Questions and Answers for the Opening Session (2017-09-14)

(a) What kind of questions in the final assessment test?
   - The questions in the final assessment test will be similar to those questions and exercises that posted after each session of the e-training. Namely, one is open-ended questions and another is numerical exercise for calculation and compilation.

(b) What kind of resources will be provided by the capacity building programme? For example, will it provide financial resources for data collection by a country?
   - The support from the capacity building programme is to build up the capacity of the national accountants in the countries to compile SUTs, thus, it is mainly to provide technical resources to the countries. In the third phase, we will also work together with countries to organize national workshops to conduct some advocacy activities at national level to engage the donor community and policy-makers in the countries to assist the mobilization of the financial and human resources at the national level. ECA is not a funding agency, we are not able to provide financial resources for countries to conduct data collection activities. However, in addition to the advocacy activities mentioned above, we can work together with countries to formulate a workplan and project proposal so that they can be submitted and presented to the funding agencies for financial resources to support data collections.

(c) How to use and apply SUTs if a country has not compiled a SUT yet? Can we make a use of the data from the customs?
   - You will then take step by step to first acquire the technical knowledge and skills from this e-training course, then assess the availability of the needed data in your country, then to compile SUT, and after it is done, try to make a use and application of the SUT in various areas.
   - To combine SUT and external trade data from the customs will make SUT even more useful such as in the analyses of trade in value added (TiVA) and global value chain, etc.

(d) Is there any software that can be used for the compilation of SUTs?
   - There is a few software used for the compilation of SUTs, for example, one software used by many French-speaking countries on the continent is called the ERETES, which has also English version. It is developed by the Eurostat and French national statistical office, INSEE, which is free for use and countries are encouraged to try.