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Abstract:

The usefulness of a Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) has been solidly established, both, as a major element for economic analysis and policy studies, and for designing and implementing multisectoral models. In this paper we present a Social Accounting Matrix of Mexico for the year 2000, documenting a detailed methodology used for its construction. It is shown that, with an Input Output Table of Mexico for the year 2000 as a basis, and using available information from the System of National Accounts of Mexico, it is possible to build a balanced macro SAM, and then a consistent micro SAM, without resorting to any of the several balancing and estimation procedures developed for the cases in which incomplete, and/or inconsistent information, prevents construction of a fully documented SAM. Therefore, this transparent SAM can be used (modified and/or extended) to apply a wide array of analytical methodologies to study a wide variety of policy issues.

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