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**Workshop on measuring the non-observed  
economy (NOE) in National Accounts**  
25-27 April 2007, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

11 April 2007

**Preliminary agenda and timetable**

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Ak-Keme, Prospekt Mira 93, 720044 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic,  
from 25 to 27 April 2007, starting at 09.30 a.m. on 25 April 2007

The registration of participants will start at 09.00.

Time	Item	Topic	Document no.
<b>Wednesday, 25 April 2007</b>			
9:00 – 9:30		Registration of participants	
9:30 – 9:50	I	<b>OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP</b> Welcoming addresses by - the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic - UNECE Objectives of the Workshop (UNECE)	
9:50 – 10:20	II	Tour-de-table – introduction of participants, expectations from the workshop	
10:20 – 10:40	III	UNECE region – UN Development Account project, UNECE work on non-observed economy – Tiina Luige (UNECE) <i>- presentation and questions</i>	1
10:40 – 11:00		<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 11:45		UNESCAP region – UN Development Account project on informal sector – Margarita Guerrero (UNESCAP) <i>- presentation and questions</i>	2
11:45 – 12:30		Linking poverty and informal sector – discussion on feasibility of conducting informal sector-poverty linkage studies – Margarita Guerrero (UNESCAP) <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	3
12:30 – 14:00		<b>Lunch break</b>	
	IV	Review of the SNA 93 – Carol Carson (SNA update project manager)	25
14:00 – 14:40		Specific topics of the SNA update - research and development (R & D) - military expenditures - capital services <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	5
14:40 – 15:20		Challenges in the implementation of the SNA <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	4
15:20 – 15:40		<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:40 – 16:15	V	NOE and SNA 93 update – Carol Carson (SNA update project manager) - new chapter on informal sector <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	6
16:15 – 16:50		- treatment of illegal activities <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	7
16:50 – 17:30		Measurement of illegal activities – Tiina Luige (UNECE) <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	24
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18:30		Reception organised at the Hotel Ak-Keme	

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<b>Thursday, 26 April 2007</b>			
9:30 – 10:15	VI	Principles of measuring the NOE - definition of terms, different concepts (informal economy and NOE), overview of different types of non-exhaustiveness – Tiina Luige (UNECE) <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	8
10:15 – 10:45		Eurostat tabular framework – Tihomira Dimova (UNECE) <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	9
10:45 – 11:05	<b>Coffee break</b>		
	VII	Sources and methods used for measuring NOE	
11:05 – 11:50		Use of mixed survey – Remi Bardon (Eurostat) <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	10
11:50 – 12:30		Labour input approach – Tiina Luige (UNECE), NSC Kyrgyzstan <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	11
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>		
14:00 – 14:40	VIII	Results of the UNECE survey on national practices in measuring the NOE – Tiina Luige (UNECE) <i>- presentation and discussion</i>	12
	IX	Country experiences and problems with measuring NOE	
14:40 – 15:10		- Azerbaijan	13
15:10 – 15:40		- Kazakhstan	14
15:40 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>		
16:00 – 16:30		- Kyrgyzstan	15
16:30 – 17:00		- Tajikistan	16
17:00 – 17:30		- Turkmenistan	17
<b>Friday, 27 April 2007</b>			
		Country experiences and problems with measuring NOE - continued	
9:30 – 10:00		- Uzbekistan	18
	X	Specific issues and problems in measuring NOE	
10:00 – 10:30		- misreporting – Tihomira Dimova (UNECE)	19
10:30 – 11:00		- agricultural production – Tiina Luige (UNECE)	20
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:20 – 11:50		- own-account construction – Tihomira Dimova (UNECE)	21
11:50 – 12:20		- services – Tihomira Dimova (UNECE)	22
12:20 – 13:50	<b>Lunch break</b>		
		Specific issues – continued	
13:50 – 14:10		- trade (shuttle trade, black market) – Tihomira Dimova (UNECE)	23
14:10 – 15:00	XI	Tour-de-table – need for follow-up work, topics for the next workshop in April 2008 - countries	
15:00 – 15:25	XII	Summary of the workshop – wrap-up of the discussions, main problem areas, topics for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of the project	
15:25 – 15:30	XIII	Closing	