Informal Sector Report Guidelines

As part of the Fourth Project Support Meeting for the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics (RPES) there will be two days on Informal Sector Statistics Workshop. The workshop is based on a longer course run by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP). Based on SIAP’s experience in running the course they have identified substantial benefits in terms of the quality of advice given and the participants understanding of advice given to other countries if a short report on each country’s informal sector statistics is prepared prior to the workshop. Such report will also be helpful in preparing the country presentations on their informal sector statistics.

Each participating country is therefore requested to complete (maximum 8 pages, excluding annex) a report according to the following guidelines:

**Report Contents**

- Status of labour force data and statistics
  - Existing data collection activities and methodologies/ or plans
  - Presentation of time series of key labour force indicators
  - SDG decent work-related indicators, with a focus on those for which ILO is proposed as the custodian agency (Indicators 8.3.1, 8.5.2 etc & Indicator 10.4.1)
- Definitions of Informal Sector from a statistical and policy perspective.
- Country policies on the informal economy and status
- Status of statistics on informal employment, employment in the informal sector and contribution of the informal sector to the economy
  - Existing data collection activities, methodologies, sampling process frequency or plans
  - Discussion of issues
- Informal Sector in the National Accounts - Presentation of existing statistics and indicators on the informal economy.
- Development priorities for Informal Statistics for NSO and requests for development partner assistance.

**Report Annex**

- Copies of data collection instruments & sources.
- List of publications and accessibility (e.g., website links) of survey results
- List of analytical reports on informal economy linkages to development issues and accessibility (e.g., website links). Examples include:
  - Employment and income generation in the informal economy
  - Women workers in the informal economy
  - Poverty and the informal economy