

Government of Pakistan  
FINANCE DIVISION  
HRM Wing  
(Quality Assurance – I Section)  
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**C I R C U L A R**

Subject: **INVITATION TO THE WEBINARS ON 2008 SYSTEM OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (SNA) IMPLEMENTATION, 2023**


Ministry of Foreign Affairs vide its U.O. No. UN(IV)-2/1/2023 dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 has conveyed invitation letter from the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) regarding webinars on 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA) Implementation that would be conducted on 22-23 February 2023. Concept note is attached.

2. Interested Officers of this Division having relevant expertise in Statistics and Finance from research institutes and academia are requested to furnish their nominations duly recommended by the AFS/head of the respective Wing to **QA-I Section by 8.2.2023**. Nominated participants may register themselves at the following links.

<http://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zWeDo9UYE-9zF6kFubccKTTweiwelpIoK6Ali89FoJUNUg5UohIQos4VoZYUE9IQoVHTDgwRFYySS4u>

*Note:- "In addition to the eligibility criteria specified for a training, all officers who are working on contract basis/fixed pay package or having less than two years continuous government service or less than three months of service in Finance Division or against whom disciplinary proceedings/inquiry is in progress, may need not to apply".*

Encl: As above.

  
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All Officers (BPS-17 & above) of Finance Division, Islamabad  
Finance Division's U.O No.F:2 (26) QA-I/2014 dated 3.2.2023

- Webmaster, Finance Division. with the request to upload the circular on Finance Division's website.



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STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (SIAP)  
JETRO IDE Bldg., 2-2 Wakaba 3-chome, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba 261-8787, Japan

TRG/W/SNA/2023

23 January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Webinars on 2008 SNA Implementation**

**22-23 February 2023**

#### **INVITATION**

I am pleased to inform you that our **Webinars on 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA) Implementation** will be conducted on 22-23 February 2023.

The SNA is a statistical framework that provides a comprehensive, consistent and flexible set of macroeconomic accounts that can be used by governments, businesses, and international organizations for policy making, analysis and research purposes.

The 2008 SNA is an update of the earlier version 1993 SNA; does not recommend fundamental or comprehensive changes; it is meant to be implemented in a flexible manner. New features of the 2008 SNA include the treatment and classification of assets; the financial sector; globalization and related issues; the general government and public sector; and the informal sector.

These webinars will focus on the current status of global and regional implementation of the 2008 SNA, challenges in implementation and how would 2025 SNA address these challenges. During these two days webinars, countries from Asia and the Pacific region will share their experience and challenges in the implementation process.

**To: Head of the National Statistical Offices of ESCAP Member States and Associate Members**

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The target participants are statisticians with knowledge and experience in the collection, compilation and dissemination of national accounts statistics in Asia and the Pacific countries.

I am pleased to invite you to nominate your officials for the webinar series. Nominees from your office as well as other offices (e.g. Ministry of Finance, Research Institutes, Academia) that you think will benefit from this webinar are most welcome.

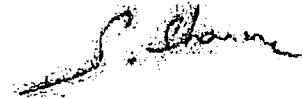
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The deadline for receipt of nominations is 16 February 2023.

SIAP and partners value our common goals of statistical capacity building and look forward to a successful run of this webinar series.

Yours sincerely,



Shailja Sharma  
Director

Attachment: Concept note

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STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (SIAP)

**Webinar on 2008 SNA Implementation**

**22-23 February 2023**

**Concept Note**

**I. Background**

The System of National Accounts is a statistical framework that provides a comprehensive, consistent and flexible set of macroeconomic accounts that can be used by governments, businesses, and international organizations for policy making, analysis and research purposes.

The SNA is intended for use by all countries, having been designed to accommodate the needs of countries at different stages of economic development. It also provides an overarching framework for standards in other domains of economic statistics, facilitating the integration of these statistical systems to achieve consistency with the national accounts.

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Since 2009, ESCAP member countries have started implementing the 2008 SNA. Currently, various countries are introducing various aspects of the 2008 SNA gradually. Major challenges faced in the implementation could be listed as a) political support and commitment, b) data limitations, c) backcasting and d) communicating the 2008 SNA and technical expertise within statistical regions.

Presenters: SIAP, ESCAP Statistics Division (SD), ESCAP region NSOs representatives

Description: This session will focus on the country experiences who have been implemented 2008 SNA and the ones who are in the stage of implementing.

Time (UTC)	Agenda
7:00-8:00	Country Experience in Implementation (Singapore) Country Experience in Implementation (Indonesia) Country experience in Implementation (Armenia) Q&A (Presenters; Pinar Ucar, SIAP; Alick Nyasulu, ESCAP SD)
8:00-8:10	Stretch Break
8:10-9:00	How would 2025 SNA address these challenges and Q&A (Alick Nyasulu, ESCAP SD)