

IFF expert group for statistical measurement of IFFs in Egypt

Terms of Reference

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IFFs Expert Group

- IFFs cross borders, also within country
- Lead, coordinate and execute work on IFFs
- Members: technical staff
 - statisticians and other national experts

Objectives

- Foundations for the statistical measurement of IFFs in Egypt
- Provide a platform for collaboration
- Build data infrastructure
- Strengthen national capacity

- International collaboration

Activities

- a) **Discuss the mandates, expertise and relationships** of national authorities and other stakeholders related to different types of IFFs. Agree on the roles of authorities and modalities of collaboration;
- b) **Consider existing knowledge**, information and estimates of IFFs and assess IFF risks and exposure in Egypt;
- c) **Review data available** to national authorities, including access to other administrative or privately held data considering legal frameworks;

Activities

- d) Assess the current statistical capacity** of national authorities and identify priority development needs;
- e) Guide the planning of pilot testing**, including the selection of IFFs to be measured as a priority, and agree on a division of work between agencies;
- f) Contribute to the accumulation of knowledge**, expertise, tools and resources for national use, share expertise, and review training needs and available guidance;
- g) Provide a sounding board for the discussion** of challenges and findings of pilot testing in the course of work, review progress and findings;

Activities

- h) Organise meetings** as necessary to inform and engage stakeholders and other national authorities of plans, progress and results of work, and the challenges and importance of measuring IFFs;
- i) Agree on an Action Plan** for future measurement of IFFs in Egypt, considering the necessary data infrastructure and statistical capacity. Discuss and agree on short and long-term priorities for capacity development and statistical work on IFFs in Egypt;
- j) Reach out to promote** a whole-of-government approach to dealing with IFFs, share statistical findings and seek funding for continuous statistical measurement of IFFs with a view on reporting in the context of 2030 Agenda and beyond.

Timetable

| Timing | Milestones |
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| Phase 1 | Pilot testing of methods to measure IFFs |
| Nov 2021 | Set up EG-IFFs and agree on its Terms of Reference |
| Dec 2021 | IFF risk assessment |
| Nov – Dec 2021 | Data availability review |
| Dec 2021 – Jan 2022 | Planning of pilot testing |
| Dec 2021 – Jan 2022 | Discuss statistical capacity, training needs and materials |
| Dec 2021 – Mar 2022 | Support national IFF pilot measurement |
| Feb – Mar 2022 | Discuss challenges and findings of the pilot |
| Phase 2 | Reporting and next steps |
| Mar 2022 | Discuss the report on the outcomes of pilot testing |
| Mar 2022 | Agree on an initial action plan for future measurement of IFFs |
| Apr – Jun 2022 | Reach out to stakeholders to share outcomes and mobilize support |
| Apr – Jun 2022 | Refine the action plan, if needed, based on stakeholder feedback |
| Jun 2022 -> | Coordinate efforts towards reporting on SDG indicator 16.4.1 on IFFs |

Membership

- Statistical and IFF experts
 - 3 experts from each agency: 2 technical and 1 head of unit
- Criteria
 - Experience in statistics and data compilation
 - Strong quantitative and qualitative methodology skills
 - Trade statistics, BOP, SNA, FDI
 - Financial, tax, commercial flows
 - Profit shifting of MNEs
 - Crime-related IFFs
 - English (?)

Membership

- Nominated members
 - Engage in discussions on IFFs in Egypt
 - Provide constructive, written feedback on draft documentation
 - Represent the national institution
 - Commit to a minimum of four half-day meetings (2 or 3 hours) over a six-month period and an initial induction
 - Commit to activities outlined in the TOR
 - Other national and international institutions
- Secretariat & coordination: UNCTAD & MPED

Call to action

- **Nominate** technical staff to join Expert Group
 - > **by 6 Dec 2021**
- Draw up internal instructions to **discuss and agree** on inaugurating issues of the Expert Group at their first meeting
 - > **by 6 Dec 2021**
- Attend **1st Expert Group meeting**
 - > **on 8 Dec 2021 at 16:00 (Egypt)**
- Report back to MPED

<https://stats.unctad.org/iffs>



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National validation Workshop of pilot activities for measuring IFFs in Egypt – 22 Nov 2021

<https://unctad.org/meeting/national-validation-workshop-pilot-activities-measuring-illicit-financial-flows-iffs-egypt>