

Workshop on Firms, Industry and SME Data in India

Venue: ISI Delhi, New Delhi, India

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Data on Industrialization, Firms, Employment; and MSME sectors are key sources to study the characteristics of a national economy, and are even more relevant for the Indian economy. However, the researchers using official statistics on Firms, Industry and MSME often face problems in conducting their studies due to the nature and availability of appropriate data in these sectors. Those issues remain mostly unreported to the official statisticians in charge of the collection of the national datasets and then are never assessed and resolved.

This workshop will be conducted to pursue the dialogue started on these issues but more focused on one type of economic data dedicated to Firms, Industry and SMEs in India. The central themes of the workshop are National Firms, Industry and SME data in India, comprising the Economic Census Survey, the Annual Survey of Industries and the NSSO Employment and Unemployment Survey. It will allow researchers from different horizons: academics, policy makers (UNIDO, etc.), Government agencies, etc., to exchange on the difficulties they face in using or collecting these datasets and define the steps of a way forward to improve the quality of the data available in these areas. Prior to the workshop a study will be conducted by a team of academics towards the researchers based in India and worldwide working on these sectors of the Indian economy.

The objectives of this workshop are:

- 1) Understanding of the industry, firm and SME data environment;
- 2) Identify researchers needs and research topics yet to explore in these areas and the data issues related to them;
- 3) Initiate and carry on with the dialogue between researchers and official statisticians.

Knowledge partners

