Country-level support during the measurement phase

IFFs Technical Team

ESCAP





Outcomes covered



Outcome 1: Enhanced statistical capacity of statisticians in selected countries to measure IFFs in line with the concepts and methods endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission

1.4 National pilots held by Regional Economic Commissions together with the custodian agencies UNCTAD and UNODC in selected countries to build national statistical capacity, apply the concepts and methods and compile estimates of IFFs while suggesting refinements to methods for development of a statistical framework and guidelines



Outcome 3: Strengthened capacity of policy makers in selected countries to develop evidence-based policy responses using the measurement results from tools/toolkits developed to curb IFFs

- **3.1** International capacity building workshop organised by ESCAP held Thailand in 2025 on the statistical measurement of IFFs, the various tools/toolkits being used to identify IFF threats and risks, and the policy responses to curb specific forms of IFFs
- **3.2** National capacity building events to ensure continuity of measurement



Output 1.4

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Activities:

- Risk Assessment
- Identification of relevant national agencies and build technical working groups
- Data availability assessment
- Methods review and selection
- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Summarizing the results and preparation for dissemination



Outcome 3

Strengthened capacity of policy makers in selected countries to develop evidence-based policy responses using the measurement results from tools/toolkits developed to curb IFFs



International capacity building workshop on the statistical measurement of IFFs



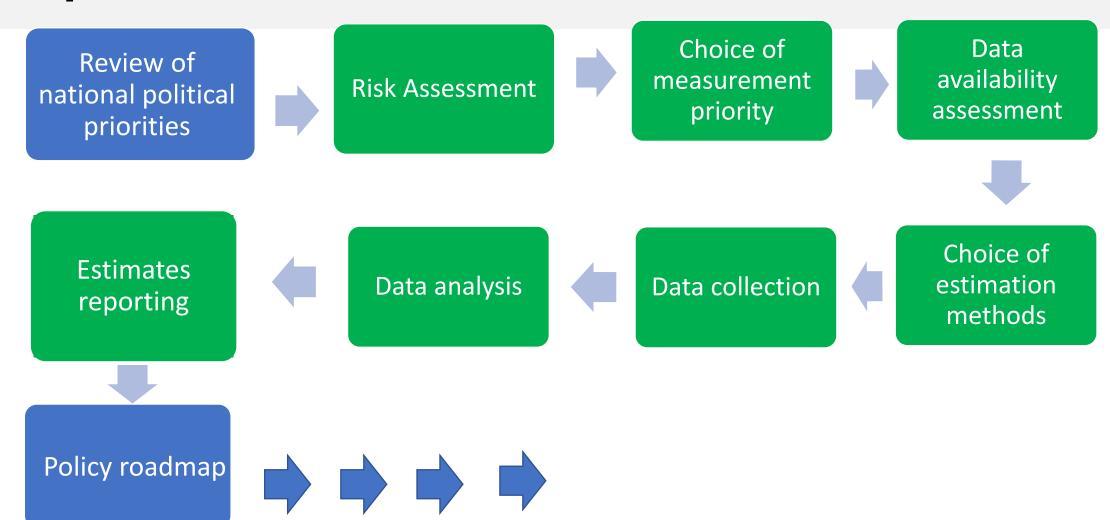
National capacity building workshops



Produce policy briefs/IFF Road map and associated knowledge products



Implementation Process





Risk Assessment/ Identification of relevant national agencies -> TWG

Risk assessment

- Literature review
- Surveys

Agencies mapping

 Relevant agencies identification Technical Working Group



Data availability assessment/method selection/data collection

Capacity building

- First round of capacity building workshops (methodological)
- Institutional desk research
- DAA tools

Data availability assessment

Method selection

- Method review
- Final selection

- National data collection
- Open data bases

Data collection



Data analysis

- Capacity building
- Second round of capacity building workshops (technical)

- Data analysis
- Measuring selected IFFs using the methods agreed upon



Summarising results and dissemination

Summarizing results based on break-down into subindicators:

Disaggregated reporting:

• IFF direction:

Inward/Outward

• IFF types:

Tax and commercial IFFs/ Illegal markets/ Corruption/ Exploitation-type and terrorism financing

IFF sub-types:

Trade misinvoicing/ Tax evasion/ Aggressive tax avoidance



Policy briefs and Roadmap

- Identify key policy agencies and institutions
- Conduct consultations with measurement personnel
- Assess national strategies and priorities
- Map methods to measure IFFs with possible policy responses
- Develop policy briefs on IFFs, working papers and other knowledge products
- Develop a roadmap for use of data in evidence-based policy implementation
- Conduct seminars based on country experiences and Regional Commissions' tools and experience
- To assure sustainability work closely with national agencies, maintain task force



Workshops and other activities

- Capacity-building workshop to draw lessons from measurement and policy responses
- Disseminate results of the pilot studies to measure illicit financial activities and share experiences on key challenges on their estimation
- Ensure sustainability and continued measurement and promote measurement in other countries
- Identify actions on how to sustainably measure IFFs and increase visibility among policy makers
- Close-out workshop to share experiences, methodologies applied, national IFF threats and risks
- Beyond the project, conduct outreach events such as side events at commissions and forums
- Maintain contact with in-country task forces

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