processing, FISIM, Insurance services Holding companies	UNSD
10:00-10:30	Country questions on selected conceptual changes in the 2008 SNA	
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-13:00	Session 3.2: Short-term economic indicators and 2008 SNA Chair :AITRS	
11:00-11:30	Need for Short-term economic indicators in the Arab Countries	Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA
11:30-12:00	Short-term Economic Indicators for Early Warning	UNSD
12:00-13:00	Discussion on priority short-term economic indicators	
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break.	
14:00-15:30	Session 3.3. Way forward Actions to be taken at the national, sub-regional, regional and international level for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics.	
16:00	Closing	