

Assessing Development Strategies to Achieve the MDGs in Asia and the Pacific

Inception & Training Workshop, Bangkok, 20-22 August, 2008 Agenda

Day One – Wednesday, 20 August, 2008		
Topic	Resource Person	Time
Registration of participants		8:00 – 8:30
Welcoming addresses and general overview of the workshop objectives	ESCAP, UNDP, UN/DESA	8:30 – 9:15
Presentation of participants		9:15 – 9:45
Coffee Break		9:45 – 10:00
Introduction to project objectives and methodology. Presentation of integrated framework to assess MDG costing and financing strategies	Rob Vos, UN/DESA	10:00 – 10:45
<i>Questions and discussion</i>		10:45 – 11:15
Presentations by participant country teams (20 minutes each), addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - state of MDG achievement: evolution (1990-2007), challenges and prospects; - past and future policies for MDG achievement relevance of project for MDG policy making and possible changes to make it more relevant	Country expert teams: Indonesia, Philippines, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, others (tba)	11:15 – 12:00
Lunch		12:00 – 1:00
Presentations by participant country teams (continued)		1:00 – 2:00
Introduction to alternative methodologies to assess economy-wide effects of MDG strategies. Presentation of RCC's modeling framework	T. Palanivel, RCC, UNDP, Colombo	2:00 – 2:45
Coffee Break		2:45 – 3:00
Presentations by observer country experts (20 minutes each), addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - state of MDG achievement: evolution (1990-2007) - past and future policies for MDG achievement - experience with "RCC model", advantages and disadvantages, projection results: challenges and prospects 	Country experts: Bhutan, Sri Lanka	3:00 – 3:40
<i>Questions and discussion</i>		3:40 – 4:00
Reception		4:00 – 5:30

Day Two – Thursday, 21 August, 2008		
Examples of MAMS implementation and results: the experience of the MDG project for Latin America and the Caribbean	Marco Sanchez, Rob Vos, UN/DESA	8:00 – 8:45
<i>Questions and discussion</i>		8:45 – 9:15
Core methodology I: Sector analysis of MDG determinants	Rob Vos, UN/DESA	9:15 – 10:00
<i>Questions and discussion</i>		10:00 – 10:30
Coffee Break		10:30 – 10:45
Core methodology II: MAMS – basic features of the economy-wide framework and MDG block	Marco Sanchez, UN/DESA	10:45 – 11:30
Core methodology II (continued): MAMS – dynamics, model closure rules	Marco Sanchez, UN/DESA	11:30 – 12:15
Lunch		12:15 – 1:15
<i>Questions and discussion: including discussion of needs to adapt framework to country needs; comparison with alternative frameworks</i>	<i>Country teams; T. Palanivel, RCC/UNDP</i>	1:15 – 2:45
Coffee Break		2:45 – 3:00
Data requirements I – The SAM: What is it? How is it built and balanced? How is it adapted for MAMS?	Marco Sanchez, UN/DESA	3:00 – 3:45
Summing up for second day	Cornelia Kaldewei, UN/DESA	3:45 – 4:00

Day Three – Friday, 22 August, 2008		
Data requirements II – Building a country database for MAMS: other data and macro version of MAMS, including microeconomic determinants of MDGs	Marco Sanchez, UN/DESA	8:00 – 9:45
Coffee Break		9:45 – 10:00
Clinics on data availability with country teams (based on data availability questionnaire and MAMS database file)		10:00 – 11:45
Lunch		11:45 – 12:45
Core methodology III: Poverty and distribution effects - the microsimulation methodology	Rob Vos, UN/DESA	12:45 – 1:15
<i>Questions and discussion</i>		1:15 – 1:45
Summary of workshop and discussion of next steps	Cornelia Kaldewei, UN/DESA	1:45 – 2:45
Closing remarks	ESCAP, UNDP, UN/DESA	2:45 – 3:00