INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION: IMF SARTTAC Webinar on Valuing Household Unpaid Work (Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 21, 2022)

Thursday, June 23, 2022
2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. (IST)

ABSTRACT
Unpaid household domestic service work, which forms a major part of the household non-market production, goes unreported in the accounting framework of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and remains invisible in the official statistical system. The value of unpaid household services in the economy, which is mostly performed by women, is quite substantial. Proper recognition and valuation of unpaid household service work would allow a better assessment about levels and changes in individuals' well-being and value of time, which in turn would impact policies across a wide range of socio-economic areas, notably gender inequalities in employment and other empowerment areas. The 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA) excludes unpaid household services for practical reasons. However, the 2008 SNA suggests that in satellite accounts, the production boundary could be extended to include activities of household production of services for own use. Unpaid household activities is one of the issues identified for the updating of the 2008 SNA. The guidance note on 2008 SNA update recommends calculation of extended estimates of output and value added factoring in unpaid household service production in addition to standard GDP estimates.
WEBINAR OBJECTIVES
The webinar will provide participants specific knowledge on methods for measuring the value of unpaid household service work, challenges associated with measurement of this work and the impact of inclusion of unpaid household activities in the national accounts. More importantly, this webinar aims to contribute to the discussion surrounding extended SNA production boundary, including activities of household production of services for own use that will assist users in understanding issues of economic inclusion and sustainability.

TARGET AUDIENCE
The webinar is open to national accounts compilers in the SARTTAC-member countries and to all other interested officials. The webinar will commence with a 45 minute presentation and will be followed by a question and answer session.

PROGRAM
2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. | Welcome and Introduction
David Cowen, Director, SARTTAC

2:40 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. | Main Presentation
Ms. Rajeswari Thondiyil, Real Sector Statistics Advisor, SARTTAC

3:25 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. | Q & A

3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Closing remarks

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS
Ms. Rajeswari Thondiyil is the Real Sector Statistics Advisor in SARTTAC. She joined in February 2022, having previously held the post of Additional Secretary in the Government of India. During her 36-year career there, she worked in several statistical domains, including national accounts (with more than 25 years of experience) and foreign trade, labor market, and government finance statistics. She has published several journal articles on national accounts topics and her current research interests include measuring the digital economy and valuing unpaid household services. She has represented India in several international statistical fora (including Eurostat, OECD, and UN ESCAP) and has also conducted extensive training of national accounts compilers at the national and state level.

QUESTIONS?
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