



## **Draft Programme<sup>1</sup>**

### **Second statistical capacity building training on Productive Capacities Index (PCI): Lao PDR**

6 – 8 April 2021  
Vientiane, Lao PDR  
(Hybrid Meeting)

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<sup>1</sup> All the times indicated in the programme are in local time in Vientiane ( Lao PDR), which is 5 hours ahead of CET.

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**6 April 2021**

The objectives of the statistical training are:

- I. To provide deeper insights into statistical and methodological approaches on the UNCTAD Productive Capacities Index;
- II. To introduce national statisticians to UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI) and enhance their capacities to use the PCI as a tool and input to national policymaking; and
- III. To enhance the capacity of national statistical experts to regularly compute and update the PCI of LAO PDR, using UNCTAD's methodology.

12:30- 14:00                      Lunch

14:00 - 14:10            **Opening remarks: Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD**

14:10 –15:40    “Basic introduction to methodologies to create composite indexes: standardization methods, averages and principal component analysis”.

**Mr. Fernando C. Bazaldua, Chief Statistician, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO**

15:40 – 16:10    “Introduction to data analysis programs: Stata”

**Mr. Fernando C. Bazaldua, Chief Statistician, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO**

16:10- 16:15                      Tea/Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00            Interactive discussions, Q &A

## **7 April 2021**

12:30- 14:00

Lunch

14:00- 14:30

“Introduction to data analysis programs: R”:

**Mr. Daniel Hopp, Statistician, UNCTAD**

14:30 – 15:00

“Computing the Productive Capacities Index”

**Mr. Fernando C. Bazaldua, Chief Statistician, United Nations  
Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO**

15:00 – 16:00

Practical Exercise

16:00 – 16:15

Tea/Coffee

16:15-17:00

Practical exercise ( to be continued)

**8 April 2021**

12:30- 14:00                      Lunch

14:00 – 14:30                      Introduction to the Productive Capacities Index: Development  
Policy implications

**Mr. Mussie Delelegn, UNCTAD**

14:30 – 15:00                      “Database and statistics for productive capacities, sources and  
custodians”

**Ms. Nour Barat, Statistician, UNCTAD**

15:00 – 15:30                      Productive Capacities Index (PCI): The New UNCTAD tool to  
measure the productive capacities of countries and how to use the  
UNCTAD PCI data

**Ms. Nour Barat, Statistician, UNCTAD**

15:30 - 17:30                      Practical exercise and closing the training.