



STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN WORKSHOP

**TWO-DAY USERS-PRODUCERS WORKSHOP: COLLABORATION AMONG DATA
COMPILER & USERS**

STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, SBP, KARACHI

25-26 July, 2006

Preamble

During the recent past, the Statistical System of Pakistan has significantly evolved in response to the increasing demand for quality statistics to manage and monitor economic developments in the country. The statistical organizations have made good progress in adopting international standards and dissemination practices to improve the understanding and availability of statistics required for planning, research and decision making at various levels. But much remains to be done in establishing a high degree of coordination among the data compiling organizations and users of the statistics.

The quality of statistics can only be assured in the context of being “fit for use” and the extent to which information serve the purpose for which they are produced and sought by the users. The user feedback on the relevance of the statistics produced by the statistical agencies is therefore, essential for developing coherent statistical system. The quality of data produced by various statistical organizations can be improved through feedback from users by holding seminars, workshops and mutual coordination. It is very important for the data users to know the methodology of compiling and computing data and its limitations before attempting to analyze it. At the same time, it is also necessary for the data compilers to collect and present the data in a way that is easily comprehensible. A lot of misperceptions about the data can be removed and credibility of the compiling agencies improved if there is proper understanding and rapport between the users and producers of data.

As a first step in this direction, the Statistics Department of State Bank of Pakistan initiated the task of enhancing collaboration among the data producers and users for developing a partnership of analysts and statisticians from all over the country. The project focuses on promoting high-quality statistics, making these data meaningful for research and designing sound policies. Realizing this need, the statistics department of the State Bank organized two 2-day workshops on "collaboration among data compilers and users" to enhance interaction among them. The 1st two-day users-producers workshop on Collaboration among Data Compilers & Users was successfully held on May 08-09, 2006 at Karachi. The 2nd users-producers workshop is scheduled to be held at National Institute of Banking & Finance (NIBAF), State Bank of Pakistan, Sector H-8/1, Pitras Bukhari Road, Islamabad on July 25-26, 2006. The main objective of the project is to formulate a setup in collaboration of all statistical organizations to integrate efforts for effective and efficient production and usage of the statistics and to create harmony in the needs and availability of statistics. It is expected that participation and feedback of the stakeholders during the two-day workshop would be a useful contribution towards this important national cause.

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ROGRAMME

Day-1: July 25, 2006

Inaugural Session

0830-0945 Registration of Participants
0945-0950 Recitation from Holy Quran
0950-1010 Welcome address by Economic Advisor, SBP
1010-1035 Inaugural address by Governor State Bank of Pakistan
1035-1045 Tea Break

Introductory Session

1045-1115 Statistics Produced by SBP, by Director Statistics, SBP

Technical Session - External Sector

Chairperson: Mr. Mumtaz Malik(to be confirmed)
(Joint Secretary (EF), Ministry of Finance Government of Pakistan)

1115-1130 Balance of Payments by Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Joint Director, Statistics Department, SBP
1130-1200 International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity by Mr. Ghulam Rabbani, Assistant Director, Accounts Department of SBP
1200-1215 International Investment Position by Mr. Shamsul Arifeen, Junior Joint Director, Statistics Department, SBP
1215-1230 Foreign Trade by Mr. Khalid Siddique, Director, Trade, Federal Bureau of Statistics (FBS)
1230-1245 External Debt by Mr. Arshad Mehmood Sahi, Assistant Chief and Mr. Muhammed Afaq, Assistant Chief, Economic Affairs Division
1245-1300 Q.A
1300-1315 Concluding remarks by Chairperson
1315-1400 Lunch/Prayers Break

Technical Session Socio-demographic Data Sector

Chairperson: Dr. Naushin Mahmood
(Joint Director, PIDE, Islamabad)

1400-1415 Population Statistics by Mr. Mehboob Sultan, National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS)
1415-1430 Population Statistics by Mr. Muhammad Saeed, Population Census Organization
1430-1445 Q.A
1445-1500 Concluding remarks by Chairperson
1500-1515 Tea Break

Technical Session – Financial and Fiscal Sector

Chairperson: Kazi Abdul Muktedir
(MD, NIBAF)

1520-1535 Analytical Accounts of the Banking Sector, Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank by Mr. Naseer Ahmed, Joint Director, Statistics Department, SBP
1535-1555 Exchange Rates by Mr. Faisal Maqsood, Joint Director, Exchange & Debt Management Department (EDMD) of SBP

- 1555-1610 Stock Market, Share Price Index by Mr. Haroon Askari, Chief Manager (Operations), The Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE)
- 1610-1625 Government Operations, Central Government Operations, Central Government Debt Operations by Zafar M. Sheikh, Additional Director General, Debt Office and Mr. Talib Hussain Baluch, Deputy Secretary (BR), Finance Division (Budget & Accounts Section)
- 1625-1640 Q.A
- 1640-1700 Concluding remarks by the Chairperson

Day-2: July 26, 2006

Technical Session: Real Sector

Chairperson: Dr. N.M.Larik

(Ex DG, FBS, Pakistan)

- 0900-0915 National Accounts by Mr. Arif Mehmood Cheema, Deputy Director General and Mr. Raees-ul-Hasan, National Accounts, Federal Bureau of Statistics
- 0915-0930 Production Index by Mr. Rana Ishaq, Director, Industries, Federal Bureau of Statistics
- 0930-0945 Labour Market Employment, Labour Market Wages/Earnings, Labour Market Unemployment by Mr. Munir Aslam, Director, Labour & Social Statistics, Federal Bureau of Statistics
- 0945-1000 Price Index Consumer Prices, Price Index Producer Prices by Mr. Abdul Azeem Sahito, Director, Prices, Federal Bureau of Statistics
- 1000-1015 Q.A
- 1015-1030 Concluding remarks by the Chairperson
- 1030- 1045 Tea Break

Technical Session Miscellaneous

Chairperson: Dr. Faqir Muhammad

(Chairman, Mathematics and Statistics Department, AIOU)

- 1100-1115 Statistics compiled by Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan by Mr. Ali Rehman, Director (MIS), SECP.
- 1115-1135 Statistics compiled by Provincial Bureaus of Statistics
- 1135-1200 Concluding remarks by the Chairperson
- 1200-1300 Plenary Sessions
(Participants will be split into five working groups, one group for each sector, to provide feedback and suggestions for further improvements in the statistics of the relevant sector on the basis of their own experience. Leader of the group will give a presentation on recommendations prepared by the group in the subsequent session)
- 1300-1400 Lunch/Prayers Break
- 1400-1500 Plenary Sessions (continued)
- 1500-1600 Groups Presentations

Closing Session

- 1600-1630 Concluding remarks by **Dr. A. R. Kamal**
- 1630-1640 Vote of thanks by **Dr. Azizullah Khattak**, Director Statistics, Statistics Department, SBP
- 1640- 1700 Tea