

Framework of Partnership
Between the Asian Development Bank and
Participating Countries for

RETA 6483 – Adopting the Supply and Use Framework Towards 1993 System of National Accounts Compliance in Selected Developing Member Countries

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Framework of Partnership (FOP) is to establish the general framework that will guide the program of work between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the National Implementing Agencies (NIAs) for RETA 6483 – Adopting the Supply and Use Framework Towards 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA) Compliance in Selected Developing Member Countries (DMCs) which will be referred to in this document as the RETA on SNA.

This FOP enumerates the activities and responsibilities required for the RETA on SNA to be implemented from September 2008 up to the release of the publication in December 2010.

II. Background

Management and coordination of the RETA on SNA is needed at two levels: ADB and country. The RETA on SNA is essentially a research initiative of the Development Indicators and Policy Research Division (ERDI), Economic Research Department of the Asian Development Bank. Hence, the ERDI of the ADB will be responsible for the overall coordination, accountability, implementation, and day-to-day activities of RETA 6483. The NIAs will be responsible for the respective national programs.

III. Roles and Responsibilities of the Asian Development Bank

The ERDI of the ADB will handle daily operational matters, including coordination, project development, preparation, and implementation of the RETA on SNA. The key tasks of the ADB are as follows:

1. Foster country participation and coordinate the national programs.
 - Recruit DMCs that took part in the 2005 International Comparison Program (ICP) for Asia and the Pacific to participate in the RETA on SNA, and to coordinate efforts of participating countries through information sharing, training, assistance, and ensure that targets are met;
 - Provide seed money to participating countries, as it may deem appropriate, to help cover data mining and processing costs;
 - Prepare timetables of activities and due dates in consultation with NIAs in participating countries;

- Organize and conduct regional meetings including data review/result review workshops, and technical discussions;
 - Provide venues, support, materials, and guides to ensure that participants are properly informed.
2. Provide mechanisms to ensure countries take full ownership of the program by ensuring full involvement of participating countries in the RETA on SNA through effective communication and exchange of views and ideas between ADB and the participating countries.
 3. Ensure participating countries observe standard classification systems; and perform required data mining and processing.
 - Ensure uniform standard classification in the participating countries are based on the 1993 SNA recommendations.
 - Assist countries in the compilation of the minimum requirement data sets and supply and use tables (SUTs); and
 - Supervise all technical and managerial aspects of the RETA on SNA.
 4. Compile SUTs and minimum requirement data sets for 1993 SNA compliance and concluding reports.
 - Assist countries in processing and analyzing country data for the compilation of SUTs and minimum requirement data set in accordance with the 1993 System of National Accounts
 - Publish and disseminate the report; and
 - Promote policy oriented uses of the data.

IV. Roles and Responsibilities of the National Implementing Agency

At the national level, implementation of the RETA on SNA is expected to be the responsibility of the agency in charge of national accounts compilation. The National Implementing Agency should organize and implement the national program such that it addresses statistical capacity building. Its key tasks are as follows:

- Identify a National Coordinator to be the focal point for communications and liaising with ADB on technical and administrative concerns of the project.;
- Participate in regional meetings including data review/result review workshops, and technical discussions;
- Provide ADB a soft copy of the latest Input Output Table and Supply and Use Table, if available.

- Provide ADB a complete set of Gross Output, Intermediate Consumption and Final Demand matrices for both market and non-market output for the compilation of SUT;
- Prepare the list of country-specific data sources and methodology used to compile SUT and minimum requirement data sets;
- Supplement survey data with data from administrative sources and proxy indicators to meet the minimum requirement data sets and the construction of SUTs;
- Ensure timely submission of deliverables of the RETA on SNA as stipulated in the Regional Workplan and agreed upon during the Inception Workshop in Putrajaya; Malaysia, on 10-13 February 2009;
- Assist in resolving any queries arising from data analysis by the ADB;
- Organize, manage, and implement country-level activities under the RETA on SNA; and
- Liquidate funds received from ADB, if any, together with supporting documentation such as invoices, receipts and other documents acceptable to ADB to substantiate expenditures made for the activities of the RETA on SNA. Unutilized funds shall be refunded to ADB in the original currency of payment within 30 days of the completion of the RETA activity.