FY19 PFTAC Work Plan May 2018 to April 2019: Real Sector Statistics - MID-YEAR Update at 31Oct2018

TA Area	Objective	Country	Statistics Dept Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2018 - April 2019 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/Activities	Updated Inputs at Oct 3, 2018 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/Activities	% of updated plan delivered at end-Oct	Delivery Status	Milestones	Comments	Experts
					PFTAC resident advisors	STX	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total						
Real Sector Statistics	1. Strengthen compilation and dissemination of data on macroeconomic and financial statistics for decision making according to the relevant internationally accepted statistical standard, including developing/improving statistical infrastructure, source data, serviceability and/or metadata.		1.10 In the compilation of BOP and/or IIP data, source data are obtained from comprehensive data collection programs that take into account country-specific conditions; source data reasonably approximate the definitions, scope, classifications, valuation, and time of recording required; and source data are timely.	Review measures of primary and secondary income flows in ESS											Relative to the baseline for the source data used to compile the BOP and/or IIP, data collections based on administrative data sources are adequate, by June 2018	(NA+BOP as a combined, 27-day STX mission) • Publish revised annual BoP current accounts statistics 2011 to 2017 and comparable quarterly statistics Q1 2015 - Q4 2017. Include a & q financial accounts and IIP statistics from 2015 and Q1 2017. (June 2018)	
		Cook Islands				27	27	1	0	27	27	1	100%	Aug 20 - Sep 7, 2018	Relative to the baseline for the source data used to compile the BOP and/or IIP, data collections based on surveys are adequate, by June 2018	(NA+BOP as a combined, 27-day STX mission)	Andrews, Michael
			1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Improve capacity on rebasing principles and industry-specific methods											Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by April 2019	(NA+BOP as a combined, 27-day STX mission) • All staff trained on use of quarterly and annual tax data in GDP (Dec 2018) • All staff trained on updated industry methodologies (Dec 2018) • All staff trained on compiling and disseminating rebased GDP	
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with rebasing GDP by production using latest benchmark information											Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by April 2019	• Value-added methodologies derived from tax data for candidate industries (Dec 2018) • New benchmarks derived by industry/sector based on HIES and Census (Dec 2018) • GDP system rebased (April 2019)	
		Fiji	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with rebasing GDP by production using latest benchmark information	12	-	12	1	12	0	12	1	0%	Nov 19 - 30	Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by Aug 2018	• New benchmarks derived by industry/sector based on HIES and Census (Aug 2018) • GDP system rebased (Aug 2018) • GDPP and GDPE discrepancies analyzed and reduced (Aug 2018)	Marcus
			1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis	Assist in production of external supporting documentation for GDP users											Relative to the baseline, more metadata have been compiled and/or made available to users to support data analysis by Dec 2018	• Concepts, sources and methods used for the compilation of the 2014 SUT should be published (Aug 2018) • Concepts, sources and methods used for the compilation of the QNA should be published (December 2018)	
		FSM	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	7	-	7	1	5	0	5	1	0%	Feb 25 - Mar 1, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by April 2019	(Back-to-back with Northern Pacific Workshop) • Scoping work to develop an annual business survey (April 2019) • Staff further trained/rehearsed in independent, local compilation (April 2019)	Marcus
			1.21 Business processes documentation for compilation and/or dissemination of macroeconomic and financial statistics is stored, accessed and regularly updated	Review and update previous BPD in line with latest system's operation											Relative to the baseline, business processes documentation has been improved by becoming adequate, stored, accessible, and/or regularly updated by April 2019	• Existing documentation is reviewed by PFTAC, explained further to staff (April 2019)	
		Kiribati	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Further improve annual estimates of GDP by production	21	-	21	1	0	21	21	1	100%	Aug 3 - 15, 2018	Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by August 2018	• VAT data processed and used to compile more comprehensive annual GDP by production (August 2018) • Business register further developed (August 2018) • Begin to process HIES and other benchmark sources (Aug 2018)	McAllister, Anne
			1.5 Data are compiled and disseminated using the coverage and scope of the latest manual/guide	Further develop new estimates of GDP by expenditure											Relative to the baseline, additional accounts/aggregates (specify) are developed to meet national data requirements and ISWGNA minimum requirements and/or recommended tables and accounts by August 2018	• Develop unit record trade database (Aug 2018) • Further investigate statistical discrepancies and identify methods improvements and/or adjustment items (Aug 2018)	
		Nauru	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity	21	-	21	2	21	0	21	2	33%	Jul 19 - 24, 2018 April 29 - May 10, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by September 2018	• Two staff further trained on revised methodology, data collection, compiling rebased GDP estimates and dissemination of rebased GDP estimates (Sep 2018)	Wild/ Marcus
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with benchmarking and rebasing											Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by September 2018	• Updated rebasing plan set out (Jun 2018) • Derivation of 2013 informal sector benchmarks using HIES 2012-13 (Jun 2018) • Derivation of government, public corps and market sector benchmarks (Sep 2018) • Rebased GDP(P) estimates drafted (Sep 2018)	
			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Provide supplementation to produce latest GDP estimates											New national accounts statistics, as set out in the latest System of National Accounts (2008) manual, are available by October 2018	• Collection of latest administrative, trade and prices data (Jun 2018) • Compilation of 2017-18 draft estimates (forecasts) and earlier revisions (Jun 2018)	
		Niue	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity	20	-	20	1	0	20	20	1	0%	Feb 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by February 2019	• New secondary compiler (existing staff member) given further GDP training to support the primary compiler (February 2019)	Freeman, Russel
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with benchmarking and rebasing											Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by February 2019	• Rebasing plan set out (Feb 2019) • Derivation of 2013 informal sector benchmarks using HIES 2012-13 (Feb 2019) • Derivation of formal sector benchmarks (Feb 2019) • Rebased GDP(P) estimates drafted (Feb 2019)	
			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Provide supplementation to produce latest GDP estimates											New national accounts statistics, as set out in the latest System of National Accounts (2008) manual, are available by February 2019	• New estimates for 2017, plus potential revisions , completed with significant PFTAC supplementation (February 2019) • Compilation of 2018 estimates significantly completed with PFTAC supplementation (February 2019)	
		PNG	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	21	-	21	2	21	0	21	2	33%	Jun 12 - 21, 2018, Mar 29 -	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by Jan 2019	(Joint work with ABS) • Staff further trained on assigned sector/industry sources and methods; compilation and dissemination; organization and management principles (by February 2019)	Wild, Richard/ Marcus

Location	Outcome	Activity									%	Date	Milestone	Details	Expert
	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Further review of the GDP by production system; update road map, including rebasing											Apr 11, 2019	Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by Jan 2019	(Joint work with ABS) • Identification/implementation of further improvements towards closer consistency with the 2008 SNA (February 2019)	Marcus
Regional	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Workshop on GDP, GFS and fiscal forecasting.	5		5	1	5	0	5	1	0%	Feb 18 - 22, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by April 2019	Sub-regional multi-sector workshop for Northern Pacific (topics tbc)/ in FSM	Marcus
	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Delivery of training to compilers from Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu	5		5	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0		Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by April 2019	Multi-topic workshop on GDP, GNI and budget formulation for members not trained in FY17; likely held in Fiji- move to FY20	
Regional	1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.	Participation in the ABS Pacific Leadership Forum	2		2	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0		More metadata have been compiled and/or made available to users to support data analysis by January 2019	Expected to be held August/September 2018, location TBC • technical input to discussions and networking with heads of statistical agencies	
	1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.	Participation in the Pacific Statistics Steering Committee (facilitated by the SPC)	2		2	1	2	0	2	1	0%	Nov 1 - 2, 2018	More metadata have been compiled and/or made available to users to support data analysis by January 2019	Expected to be held mid-November 2018, location TBC • PFTAC round table update from Marcus including economic statistics coordination work	Marcus
RMI	1.15 Improved Timeliness of data made available internally and/or to the public	Improve BOP coverage and methodology		21	21	1	0	21	21	1	100%	Aug 20 - 31, 2018	The BOP and/or IIP are consistent or reconcilable with the national accounts by April 2019		Fitzgibbon, Margaret
RMI/PLW	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Further train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	12	21	33	1	12	0	12	1	0%	Feb 4 - 15, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by Jan 2019	Existing compiler and assistant given further technical and practical compilation training stemming from methods/data updates and dummy production runs	Marcus
	1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Improvements to web dissemination practices											New national accounts statistics, as set out in the latest System of National Accounts (2008) manual, are available by Jan 2019	STX and compiler work with local web team / SPC to update key data releases on NSO website.	
Samoa	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Further train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	12		12	1	12	0	12	1	0%	Jan 14 - 25, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by Jan 2019	Training on GDPE compilation and balancing (Jan 2019)	Marcus
	1.5 Data are compiled and disseminated using the coverage and scope of the latest manual/guide	Further develop new estimates of GDP by expenditure												Relative to the baseline, additional accounts/aggregates (specify) are developed to meet national data requirements and/or ISWGNA minimum requirements and/or recommended tables and accounts by January 2019	Further review and development of new measure of annual GDP by expenditure data and methods (Jan 2019) • Review and reduction of statistical discrepancy between GDPP and GDPE (Jan 2019)	
	1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.	Development of GDP methodology guides for users												Metadata sufficient to support data analysis have been developed and are available to users by January 2019	Concepts, sources and methods used for the compilation of the GDP by production should be published (January 2019) • Concepts, sources and methods used for the compilation of the GDP by expenditure should be published (January 2019)	
Solomon Islands	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Staff trained further in analyzing and adjusting results	12		12	1	0	21	21	1	0%	Nov 28 - Dec 5, 2018	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by March 2019	Two staff trained further on analysis and dissemination (March 2019)	Andrews, Michael
	1.9 Data are compiled and disseminated using appropriate statistical techniques, including dealing with data sources, and/or assessment and validation of intermediate data and statistical outputs	Business survey imputation and processing review												Relative to the baseline, improvements are made to the way in which adjustments to source data are made by March 2019	Business survey review and improvements (Apr 2019)	
	1.10 Source data are adequate for the compilation of the national accounts	Scoping work on better access to tax data												Relative to the baseline, improvements to source data used for annual estimates are made by April 2019	Access to administrative data scoping work with NSO and IR (Apr 2019)	
Tonga	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Principles and techniques required for benchmarking and rebasing		21	21	1	0	21	21	1	0%	Mar 4 - 15, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by March 2018	Staff trained on benchmarking and rebasing principles and practices (March 2019)	McAllister, Anne
	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Begin work to set new annual benchmarks for rebasing in FY19												Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by March 2019	Complete new 2015 benchmarks using recent HIES, population census, agricultural census (March 2019) • Assist with rebasing GDPP and GDPE, including reconciliation/discrepancy reduction (March 2019)	
	1.10 Source data are adequate for the compilation of the national accounts	Further assist on obtaining and using tax data alongside/in place of business survey												Relative to the baseline, improvements to source data used for annual estimates are made by March 2018	Further development of business register (March 2019) • Use tax data for 2015 to assist in deriving new formal sector benchmarks (March 2019) (Both assume end FY18 work to secure formal, timely tax data access is successful)	
Tuvalu	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity		21	21	1	0	21	21	1	0%	Mar 4 - 15, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by January 2018	Further technical training to build local staff capacity (March 2019)	Andrews, Michael
	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Refine sources/methods; plan for a rebase												Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by March 2019	Final GDP benchmarks set out, based on HIES, mini-census and administrative returns (March 2019) • GDP fully rebased (March 2019)	
	1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Provide supplementation to produce latest GDP estimates												New national accounts statistics, as set out in the latest System of National Accounts (2008) manual, are available by January 2018	Assist with the compilation of GDP(P) estimates for 2016-17 and historical revisions (March 2019)	
	1.15 Improved Timeliness of data made available internally and/or to the public	Improvements to BOP current account		21	21	1	0	21	21	1	0%	Mar 18 - 29, 2019	The BOP and/or IIP are consistent or reconcilable with the national accounts by April 2019		STX
Vanuatu	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity	12		12	1	12	0	12	1	0%	Mar 11 - 22, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by August 2018	Compilers given further training on GDPP, GDPE and rebasing principles and procedures (August 2018)	Marcus
	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Refine sources/methods; revive CPI/GDP rebasing plans												Relative to the baseline, deviations from 2008 SNA are reduced and/or eliminated by February 2018	Review and update the own-account construction model (September 2018) • Rebase of GDP(P) and GDP(E) to 2010 (September 2018) • Balancing to reduce discrepancy values (September 2018)	

Original Plan Total Days:			123	173	296	21

Updated Mid-FY19 Workplan:	102	173	275	19
Increase from Baseline Plan:	-17%	0%	-7%	-10%
Delivered by Oct 31:	14	69	83	5
Percent of Original Plan delivered by Oct 31	11%	40%	28%	24%
Percent of Revised Plan delivered by Oct 31	14%	40%	30%	26%