UNIDO- United Nations Industrial Development Organization

2. Economic statistics (UNIDO)

2.3 Business statistics (UNIDO)

Industrial Statistics

i) Ongoing activities

• UNIDO in collaboration with OECD compiles and disseminates worldwide key industrial statistics at the 2-, 3- and 4-digit levels of ISIC. As per UN mandate UNIDO collects data directly from NSOs for non-OECD member countries while OECD collects data from its member countries and provides them to UNIDO to complete the global coverage of the UNIDO industrial statistics database system.

• Data received from NSOs are screened, adjusted and supplemented with UNIDO estimates as before, then will be stored in the UNIDO Industrial Statistics Database (INDSTAT).

• In 2010, UNIDO started to implement ISIC Rev 4 in its database. However, the full implementation depends on the number of countries which can regularly report data by ISIC Rev.4.

• UNIDO continues to maintain the ISIC (Rev.3) version of its Industrial Demand-Supply Balance (IDSB) Database.

•The handbook on industrial statistics -"Industrial statistics: Guidelines and Methodology" by UNIDO has been published. This handbook is published to assist NSOs of developing countries in conducting industrial survey, building the industrial database and carrying out data analysis.

• UNIDO has published "World statistics on mining and utilities 2010". This is the first publication on world mining and utility statistics. The publication has been sent out to National Statistical Offices for comments and feedbacks.

ii) Methodological work that can go beyond 2010

• In 2010 UNIDO started to work on implementation of imputation method. Initially, this method will be applied to INDSTAT 2 database.

• A project for producing data on quarterly trends of manufacturing production is on the way and regular data production might start in 2011.

iii) New activities to be undertaken in the next year 2011

• A collection of methodological papers on nowcasting and imputation is expected to be published.

• Further work will be carried out in implementation of SDMX for data exchange with OECD and other international organizations.

• A number of technical assistance projects for industrial capacity building in developing countries will be undertaken.