

A Preliminary Series of Worldwide Intercountry Input-Output Tables

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The construction of a time series (1995-2006) of full intercountry input-output tables is an essential part of the World Input-Output Database (WIOD) project. On the basis of a set of harmonized supply and use tables for more than 30 countries (reconciled with their national accounts data) and detailed data on international trade, such "worldwide" tables will be produced. This working paper reports on the construction of these tables and discusses solutions chosen so far to deal with the variety of problems that are encountered. Furthermore, it presents some simple descriptive input-output based indicators derived from the preliminary set of tables. Most attention will be paid to indicators related to the effects of increasing globalization at the industry level. The paper concludes with a brief look ahead, focusing on conclusions that will imply differences between the preliminary series of worldwide tables and the final series, which should be ready in 2012.