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Module 1 - Statistics of employment, unemployment, underemployment: economically active population,

was published in December 2003. It serves as a reference material to all those intending to train practitioners in the use and production of statistics of the economically active population (EAP).

The module includes a detailed presentation of the purposes for measuring the EAP. All of the topics related to the EAP, namely: employment, unemployment, underemployment, currently active population and usually active population are covered. Those who produce and analyse EAP statistics may also draw on the module for self-instruction.

The module presents the recommended, ILO international guidelines concerning concepts and definitions of EAP statistics that help to measure the size and structure of the labour force. Such statistics help the analysis, evaluation and monitoring of how an economy is performing and to implement policies and programmes for the labour market; its men and women workers in all countries. Module 1 comprises six substantive parts, visual aid presentations, case studies and practical assignments with solutions.

The ILO Bureau of Statistics runs a training programme in labour statistics whose development objectives are

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Since 1990, the Bureau has built up its training capacity in labour statistics in parallel with these activities. One major training event has been carried out each year and other courses, workshops or seminars were held in different countries or at the ILO Training Centre in Turin, Italy.

The training materials and the scope of new volumes to be included in this International Training Compendium on Labour Statistics are a reflection of the subjects within the mandate of the ILO and its Bureau of Statistics, that are addressed by the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) at its many sessions. As new ICLS resolutions are adopted and national and international experience gained in their implementation, this International Training Compendium on Labour Statistics will grow to incorporate relevant modules within the framework of the ILO Decent Work Agenda.

The training material in Module 1 is based on the results of the Bureau's assistance to countries worldwide in the development of their statistics of the economically active population. The material presented is based on work published by the International Labour Organization. The ILO International Training Centre provided the pedagogical guidance.

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