

***Measuring and analyzing the generational economy with National Transfer Accounts
(NTA): a training workshop
Bangkok, Thailand, 17-20 September 2012***

Organized by the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in collaboration with the Regional Commissions for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and Western Asia (ESCWA). Sponsored by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

The Population Division of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), is collaborating with the Regional Commissions for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and Western Asia (ESCWA) in the implementation of 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)”. The activities in the area of population ageing and transfer accounts have also been funded by the project on “Ageing and Population” managed by the Population Division.

An important product of this project will be a structured, user-friendly manual with technical material including the definitions and standards of the NTA framework, guidelines for its implementation and worked examples based on existing methodologies and best practices. An expert meeting was convened in December of 2011 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil to discuss the outline and contents of the manual. A revised outline was prepared as a result of the discussions in that meeting. More recently, a workshop on NTA to provide introductory training to professionals from Jordan and Palestine was held in Amman, Jordan, from 23 to 26 July, 2012. The present training workshop will allow to strengthen the capacity of nationals from 6 participating countries from the ECLAC, ESCAP and ESCWA regions, and to apply the draft manual as a training tool.

This workshop is also carried out in the context of the activities of the Scientific Panel on the Impacts of Population Ageing of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). The IUSSP is supporting the development and use of training tools, and the manual that will result from this project will constitute a novel addition to reference technical materials and training tools in the area of population ageing, intergenerational transfers and the macro-economy.

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Provisional Programme

MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2012

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

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| 9.00 – 9.20 | Registration |
| 9.20 – 9.40 | Opening
<i>Mr. Patrik Andersson, ESCAP</i>
<i>Mr. Jorge Bravo, UN-DESA Population Division</i> |
| 9.40 – 11.00 | I. The NTA framework
Introduction: The generational economy (<i>Andrew Mason</i>)
Overview of National Transfer Accounts (<i>Gretchen Donehower</i>) |
| 11.00 – 11.20 | Coffee break |
| 11.20 – 12.00 | System of National Accounts and NTA (<i>Jan van Tongeren</i>) |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | II. Getting started: general (<i>Gretchen Donehower and Amonthep Chawla</i>) |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch break |

Afternoon session (14.00 – 17.00)

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| 14.00 – 15.00 | III. Data preparation for thematic groups
Lifecycle deficit (<i>Andrew Mason and Amonthep Chawla</i>)
Private sector reallocations (<i>Gretchen Donehower</i>)
Public sector reallocations (<i>Amonthep Chawla</i>) |
| 15.00 – 15.20 | Coffee break |

- 15.20 – 17.00** **IV. Hands-on sessions**
- 15.20 – 15.50** **Plenary: Lifecycle deficit** (*Andrew Mason*)
- 15.50 – 17.00** **Parallel: thematic groups**
 ESCWA region: Lifecycle deficit (*Andrew Mason and Amonthep Chawla*)
 ESCAP region: Private sector reallocations (*Gretchen Donehower*)
 ECLAC region: Public sector reallocations (*Andrew Mason*)

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

- 9.00 – 11.00** **IV. Hands-on sessions** (continued)
- 9.00 – 9.30** **Plenary: Private sector reallocations** (*Gretchen Donehower*)
- 9.30 – 13.00** **Parallel: thematic groups**
 ESCWA region: Lifecycle deficit (*Andrew Mason and Amonthep Chawla*)
 ESCAP region: Private sector reallocations (*Gretchen Donehower*)
 ECLAC region: Public sector reallocations (*Andrew Mason*)
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Lunch break**

Afternoon session (14.00 – 17.00)

- 14.00 – 17.00** **IV. Hands-on sessions** (continued)
- 14.00 – 14.40** **Plenary: Public sector reallocations**
 Public Transfers (*Gretchen Donehower*)
 Public asset reallocations (*Andrew Mason*)
- 14.40 – 17.00** **Parallel: thematic groups**
 ESCWA region: Lifecycle deficit (*Andrew Mason and Amonthep Chawla*)
 ESCAP region: Private sector reallocations (*Gretchen Donehower*)
 ECLAC region: Public sector reallocations (*Andrew Mason*)

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

- 9.00 – 13.00** **IV. Hands-on sessions** (continued)
- Parallel: thematic groups**
 ESCWA region: Lifecycle deficit (*Andrew Mason*)
 ESCAP region: Private sector reallocations (*Gretchen Donehower*)
 ECLAC region: Public sector reallocations (*Jorge Bravo*)

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

Afternoon session (14.00 – 17.00)

14.00 – 17.00 **IV. Hands-on sessions** (continued)

Parallel: thematic groups

ESCWA region: Lifecycle deficit (*Andrew Mason*)

ESCAP region: Private sector reallocations

(*Gretchen Donehower*)

ECLAC region: Public sector reallocations (*Jorge Bravo*)

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

Morning session (9.00 – 13.00)

9.00 – 10.40 **V. Reports on regional NTA-related work**

ESCWA (*Marwan Khawaja*)

ECLAC (*Jorge Bravo*)

ESCAP (*Isabel Pereira*)

10.40 – 11.00 *Break*

11.00 – 13.00 **VI. Wrap-up and preparation of national and group presentations**

The presentations by trainees may include brief information about prior work on NTA in the respective countries, but will mainly cover the results of the work during this workshop.

ESCWA region: Lifecycle deficit (*Andrew Mason*)

ESCAP region: Private sector reallocations

(*Gretchen Donehower*)

ECLAC region: Public sector reallocations (*Andrew Mason*)

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

Afternoon session (14.00 – 16.30)

14.00 – 15.00 **VII. Group Presentations**

15.00 – 15.20 *Coffee break*

15.20 – 16.30 **V. Group Presentations** (continued)

16.30 – 16.50 **Follow-up to workshop** (*Jorge Bravo*)

16.50 – 17.00 **Closure**