

***Workshop on National Transfer Accounts: An introduction
Amman, Jordan, 23-26 July 2012***

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The Population Division of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) is collaborating with the Statistics Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in the area of transfer accounts and population ageing. The Population Division is implementing activities under the project “Ageing and Population” of the PGA trust fund, in complement to the Development Account (DA) project (ROA 167) on “Strengthening capacity of national policy analysts in the social and economic sectors of developing countries in the production and use of National Transfer Accounts” (NTA).

In coordination with ESCWA, two countries in Western Asia, Palestine and Jordan, have been identified to participate in capacity development activities in this area. Professionals from each of the beneficiary countries will receive introductory training in NTA. The introductory training workshop for ESCWA countries, co-organized by DESA/Population Division and ESCWA, and hosted by the Department of Statistics of Jordan, will take place in Amman, Jordan, from 23 to 26 July 2012.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 23 JULY 2012

Morning session (9.30 – 12.40)

- 9.30 – 9.45** **Opening**
*Mr. Fathi Nsour, Director General, Department of Statistics of
Jordan*
*Mr. Marwan Khawaja, Chief, Social Statistics Section, Statistics
Division, ESCWA*
*Jorge Bravo, Chief, Population and Development Section,
Population Division, UN-DESA*
- 9.45 – 11.00** **Session I: Intergenerational transfers, ageing and
the economy – an introduction** (*Jorge Bravo*)
- 11.00 – 11.10** **Break**
- 11.10 – 12.40** **Session II: Overview of the framework and components of
National Transfer Accounts** (*Amonthep Chawla*)

Afternoon session (13.10 – 15.30)

- 13.10 – 14.20** Hands-on I: Data preparation (*Amonthep Chawla, Marwan
Khawaja*)
- 14.20 – 15.30** Hands-on II: Estimate labour income by age (*Amonthep
Chawla, Marwan Khawaja*)

TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2012

Morning session (9.30 – 12.40)

- 9.30 – 11.00** **Session III: Labour income and private consumption**
(*Amonthep Chawla*)
- 11.00 – 11.10** **Break**
- 11.10 – 12.40** Hands-on II: Estimate labour income by age (cont.) (*Amonthep
Chawla, Marwan Khawaja*)

TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2012

Afternoon session (13.10 – 15.30)

13.10 – 15.30 Hands-on III: Estimate private consumption by age (*Amonthep Chawla, Marwan Khawaja*)

WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY 2012

Morning session (9.30 – 12.40)

9.30 – 11.00 **Session IV: Private and public consumption**
(*Amonthep Chawla*)

11.00 – 11.10 **Break**

11.10 – 12.40 Hands-on IV: Estimate public consumption by age
(*Amonthep Chawla, Jorge Bravo*)

Afternoon session (13.10 – 15.30)

13.10 – 14.40 Hands-on IV: Estimate public consumption by age (cont.)
(*Amonthep Chawla, Jorge Bravo*)

14.40 – 15.30 **Session V: The first demographic dividend**
(*Jorge Bravo, Amonthep Chawla*)

THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2012

Morning session (9.30 – 12.40)

9.30 – 11.00 Hands-on V: Estimate demographic dividend
(*Amonthep Chawla, Jorge Bravo*)

11.00 – 11.10 **Break**

11.10 – 12.40 **Session VI: Group presentations of results and interpretation**
(*Jorge Bravo, Amonthep Chawla*)

Afternoon session (13.10 – 15.30)

13.10 – 15.10 **Session VI: Group presentations of results and interpretation**
(cont.) (*Jorge Bravo, Amonthep Chawla*)

15.10 – 15.30 **Closure**

Basic readings:***On basic concepts and measures of National Transfer Accounts:***

Lee, Ronald and Andrew Mason (2011). *Population Aging and the Generational Economy: A Global Perspective*, Part I: Fundamental Principles and Concepts. Edward Elgar Publishing. Available online at <http://idl-bnc.idrc.ca/dspace/bitstream/10625/47092/1/133467.pdf>.

Mason, Andrew, Ronald Lee, An-Chi Tung, Mun-Sim Lai and Tim Miller (2009). Population aging and intergenerational transfers: Introducing age into national accounts. In *Developments in the Economics of Aging*, David A. Wise (ed.), pp. 89-122. National Bureau of Economic Research Book Series. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Available online at <http://www.nber.org/books/wise09-1>.

Lee, Ronald, Sang-Hyop Lee and Andrew Mason (2008). Charting the economic lifecycle. *Population Aging, Human Capital Accumulation, and Productivity Growth. Population and Development Review*, a supplement to vol. 34, pp. 208-237. Alexia Prskawetz, David E. Bloom and Wolfgang Lutz (eds.). New York: Population Council.

On the Demographic dividend:

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Mason, Andrew (2005). Demographic transition and demographic dividends in developed and developing countries. Paper presented at the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Social and Economic Implications of Changing Population Age Structures, Mexico City, 31 August-2 September. Available online at http://www.un.org/esa/population/meetings/Proceedings_EGM_Mex_2005/mason.pdf.

Shekhar Aiyar and Ashoka Mody (2011). The demographic dividend: Evidence from the Indian States. International Monetary Fund Working Paper WP/11/38. Available online at <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2011/wp1138.pdf>.