Towards a measurement framework for Illicit Financial Flows

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Key messages

- Countries interested in estimating the size of illicit financial flows (IFFs) will be directly supported by UNODC, UNCTAD and ESCAP
- Pilot studies for selected illegal markets/activities will be conducted in pilot countries during 2021-2022.
- Participating countries will receive
  - technical guidance
  - training
  - assistance
- Final results of the pilot studies will be jointly disseminated
- Interested National Statistical Offices are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) by 31st October 2020 via template provided

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Broad timeframe

2020

- Launch
- Call for Expression of Interest
- Pilot countries and pilot studies agreed

2021

- Pilot studies
- Consultants directly working with countries providing technical guidance, assistance and training

2022

- Closure
- Joint dissemination

National Statistical Office's role

- Participate in regional meetings/workshops - to ensure coordination
- Host a national workshop – methodology, advocacy, identify activities and identify institutional partners
- Participate in national training – assess data availability, collect data, estimation and production of statistics
- Participate in the implementation of the methodology – to estimate IFF
- Host a follow-up national workshop – illustrating results of testing and to provide input into future improvements
- Participate in a final regional seminar – to present overall results, promote understanding of IFF in Asia-Pacific, and discuss future actions

NSO involvement



- Launch
- Call for Expression of Interest
- Pilot countries and pilot studies agreed
- Q1 – Expert group meeting
- Q1 – National consultants
- Q2 – Q1 Pilot studies
- Q2 – Q4 National workshops
- Q3 – Final report
- Q4 – Regional Seminar

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Interested?

- Interested National Statistical Offices are invited to express their interest to participate in the project by submitting the Expression of Interest by 31 October 2020.
- Countries will be selected by taking into account
  - interest of NSO and other institutions to be involved in the project
  - willingness to collect and share data relevant for IFF
  - relevance of IFFs in the country, and
  - quality and structure of proposed activities for the pilot.

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Your expression of interest

- Situation analysis
- Focus of pilot studies in your country
- Availability of studies or data
- Stakeholders and implementation challenges

Assistance available from UNODC Data Development and Dissemination Section at unodc-ddds@un.org or at +43 (0) 1 26060 83238.

Deadline: 31st October 2020

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