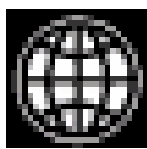




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## **Assessing Development Strategies to Achieve the MDGs in the Arab Region**

### **Inception & Training Workshop**

#### **Agenda**

**League of Arab States  
Cairo, 2-5 April, 2007**

<b>Day One – Monday, 2 April, 2007</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration of participants		9:00-10:00 am
Welcoming note and general overview of objectives of the workshop	Ibrahim El Souri- League of Arab States (LAS)	10:00 - 10:15 am
	Mounir Tabet- UNDP	10: 15- 10:30 am
	Rob Vos- U. N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)	10:30-10:40 am
	Hans Lofgren- World Bank	10:40-10:50 am
Presentation of participants	Moderator: Khalid Abu-Ismaïl (UNDP-SURF)	10:50-11:15 am
Coffee Break		11:15-11:30 am

<b>Day One – (continued)</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Introduction to project objectives & methodology	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	11:30 am-1:00 pm
Lunch Break		1:00-2:00 pm
Questions & discussion	Rob Vos (UN-DESA) <i>(with support from coordination team)</i>	2:00-3:00 pm
Presentations by country teams (20 minutes each) addressing: - state of MDG achievement: evolution (1990-06), challenges & prospects - past & future policies for MDG achievement - relevance of project for MDG policy making and possible changes to make it more relevant.	Moderator: Khalid Abu-Ismaïl (UNDP-SURF)  Speakers: Country teams	3:00-4:00 pm
Coffee Break		4:00-4:15 pm
Presentations by country teams ( <i>continued</i> ) and questions & discussion	Moderator: Khalid Abu-Ismaïl (UNDP-SURF)  Speakers: Country teams	4:15-5:00 pm
MAMS: What is it? Why should it be used? *	Hans Lofgren (World Bank)	5:00-5:45 pm
Summing up for first day	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	5:45-6:00 pm

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<b>Day two – Tuesday, 3 April, 2007</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Examples of MAMS results: the experience of the MDG project for Latin America and the Caribbean.*	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA)	9:30-10:30 pm
The IFPRI Standard Model and its extensions in MAMS (dynamics, MDG production, labor market, financial issues and closure rules) *	Hans Lofgren (World Bank)	10:30 – 11:00 am
<b>Coffee Break</b>		<b>11:00-11:15 am</b>
The IFPRI Standard Model and its extensions in MAMS ( <i>continued</i> ) *	Hans Lofgren (World Bank)	11:15 am -12:00 pm
MAMS data requirements I - The SAM: What is it? How is it built and balanced? How is it adapted for MAMS? *	Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	12:00 - 1:00 pm
<b>Lunch break</b>		<b>1:00-2:00 pm</b>
MAMS data requirements I ( <i>continued</i> ) *	Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Practical session I (homework): Filling out a prototype SAM in Excel <sup>+</sup>	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA)	3:00 – 3:15 pm
Running MAMS in GAMS: Steps to follow (GAMS installation, file sequence & codes, results output) *	Hans Lofgren (World Bank) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	3:15 - 4:00 pm
<b>Coffee Break</b>		<b>4:00-4:15 pm</b>
Practical session II: Installing GAMS and running MAMS on your PC <sup>+</sup>	Hans Lofgren (World Bank) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	4:15-5:15 pm
Practical session III: Producing results in Excel after running MAMS in GAMS	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA)	5:15-5:45 pm
Summing up for second day	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	5:45-6:00 pm

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<sup>+</sup> Participants will be invited to join and follow-up session with their own computers.

<b>Day three – Wednesday, 4 April, 2007</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Practical session I ( <i>solution to homework of day two</i> ):	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA)	9:00 – 10:00 am
The IFPRI Standard Model and its extensions in MAMS ( <i>continued</i> ) *	Hans Lofgren (World Bank)	10:00 -11:00 am
<b>Coffee Break</b>		11:00 -11:15 am
MAMS data requirements II – Building a country database for MAMS: other data and macro version of MAMS*	Hans Lofgren (World Bank) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	11:15 am -1:00 pm
<b>Lunch break</b>		1:00-2:00 pm
MAMS data requirements III – Part 1: Microeconomic determinants and sector analysis of MDG-related goals *	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	2:00-2:45 pm
MAMS data requirements IV – Part 2: Overview of methods available to estimate other model elasticities*	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA)	2:45 -3:15 pm
Applying MAMS: Detailed review of case study (file structure, steps followed, data & calibration)*	Hans Lofgren (World Bank) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	3:15-4:15 pm
<b>Coffee Break</b>		4:15-4:30 pm
Clinics on data availability with country teams (base upon data questionnaire and MAMS database file)	Coordination team	4:30-6:00 pm
Summing up for third day	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	6:00-6:15 pm

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<b>Day four – Thursday, 5 April, 2007</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Practical session IV: Running a macro version of MAMS	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	9:00 - 11:00 am
Coffee Break		11:00-11:15 am
Practical session IV: <i>(continued)</i>	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	11:15 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch break		1:00-2:00 pm
Practical session V (end of training): diagnostics to identify and correct errors when running MAMS in GAMS	Marco Sánchez (UN-DESA) & Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Summary of training and next steps	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	3:00-4:00 pm
Coffee Break		4:00-4:15 pm
Discussion with participants on next steps	Moderator: Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	4:15-4:45 pm
Closing remarks	Ibrahim El Souri- League of Arab States (LAS)	4:45-5:00 pm

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