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## **Summary, next steps, timeline**

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First intensive training workshop on “Strengthening Macro-Micro Modelling Capacities to Assess Development Support Measures and Strategies in Uganda”, Entebbe, 7-9 March, 2012.

# Revisiting workshop objectives

- Describe the MAMS in detail.
- Take stock of data availability, present a recently updated dataset for MAMS for Uganda (including a newly updated Social Accounting Matrix), and agree on future data collection.
- Describe the Excel-based interface known as ISIM-MAMS.
- Conduct practical sessions to explain the use of ISIM-MAMS.
- Undertake practical sessions to conduct policy simulations in three (interrelated) blocks: exogenous policy and external shocks, support measures **and achievement of human development goals (left for next workshop)**.
- Revisit the timeline and agree on newly-revised deadlines (if needed).

# Key questions

- Will reform policies recommended in previous MDG analysis (or redefined MDG strategies) be feasible if:
  - there is a global economic crisis?
  - Uganda faces external adversities (high food and energy prices, drops in export demand or declines in worker remittances)?
  - oil revenues do not start to flow as expected?
- Will it help if potential development impacts of existing international support measures to LDCs are maximized to accelerate progress towards development goals?
  - enhanced official development assistance (ODA)
  - preferential access to foreign markets
- Other (see slide 6: policy simulations/notes)

# Key resources

- Oct. 2011 workshop materials:  
[http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/capacity/macromicro\\_model/uganda\\_mm.shtml](http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/capacity/macromicro_model/uganda_mm.shtml)
- Key bibliography
  - Papers sent before the workshop
    - MAMS equation block description, MAMS user guide (read as of chapter 4), ISIM-MAMS manual
  - Background readings on econometric estimations of MDG determinants (to be sent!)
- Computer codes, applications and GAMS license
  - Updates forthcoming!
- Permanent technical backstopping through e-mail, video conferences, websites (but you have to make your homework: please read and practice!)
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# Next steps (1-5)

1. Scoping mission and first workshop
2. Consolidation of “technical unit” (final arrangements)
3. Disaggregation of Social Accounting Matrix, updating and improvement of existing dataset

Pending revisions subject to data availability

4. Calibration of MAMS for Uganda with new dataset

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5. Workshop 2: MAMS (and ISIM-MAMS), updating of data set, initial runs of scenarios

# Next steps (6-10)

6. Final fine-tuning of MAMS + new training (STATA, econometric estimations for MDG determinants and related training) + refresher/follow-up sessions + selection of topic for policy simulations that will feed up policy notes.
7. Workshop 3: policy simulations and analysis, microsimulations training and reality check of reference scenario.
8. Implementation of policy simulations and elaboration of policy notes.
9. Workshop 4 (seminar?): presentation/discussion of policy notes, follow-up steps, uses to support policy formulation and dialogue.
10. Policy dialogue; (more) presentations that provide inputs for policy formulation and dialogue, and identification of new demands for policy simulations.

# Time schedule (deadlines)

Step	Task	Original Deadline	Comment
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Workshop 1: Project inception</b>	<b>17-19 Oct 2011</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	Formation of technical unit	31 Oct 2011	Completed
<b>Step 3</b>	Completion of data collection, SAM construction  <b>Estimation of key (mdg) elasticities + training</b>	31 Dec, 2011  <b>May 2012</b>	Completed (pending new data)
<b>Step 4</b>	Calibration of MAMS with new dataset	29 Feb, 2012	Completed (pending new data)
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Workshop 2: MAMS and ISIM-MAMS</b>	<b>27-29 March 2012</b>	<b>Completed on 7-9 March 2012</b>

# Time schedule (deadlines)

Step	Task	Original Deadline	New deadlines
<b>Step 6</b>	Final fine-tuning of MAMS for Uganda	30 April 2012	<b>mid June 2012</b>
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Workshop 3: policy simulations and analysis, microsimulations training + reality check of reference scenario</b>	<b>26-29/30 June 2012</b>	<b>(first two weeks of July?)</b>
<b>Step 8</b>	Implementation of policy simulations and elaboration of policy notes	30 Sept 2012	
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>Workshop 4: presentation and discussion of policy notes, follow-up steps, uses to support policy formulation and dialogue.</b>	<b>24-25 Oct 2012</b>	
<b>Step 10</b>	Policy dialogues; identification of new demands for policy making	?	



- Questions? Comments?

THANK YOU!