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## **National Seminar on Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA and Supporting Economic Statistics in Jordan**

**23 June 2013**

**Geneva Hotel, Amman, Jordan**

**Draft Agenda**

**Sunday 23 June 2013**

**10:00 – 10:30 Registration**

**10:30 – 11:00 Opening and First Session**

### **I. Opening**

Brief opening statements will be made by organisers, on the need for the development of a common strategic vision and programme of work on the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics in Jordan as a pilot country in the ESCWA region. Speeches will be shared by the Ministry of Planning and the Department of Statistics (DOS) in Jordan, and UNSD and ESCWA will follow with the international and regional perspectives to the objective of the national workshop in developing the strategic vision and programme of work on the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting economic statistics. The opening will try to underline the benefits of moving over to the 2008 SNA and supporting short term statistics in a global economy with internal and cross boundary vulnerabilities.

Opening Remarks:

- Minister of planning
- DOS
- UNSD
- ESCWA

Objective of the Seminar

Adoption of agenda

Introduction of participants and administrative announcements

**11:00 – 11:15**            **Status of National Accounts in Jordan** (*National Accounts team, DOS*)

**11:15 – 11:30**            **Discussion**

**11:30 – 11:45**            **Coffee break**

**11:45 – 13:00**            **Panel discussion on developing a programme for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics**

UNSD will provide an overview of the global programme on the implementation of the 2008 SNA .

ESCWA will brief on how to envisage a strategy for the implementation of 2008 SNA.

DOS will present the corresponding preparations for designing a strategic action plan for the implementation of 2008 SNA in Jordan..

Group discussion

### **13:00 – 14:15 Second Session**

#### **Panel discussion on the scope and detail of the national accounts required for effective policy purposes (UNSD, ESCWA, Ministry of Planning, DOS, Ministry of Finance)**

For purpose of the broad canvassing of requirements for national accounts and short term economic statistics, the data producers and users will express their immediate and medium term statistical and policy needs. Participants from the DOS, the Ministry of Planning and the Ministry of Finance and other relevant Departments and users from academia will seek a broad consensus of the needs, scope and detail of the accounts and supporting statistics.

#### ***Presentations:***

Data requirements for national policy needs – Ministry of Planning, Jordan

Fiscal Policy – Ministry of Finance, Jordan

Business registers, surveys, administrative records, institutional arrangement-ESCWA

#### ***Discussion***

### **14:15 – 14:30 Way forward and closing session**

Based on a broad assessment, an initial inventory of the institutional and statistical requirements will be made by staff from DOS, Jordan and selected data producers and users. It is expected that the format and the process of the reporting of the strategy of implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics will be concluded as well as the process and timeline of consultation to arrive a broad consensus of requirements and actions for their implementation.

Organizations and Donors (UNSD, ESCWA, UNDP, IMF, USAID, IDB,...) will contribute to the discussions on 2008 SNA implementation plan for Jordan and the financial and technical support that can be provided.

### **14:30 – 15:30            Invitation to lunch**