

UNCTAD-UNODC Task Force meeting on statistical methodologies for measuring illicit financial flows (SDG 16.4.1) Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, 16 July 2019

Session	Time	Topic
<i>I. Welcome and introduction</i>		
	10:00 - 10:30	Welcome and goals of the meeting - Steve MacFeely, UNCTAD - Irmgard Zeiler, UNODC - Introductions – all
	10:30 - 11:10	Background and update on projects - Irmgard Zeiler, UNODC - Fernando Cantu, UNCTAD - Allan Mukungu, UNECA
	11:10 - 11:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
<i>II. Statistical definitions to implement the measurement of IFFs</i>		
Definitions	11:30 - 12:00	Tentative typology and definitions for the measurement of IFFs (UNODC/UNCTAD)
	12:00 - 13:00	Discussion: Relevance and measurability of different types of IFFs, challenging areas and gaps + session wrap-up
	13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
<i>III. Methodological approaches</i>		
Tax gap estimation	14:00 - 14:20	VAT gap estimation (Aki Savolainen, Tax Authority, Finland)
	14:20 - 14:40	Aggressive tax planning indicators (Simon Loretz, Austrian Institute of Economic Research)

	14:40 - 15:00	Methods of empirical analysis of tax havens and offshore FDI (Daniel Haberly, University of Sussex)
	15:00 - 15:40	Discussion: Feasibility of methods to estimate tax-related IFFs for the SDG indicator + session wrap-up
	15:40 - 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
Trade misinvoicing	16:00 - 16:20	Correction of statistical errors in the estimates of trade misinvoicing (Markie Muryawan, UNSD, via video conference)
	16:20 - 16:40	New estimates of trade misinvoicing and methods based on artificial intelligence (Katerina Nicolaou-Manias, UNECA)
	16:40 - 17:30	Discussion: Feasibility of the using trade misinvoicing methods for the SDG indicator + session wrap-up

Day 2 – Wednesday, 17 July 2019

Session	Time	Topic
Crime-related IFFs	10:00 - 10:20	UNODC methods to measure IFFs from crime (Irmgard Zeiler, UNODC)
	10:20 - 10:40	Practices and data sources to estimate IFFs related to drugs in national accounts in Peru (Christian Orozco Rodriguez, INEI)
	10:40 - 11:20	Discussion: How to construct the crime-related component of the SDG indicator? + session wrap-up
	11:20 - 11:40	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
IV. Current practices and data sources		
Surveys of countries and country practices	11:40 - 12:00	Findings from the IMF country survey (Rita Mesias, IMF)
	12:00 - 12:20	Findings from the EU GNI survey (Ilcho Bechev and Matthias Ludwig, Eurostat, via video conference)
	12:20 - 12:30	Immediate questions and discussion (to be continued in the afternoon)
	12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>

Surveys of countries and country practices (continued)	13:30 - 13:50	Plans to measure MNE profit shifting in Italy (Federico Sallusti, ISTAT)
	13:50 - 14:10	IFFs, offshore structures and risk analysis in Brazil (Luciana Barcarolo, Brazilian Customs Administration)
	14:10 - 14:40	Discussion: Roles of different agencies in countries and promising country methods for the SDG indicator. What should we ask countries to do to measure SDG 16.4.1? How can the Task Force support the pilots and participate? Which methods should be tested first? How to review data availability? + session wrap-up
	14:40 - 15:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
V. Conclusion and next steps		
Conclusions	15:00 - 15:20	Conclusions on the meeting, next steps and future activities on IFFs (UNCTAD, UNODC, UNECA and others)
	15:20 - 15:50	Discussion: What are the priorities for the following Task Force's work? What do we need for a position paper to the IAEG-SDGs?
	15:50 - 16:00	Closing