

**Regional Event on Using Data in Evidence-Based Decision Making:
Launch of DevInfo version 6.0 in Asia and the Pacific
Siem Reap, Cambodia
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**Tuesday 2nd February 2010, 13.30-15.00: Parallel sessions on the use of data for policy-making
Session 2.2: Using data and information to support progress on Decent Work**

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This session will present a brief overview of the decent work agenda in the context of the Millennium Development Goals. It will review the various statistical indicators used to measure progress towards the achievement of decent work, particularly those specific to MDG Target 1B (Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people), as well as MDG 3. In addition, it will also draw attention to the importance of strengthening the collection of employment and decent work-related data, particularly through regular, national surveys such as labour force and establishment surveys. The session will highlight country-specific case studies of using data from population and various household-based surveys to enhance the design of employment and social policies and programmes which support the achievement of decent work and the MDGs.

Suggested questions for discussion

1. What are the common gaps in the statistical systems highlighted (Cambodia, Indonesia and Pakistan) in terms of measuring decent work and/or MDG Target 1B and what are the reasons for these gaps?
2. What are the main challenges for policy makers in using population and other household-based survey data to formulate sound employment and social policies?
3. How can the UN system, at both the national and regional levels, support statistical offices and policymakers to enhance the collection and analysis of data to design and monitor programmes and policies to support decent work and the MDGs?
4. How can intra-regional collaboration among national statistical offices, policymakers and the broader development community be strengthened to support data- and evidence-based decision and policy making?