

UNECE Statistics

Presentation 1

UNECE work on Non-Observed Economy

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1. UNECE Survey on Non-Observed Economy

- Carried out in 1991, 2001/02 and 2005/06
- Aim:
 - to make an inventory of current methods and practices in estimating NOE
 - to get data on implications and effects on National Accounts
- In 2005/06 43 countries participated
- Will be published in 2007

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2. UN Development Account project

Project title: Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of Central Asian Countries to Monitor the Progress toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's)

Beneficiary countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and partially Afghanistan.

3 components:

- population and social conditions,
- health status of the population,
- economic development – non-observed economy.

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DA project: economic development

- Objective EA4: Development and implementation of common methodologies for **better coverage** by national accounts aggregates **of the informal sector** (grey and black economy) **and other forms of non-observed economic activities** in Central Asian countries
- Output:
 - Improved understanding of conceptual background;
 - Sharing experience between countries;
 - Website with reference materials on NOE available in Russian;
 - Findings from the workshops, case studies

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Planned activities

- 1st Workshop (25-27 April 2007)
 - Conceptual issues
 - Results of the UNECE NOE Survey
 - Sharing country experiences
- Country visits (autumn 2007/1st half of 2008)
- 2nd Workshop (April 2008, back-to-back with the UNECE Work Session on National Accounts in Geneva)