

BASIC TRAINING COURSE ON VEDA-TIMES**28 - 30 NOV 2022****COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK (USA)**

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MONDAY 28 NOV - INTRODUCTION AND BASE ELEMENTSFirst session 9.00am-10.30am

- Presentation of the program and round table
- Introduction to the TIMES model generator – Part I

Coffee break 10.30am-10.45am

Second session 10.45am-13.00pm

- Introduction to the TIMES model generator – Part II
- Overview of VEDA2.0

Lunch 13.00pm-02.00pm

Third session 02.00pm-03.30pm

- The VEDA2.0-TIMES DemoS models: supply curve
 - Browsing the DemoS_001
 - Base year templates and SysSetting for data input

Coffee break 03.30pm-03.45pm

Last session 03.45pm-05.00pm

- The VEDA2.0-TIMES DemoS models: supply curve
 - Running the DemoS_001
 - Results Functionality

TUESDAY 29 NOV - USING THE STEP DEMO MODELS

First session 9.00am-10.30am

- Exercises with the supply curve

Coffee break 10.30am-10.45am

Second session 10.45am-12.30pm

- VEDA scenario templates
 - Regular scenarios (insert and update transformation tables)
 - SubRes template
 - How to build alternative scenarios

Lunch 12.30pm-02.00pm

Third session 02.00pm-03.30pm

- The VEDA2.0-TIMES DemoS: electricity generation sector
 - How to include the generation sector in VEDA-TIMES
 - Running the model and analysing results

Coffee break 03.30pm-03.45pm

Last session 03.45pm-05.00pm

- Exercises with the electricity generation sector

WEDNESDAY 30 NOV - MULTI-REGIONAL MODEL AND USER CONSTRAINTS

First session 9.00am-10.30am

- User constraints in TIMES
- Example of user constraints in VEDA2.0-TIMES
 - Absolute constraint
 - Share constraint

Coffee break 10.30am-10.45am

Second session 10.45am-12.30pm

- Exercises with user constraints

Lunch 12.30pm-02.00pm

Third session 02.00pm-05.00pm

- Presentation/ Hands-on: Multi-regional approach in VEDA-TIMES
- Exercises with the demo models

REFERENCES

TIMES Documentation and Demo Models

- Part I: [TIMES concepts and theory](#)

Part I provides a general description of the TIMES paradigm, with emphasis on the model's general structure and its economic significance. Part I also includes a simplified mathematical formulation of TIMES, a chapter comparing it to the MARKAL model, pointing to similarities and differences, and chapters describing new model options.

- Part II: [Comprehensive Reference Manual](#)

Part II constitutes a comprehensive reference manual intended for the technically minded modeler or programmer looking for an in-depth understanding of the complete model details, in particular the relationship between the input data and the model mathematics, or contemplating making changes to the model's equations. Part II includes a full description of the sets, attributes, variables, and equations of the TIMES model.

- Part III: [The Operation of the TIMES code \(organization of the TIMES modelling environment\)](#)

Part III describes the organization of the TIMES modeling environment and the GAMS control statements required to run the TIMES model. GAMS is a modeling language that translates a TIMES database into the Linear Programming matrix, and then submits this LP to an optimizer and generates the result files. Part III describes how the routines comprising the TIMES source code guide the model through compilation, execution, solve, and reporting; the files produced by the run process and their use; and the various switches that control the execution of the TIMES code according to the model instance, formulation options, and run options selected by the user. It also includes a section on identifying and resolving errors that may occur during the run process.

- Part IV: [VEDA 2.0](#)

Part IV provides a step-by-step introduction to building a TIMES model in the VEDA2.0 user interface for model management and results analysis. It first offers an orientation to the basic features of VEDA2.0, including software layout, data files and tables, and model management features, both for handling the input and examining the results. It then describes in detail twelve Demo models (available below) that progressively introduce VEDA-TIMES principles and modeling techniques