

Assessing Development Strategies to Achieve the MDGs in Asia

Second Training Workshop Dusit Thani Manila Manila, 24-27 March, 2009

Agenda

Day One – Tuesday, 24 March, 2009		
Topic	Resource Person	Time
Registration of participants		8:30 – 9:00
Welcome Address	Mr. Renaud Meyer Country Director (UNDP Philippines)	9:00 – 9:10
General overview of project implementation and workshop objectives	Cornelia Kaldewei (UN/DESA)	9:10 – 9:30
Presentation of participants		9:30 – 9:45
Plenary session I: Quick refresher on MAMS	Marco V. Sánchez (UN/DESA)	9:45 – 10:30
Coffee Break		10:30 – 10:45
Plenary session I: (<i>cont.</i>)		10:45 – 11:30
Plenary session II: Quick refresher on standard SAM and adaptation for MAMS	Marco V. Sánchez (UN/DESA)	11:30 – 12:30
Lunch		12:30 – 13:30
Country-team presentation I: Progress of country SAM building ^{1/}	Cornelia Kaldewei (UN/DESA)	13:30 – 15:45
Coffee Break		15:45 – 16:00
Clinics I: state of country narrative and SAM and plan for adapting the SAM for MAMS ^{2/}	Coordinating team	16:00 – 17:00

^{1/} During this session, country teams will have 20 minutes for presenting progress on their SAM, followed by 5 minutes for discussion on their own SAMs. At the end there will be a 30-minute general discussion.

^{2/} During this session, one country team at a time will meet with the coordinating team for 15 minutes to discuss the progress made until the workshop and plan for immediate steps ahead. The session may extend beyond 17:00 if needed.

Day Two – Wednesday, 25 March, 2009		
Plenary session III: Overview of the <i>general dataset</i> of MAMS	Martín Cicowiez (CEDLAS – University of La Plata)	9:00 – 10:30
Coffee Break		10:30 – 10:45
Plenary session IV: Suggestions for estimating general-dataset elasticities	Marco V. Sánchez	10:45 – 11:45
Plenary session V: Overview of the <i>MDG dataset</i> of MAMS	Martín Cicowiez Marco V. Sánchez	11:45 – 12:30
Lunch		12:30 – 13:30
Plenary session V: (<i>cont.</i>)		13:30 – 15:45
Coffee Break		15:45 – 16:00
Plenary session VI: Suggestions for estimating MDG-related elasticities/ parameters and elaborating MDG-determinants story	Marco V. Sánchez	16:00 – 17:00

Day Three – Thursday, 26 March, 2009		
Plenary session VII: Introduction to GAMS	Martín Cicowiez	9:00 – 10:30
Coffee Break		10:30 – 10:45
Practical session I: Running a small CGE model in GAMS ^{1/}	Martín Cicowiez Marco V. Sánchez	10:45 – 11:45
Plenary session VIII: MAMS closure rules and definition of scenarios in Excel	Martín Cicowiez Marco V. Sánchez	11:45 – 12:30
Lunch		12:30 – 13:30
Plenary session IX: Running MAMS in GAMS with Excel interfaces	Martín Cicowiez	13:30 – 14:30
Practical session II: Running MAMS in GAMS with Excel interfaces ^{1/}	Martín Cicowiez Marco V. Sánchez	14:30 – 15:45
Coffee Break		15:45 – 16:00
Practical session II: (<i>cont.</i>)		16:00 – 17:00

^{1/}During practical sessions, country-teams will run models using their own computers.

Day Four – Friday, 27 March, 2009		
Practical session II: (<i>cont.</i>)		9:00 – 10:30
Coffee Break		10:30 – 10:45
Practical session II: (<i>cont.</i>)		10:45 – 12:30
Lunch		12:30 – 13:30
Plenary session X: Understanding complete MAMS scenario results for a developing country	Marco V. Sánchez	13:30 – 14:45
Clinics II: country data situation and plan for elasticity estimation ^{2/}	Coordinating team	14:45 – 15:45
Final session: Workshop conclusion, timeline and next steps	Cornelia Kaldewei	15:45 – 16:30
Coffee		16:30 – 17:00

^{1/}During this session, country teams will make a 15-minute presentation, followed by 5 minutes for discussion. At the end there will be a 10-minute general discussion.

^{2/}During this session, one country team at a time will meet with the coordinating team for 15 minutes to discuss the country's data situation and strategy for estimating model elasticities.