

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

**Third Training Workshop**

(171108 update)

**Agenda**

**Golden Tulip Farah Casablanca  
Tour Hassan conference room  
Casablanca, 2-5 December 2008**

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<b>Day one – Tuesday, 2 December, 2008</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration of participants		9:00-9:15 am
Plenary session I: Welcoming note and overview of project implementation and objectives of workshop	Marco V. Sánchez (UN-DESA)	9:15-9:45 am
Plenary session II: Refresher on running macro- and MDG-versions of MAMS in GAMS and policy simulations	Hans Lofgren (World Bank)	9:45-10:30 am
Plenary session III: Running MAMS from and reading results in Excel	Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS)	10:30-11:00 am
Coffee break		11:00-11:15 am
Plenary session IV: Closure rules: setting them for running scenarios and relevance for interpretation of simulation results	Hans Lofgren	11:15 am-12:00 pm
Plenary session V: Discussing (preliminary) simulation results from country models I: examining the baseline scenario	Martín Cicowiez Marco V. Sánchez	12:00-1:00 pm
Lunch break		1:00-2:00 pm

<b>Day one – (continued)</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Computer-based session I: country teams run the baseline scenario in MAMS and interpret the results	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	2:00-3:00 pm
Clinics I: current state of country dataset and model	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	3:00-4:00 pm
Coffee break		4:00-4:15 pm
Clinics I: (continued)	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	4:15-5:45 pm
Closing remarks and planning for day two	Marco V. Sánchez	5:45-6:00 pm

<b>Day two – Wednesday, 3 December, 2008</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Plenary session VI: Discussing (preliminary) simulation results from country models II: MDG scenarios	Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	9:00-10:00 am
Computer-based session II: country teams run MDG scenarios in MAMS and interpret results	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	10:00-11:00 am
Coffee Break		11:00-11:15 am
Plenary session VII: Close overview of data requirements in key MDG-related worksheets of the MAMS dataset	Hans Lofgren	11:15 am-12:00 pm
Questions (by country teams) and answers on worksheets of the MAMS dataset	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	12:00-1:00 pm
Lunch break		1:00-2:00 pm
Clinics II: review and completion of MAMS dataset by country *	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	2:00-4:00 pm
Coffee Break		4:00-4:15 pm

Clinics III: Debugging MAMS with temporary, ad hoc assumptions by country	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	4:15-5:45 pm
Closing remarks and planning for day three	Marco V. Sánchez	5:45-6:00 pm

\* Teams are required to bring as much data as possible which they will use during this clinic with guidance from the international technical experts in order to complete the Excel datasets.

<b>Day three – Thursday, 4 December, 2008</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person</b>	<b>Time</b>
Clinics IV: Setting forth a strategy to complete the MAMS dataset by country	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	9:00-11:00 am
Coffee break		11:00 -11:15 am
Clinics IV: ( <i>continued</i> )	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez	11:15 am-12:00 pm
Plenary session VIII: Steps and suggestions to write the country study	Marco V. Sánchez	12:00-1:00 pm
Lunch break		1:00-2:00 pm
Plenary session IX: Overview of the microsimulation methodology	Rob Vos (UN-DESA)	2:00-3:00 pm
Plenary session X: Overview of decomposition of microsimulation results and determination of MDG 1 evolution	Marco V. Sánchez	3:00-4:00 pm
Coffee break		4:00-4:15 pm
Plenary session XI: Implementation of the microsimulation methodology in STATA	Martín Cicowiez	4:15-5:45 pm
Closing remarks and planning for day three	Rob Vos	5:45-6:00 pm

<b>Day four – Friday, 5 December, 2008</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource person and venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
Plenary session XII: Getting started: preparation of the data base and importation of MAMS results	Martín Cicowiez	9:00-10:00 pm
Computer-based session III: Preparation of country databases for microsimulation analysis	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez Rob Vos	10:00 – 11:00 pm
Coffee Break		11:00-11:15 am
Computer-based session III: ( <i>continued</i> )	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez Rob Vos	11:15 – 12:00 pm
Computer-based session IV: Running microsimulations with country datasets	Hans Lofgren Marco V. Sánchez Martín Cicowiez Rob Vos	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Lunch break		1:00-2:00 pm
Final session: summary of training, and definition of final steps and closing timeline of the project (with discussion)	Rob Vos	2:00-3:30 pm
Reception		3:30 pm