

The World Input-Output Database (WIOD): Introduction and Selected Database Construction Issues

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The World Input-Output Database project consortium started its activities in Spring 2009. The first aim of the project is to construct a time series of annual international input-output tables for the period 1995-2006 (with projections for 2007-2009) and to construct compatible satellite accounts regarding labor inputs, capital inputs, energy use and environmental data. The tables cover 40 countries, the value added of which amounts to approximately 85% of world GDP.

In this presentation, the project will be introduced briefly. Next, some of the most important issues regarding the construction of the input-output tables will be discussed. This part can be seen as a follow-up to some of the presentations that were given during the special sessions on the WIOD project at the Sydney 2010 IO-conference. Finally, some plans for further improving the database during the remainder of the project (until May 2012) will be presented.