
National Transfer Accounts (NTA)

South-South Training Workshop on Increasing Technical Capacity

Organized by the East-West Center

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This workshop will enhance NTA technical know-how across the region. The aim is that visiting teams learn from the hosting country's experience and go on to replicate these methodologies and output these NTA data for their own countries. The main objectives of the visiting teams are;

- To have an opportunity to compare the survey data sets and macro controls with others
- To learn from the hosting team to how to understand the manual and use the manual (and discuss the best way of learning from each other)
- To learn how to use the data for policy formulation
- To see the facilities, human resources, and organizations of the hosting team
- To construct NTA and compare it with others

Workshop Synopsis

The National Transfer Accounts (NTA) provides a complete accounting by age of how economic resources are produced and consumed, and how each country relies on government programs, family systems, and financial markets to achieve the final distribution of these economic resources. The NTA provides a unique and invaluable framework for investigating how changes in population age structure will influence national development, economic security, generational equity, gender equality, public finances, and many other important public policy issues.

Several countries in Asia, such as India, Pakistan and the Philippines, are experiencing a demographic dividend as their populations become increasingly concentrated in the working

ages. For these countries, it is important to examine conditions and policies that affect the size of the dividend and convert the transitory age distribution benefit into a long term boost for rates of economic growth. In other countries in Asia, such as China, Thailand and Vietnam, the working-age population is growing slowly or in decline and the old-age population is growing rapidly. There are concerns about slow economic growth or economic decline due to a large dependent old-age population or low saving rates.

There are two forms of NTA output data – fundamental (core) and advanced. Core data can be produced using the input data and by following the procedures described in the NTA manual¹. Core training provided should enable production of a NTA flow account. There are several steps to production of a flow account, which are set out in the NTA manual. Even with the manual, however, training is necessary to assist new or less experienced teams in producing a flow account. Advanced NTA data involves applying disaggregation (age, sex, geography, socio-economic status), projection and modeling to core NTA data. Some participants may be beneficiaries of advanced training. EWC has experience in providing core and advanced training. The six NESDB participants will provide the core training, while EWC will provide both the core and the advanced training.

Agenda

SUNDAY 29 March, 2015

Arrival

Check-in at the hotel

Siam@Siam Design Hotel Bangkok

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¹ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Division 2013. *National Transfer Accounts Manual: Measuring and Analysing the Generational Economy*, New York.

http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/development/NTA_Manual.shtml

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 30 <i>ALL</i> 08:30-09:00a Registration 09:00-09:15a Welcoming remarks <i>SH Lee</i> 09:15-09:30a Introduction of participants 09:30-10:30a Introduction to NTA <i>SH Lee</i> 10:50-12:15a Data analysis <i>SH Lee</i> 12:15-12:30p Photo session 01:30-3:00p NESDB experience sharing 03:20-05:00p Data analysis 06:00- RECEPTION	31 <i>TEAM A</i> 09:00-10:30a Income/ Analyzing the household <i>Suphannada Lowhachai</i> 10:50-12:30a Hands-on work 01:30-03:00p Expenditure/ Analyzing the household 03:20-05:00p Hands-on work <i>TEAM B</i> 09:00-10:30a NTA by sector <i>SH Lee</i> 10:50-12:30a Hands-on work 01:30-03:00p Hands-on work 03:20-05:00p Hands-on work	April 1 <i>TEAM A</i> 09:00-10:30a Expenditure/ Analyzing the household(cont'd) 10:50-12:30p Hands-on work 01:30-03:00p Macroeconomy and aggregate controls 03:20-05:00p Hands-on work <i>TEAM B</i> All day Hands-on work	2 <i>TEAM A</i> 09:00-10:30a Adjusting and smoothing (Team B hands-on work) 10:50-12:30p Hands-on work 01:30-03:00p Hands-on work <i>ALL</i> 03:20-05:00p Country team Presentation (30 minutes each) (Vietnam, Pakistan, Thailand)	3 <i>ALL</i> 09:00-10:30a Country team Presentation (Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia) 10:50-12:10p Country team Presentation (Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh) 12:10-12:30p Wrap-up 12:30-1:30 Farewell lunch

Notes: Programme are in bold. Resource persons are six NESDB participants unless otherwise mentioned in italic.

Breaks: Coffee Breaks at 10:30-10:50a, and 03:00-03:20p. Lunch at 12:30-1:30p.

RECEPTION will be at 6PM on March 30 at the hotel.

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