

Title: *Experience from Africa, developing Supply and Use Tables integrated with the Annual National Accounts.*

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Background

Statistics Norway has a long tradition of compiling national accounts with integrated Supply and Use Tables (SUT) and providing technical assistance to other countries. The goal of these projects are to improve the quality of the individual countries' national accounts by integrating SUT in current and constant prices in the annual national accounts compilation. The projects seek to improve national accounts skills as well as developing a well-documented and efficient national accounts compilation, utilising all available data sources.

PART I of this paper will give a short introduction to the Norwegian methodology for compiling SUT in all types of valuation in current and constant prices, following SNA 93 and ESA 95 recommendations. The paper will describe required data sources, assumptions made and the methodology for compiling and balancing the product flows and estimate GDP in current and constant prices within the framework of SUT.

PART II will focus on experience from introducing SUT in different African countries with their diverse economies, different economic statistics and incomplete data sources. For IMF and users in the countries, good quality and timeliness of the national accounts system is very important for the economic planning.

The paper will explain the importance of utilising all existing economic statistics and administrative data sources, such as crop estimates, economic surveys, government accounts, tax data, import and export statistics, household expenditure surveys and consumer price indices. Balancing the different data sources in a systematic and well documented framework provide important quality checks. Important for analysing the African economy is the distinction between "Production for own use, Market production, Government accounts and NPISHs and split between Competitive and Non-competitive imports, in addition to specifying custom duties by products. The SUT compilation establishes a database which allows the development of different Satellite accounts such as Tourist satellite account or Environmental accounts.

PART III will describe the National Accounts component of the Institutional Cooperation project between Ministry of Economic Planning, Ministry of Finance, National Statistics Office (NSO) of Malawi and Statistics Norway. The goal of the project is to contribute to poverty reduction by efficient fact-finding policy planning. The ongoing project in Malawi will establish annual National Accounts complying with the UN's SNA 93, including integrated annual SUT from the year 2002. Special conditions and results of the project will be described.

PART IV will describe the institutional co-operation between the National Statistical Office (NSO) in Eritrea and Statistics Norway. The paper will cover the improvement of economic statistics required for the National Accounts/SUT compilation and the development of a new Register of Enterprises based on several existing administrative registers. The ongoing work in Eritrea will result in the first National Accounts for the country complying with UN's SNA 93 including integrated annual SUT from the year 2003. Special conditions and results of the project will be described.