Informal employment and the informal sector

Historical timeline and work ahead

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- 1993  Resolution concerning statistics of employment in the informal sector (15th ICLS)
- 1997  Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics
- 2003  Guidelines concerning a statistical definition of informal employment (17th ICLS)
- 2011  Database on statistics of employment in the informal sector and informal employment
- 2012  Measuring informality: a statistical manual
  • In English, French and Spanish (and Russian)
- 2013  Regional workshops
  • Africa – May 2013
  • Arab States – November 2013
  • Latin America
Work ahead

• Workshops in other regions
• Technical assistance
• Online training material
• Consolidation of international standards on the informal sector and informal employment
  • More teeth
  • More harmonized
• Updating the database on statistics of employment in the informal sector and informal employment

Issues for discussion

• Relevance of the Manual
• Interest in workshops, online material
• Plans to produce statistics on employment in the informal sector and informal employment
• Consolidation of international standards
• Areas of consolidation or further work