

**Report of the 14th Meeting of the
Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities**

I. Introduction

1. The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) held its fourteenth session in Bangkok, Thailand, hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) from 9 to 11 September 2009. The session was jointly chaired by the two Co-chairs of the Committee - Mr. Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and Mr. Pieter Everaers, Director of External Cooperation, Communication and Key Indicators of Eurostat. Ms. Haishan Fu, Director, UNESCAP Statistics Division extended a special welcome to the participants on behalf of UNESCAP. Mr. Everaers opened the session and thanked Ms. Fu for hosting the meeting and for providing outstanding logistical and administrative support.
2. The agenda, documents presented and the list of participants are attached as annex I, II and III respectively.

II. Work of the CCSA Meeting

A. Adoption of the agenda and other issues

3. The Committee took note of the proposals made by UNSD, UNESCAP and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to include under agenda item 6. "Other business" discussion on the following issues – (i) Inventory of Global Statistical Standards (UNSD); (ii) Global Geographical Information Management (UNSD); (iii) Development of an internationally agreed National Quality Assurance Framework (UNSD); (iv) Informal Coordination Mechanism Initiative in the ESCAP region (UNESCAP); and (v) Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Tourism Statistics (UNWTO). The proposals were endorsed and the revised agenda was adopted (see Annex I).

B. Special session: Governance of the Global Statistical System and the role of CCSA

4. The Committee held a special session on Governance of the Global Statistical System and the role of CCSA. The purpose of the session was: (i) to increase awareness about global statistical projects and to discuss what role CCSA could play in their implementation; (ii) to find a better balance between formal and informal coordination mechanisms; (iii) to review and better define the scope of areas of effective cooperation for CCSA especially with respect to new statistical developments; (iv) to discuss whether a modified governance structure was necessary, especially for the implementation of statistical standards.

5. The lead agencies for the following global projects made presentations on their past and future activities as well as their governance arrangements:

- (a) World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2010 (FAO)
- (b) Global Strategy for the Improvement of Agricultural and Rural statistics (FAO)
- (c) Implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA 2008) (UNSD)
- (d) Indicators for the Millennium Development Goals (UNSD)
- (e) 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses (UNSD)
- (f) Environmental Statistics and Climate Change (UNSD)
- (g) International Comparison Program 2011 Round (World Bank)
- (h) Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies (OECD)

6. The Committee stressed that both countries and international organizations are an integral part of the Global Statistical System (GSS); whilst the governance of the GSS lies primarily in the hands of countries, international organizations have an important role to play in the management of the functioning of the GSS. In particular, they are instrumental in proposing new items for the agenda of the GSS and play a key role in supporting the implementation of global projects and standards. In this context serious concerns were expressed that many countries, particularly countries in Africa, are lagging behind and that to improve the functioning of the GSS, international organizations will have to undertake special efforts to develop statistical capacity in a sustainable manner.

7. The Committee focussed in its subsequent discussion on the particular role that CCSA has to play within the GSS. In this context the Committee found it useful to distinguish between 'horizontal issues' like quality, research and development, IT, tools for dissemination, training, etc., which are a common challenge for all CCSA members, and 'vertical issues'. These have a subject matter orientation, for instance represented by the global statistical projects, and frequently concern only a sub-set of CCSA members. There was a broad consensus among members that it would be more beneficial for CCSA to focus primarily on horizontal issues. The Committee agreed that the role and involvement of CCSA should be at three key levels – coordination, information sharing and management of the GSS. More specifically, the CCSA should: (i) establish a regular practice of discussing and sharing of information on global statistical projects; (ii) feed the GSS with new projects and lead their implementation while maintaining a strong

communication with member states at the UN Statistical Commission; (iii) coordinate the work on different projects in terms of resources, timing, periodicity and advise the UN Statistical Commission on them; (iv) ensure sustainability of the GSS through organization of statistical capacity building activities; and (v) be innovative, take a proactive approach and liaise with other bodies concerned.

8. The Committee discussed in some length the formal role of the CCSA in the Global Statistical System but did not come to a conclusion whether any specific modifications to the current CCSA governance structure would be needed. In particular, the proposal to create a Bureau for the CCSA did not find unanimous support. It was agreed that a Friends of the Co-Chairs Group will be established to prepare a Roadmap for the future work of the CCSA with, among others, the development of a strategy how to incorporate major projects in the CCSA work. World Bank, FAO, ILO, UNCTAD, OECD volunteered to work with the Co-chairs and prepare an outline of the roadmap to be presented at the 15th session of the Committee in February 2010.

C. Final report of the Task Team on Population Estimates

9. The Committee considered the paper “*Report of the Task Team on Population Estimates*” (Document SA/2009/7), prepared by the UN Population Division and discussed the conclusions and recommendations made for addressing the final objective of the Task Team work, namely to establish internationally agreed standards for annual population statistics. The Task Team concluded that it was premature to attempt to establish such standards; therefore, it recommended improving the metadata on the preparation of population estimates made by the National Statistical Offices. The report also proposed a structured set of metadata for annual population estimates to be systematically compiled and disseminated in international statistical publications.

10. The Committee welcomed the report and congratulated the Task Team for successfully meeting all objectives of its work. In the context of ensuring sustainability, the Committee stressed the need to raise the visibility of the Task Team’s work and suggested bringing the conclusions to the attention of the UN Statistical Commission member states. The Committee further recommended adopting the SDMX for enhancing the scope and accessibility of metadata for population estimates. While it may not be necessary that the Task Team operate on a permanent basis, the Committee agreed that in view of the ongoing work, it will be important to continue the communication on these issues under the leadership of the UN Population Division and requested submission of a progress report to one of the future CCSA sessions.

D. Use of non-official data in imputations/estimations made by the International Organizations

11. The Committee took note of the report “*Use of non-official data in imputations/estimations made by the International Organizations*” (Document

SA/2009/8), prepared by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The Committee welcomed the report and thanked WTO for its work. It noted that the report provided a lot of interesting ideas; however, it was suggested that on the one hand the report should be streamlined and on the other hand it could benefit from expansion with examples of good practices in the use of non-official data. The Committee asked a small team of members to summarize the key issues and to identify dimensions which are relevant and should be taken into consideration by international organizations when using non-official data in imputations/estimations. The team would be led by WTO with FAO, OECD, UNWTO, ILO, UNODC and UNIDO as members. The Committee endorsed the following Terms of Reference for the team's work:

- (a) Identify, in a succinct manner, the needs and issues related to imputations/estimations made by International Organizations when compiling (a) national data, in an effort to deal with missing data or data deemed inadequate for international use, and (b) regional and international aggregates, both taking into account existing studies and references;
- (b) Collect examples of good practices and criteria for choice currently used by international organizations;
- (c) Assess the desirability, scope, format and timing of possible reporting to UN Statistical Commission.

12. The Committee requested the team to present a progress report to its 15th session in February 2010 and a final report to its 16th session in September 2010.

E. Reporting Mechanism on Statistical Capacity Building Activities – Report of Task Team 1

13. The Committee took note of the paper “*Reporting Mechanism on Statistical Capacity Building Activities - Report of Task Team 1: Partner Report on Support to Statistics (PRESS)*” (Document SA/2009/9), presented by Eurostat on behalf of the PARIS21 Secretariat. The Committee was asked to comment on the proposed further improvements to PRESS with respect to data collection and processing and analysis of the results. One question raised in the discussion was how PRESS, which reports on current and future statistical activities could be used by CCSA members for planning and coordination purposes. In this context the importance of having an online access to PRESS for an early identification of projects, countries, potential financial and technical partners, etc. was also strongly emphasised. The Committee urged the UN agencies to provide a better response to 2009 and future PRESS rounds. The Committee was informed that a decision had already been taken in this direction and that each UN agency would respond to PRESS on an individual basis. It was pointed out that compilation of aggregated results for the UN System as a whole would be misleading and would not be published.

14. The Committee expressed its support to PRESS as a useful tool for promoting the effective collaboration among development partners in the area of statistics and suggested a demonstration of case studies how PRESS is used be made at the 15th CCSA session. The proposals for reporting of actual disbursements in addition to commitments of development partners and for less frequent periodicity of PRESS report (on a biennial basis) however were not supported. The Committee agreed that further work would be necessary for: (i) improving response rates; (ii) simplifying PRESS questionnaire; and (iii) avoiding possible double-counting by introduction of more robust methods for identification of financing and implementation chains.

F. Modalities of data sharing among international organizations

15. The Committee took note of the progress report of the Task Team, led by European Central Bank (ECB) on “*Modalities of data sharing among international organizations*” (Document SA/2009/10). The Committee expressed appreciation for the work done by the Task Team, in particular, for achieving the right balance between avoiding the use of legal terms and highlighting the key best practices for facilitating data sharing among international organizations. The Committee supported the suggested principle of “general non-binding best practices” for the modalities of data and metadata sharing and commented on its elements, identifying element a) “The sharing of available data and metadata among international organizations should be free of charge” as being the most important one. The best practices, as proposed in the document, were agreed, subject to some minor amendments as reflected in Annex IV. These best practices will be posted on the CCSA website. The Committee agreed that no further work from the Task Team on this issue was required at the moment; however, it might be necessary to revisit the issue in the future.

G. 2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organizations

16. The Committee took note of the report prepared by Eurostat “*2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organizations*” (Document SA/2009/11), presenting suggestions for the organization and agenda of the 2010 CCSA special event. After an extensive discussion about the necessity, level of participation and topic of the next CCSA special event, the Committee agreed on the following:

- (a) *2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organizations*: A back-to-back meeting with the 2010 European Quality Conference will be organized in the afternoon of 6 May and on 7 May in Helsinki, Finland. The conference would be dedicated to the international support for the development of National Quality Assurance Frameworks. The target audience of the Conference would be the high level management staff of the international organizations eventually joined by data management experts. An organizing committee composed of Eurostat, UNSD, UNHabitat and the AfDB was formed. It was further agreed that this committee will prepare a programme proposal by November 2009.

- (b) *CCSA Special Session*: A Special Session on Human Capital will be held in conjunction with the 16th CCSA meeting in September 2010. OECD, UNESCO, Eurostat, PAHO, World Bank and UNHabitat volunteered to be part of the team working on it. The group could build on the very useful thematic proposals contained in the Eurostat document (SA/2009/11). The proposal of inviting OHRM experts was noted. A short note on the progress of the organization of this special session should be presented at the 15th CCSA session in February 2010.
- (c) *Network of Statisticians*: International statisticians constitute a distinct professional group which does not have, as yet, an established forum. UNESCAP suggested and took a lead in establishing a Network of Statisticians working in International Organizations. UNODC, World Bank and Eurostat volunteered their participation in this initiative. A strategy for the establishment of the network will be prepared for discussion at the 15th session of the CCSA in February 2010.

H. Information items

17. *Quality Assurance Frameworks (Document SA/2009/12)* – Eurostat presented a note on progress with the development of the new version of the *Guidelines for the implementation of the quality assurance frameworks for international and supranational organizations compiling statistics (Document SA/2009/12/Add.1)* and the revised *International Statistical Processes Assessment Checklist, Version 2.0 (Document SA/2009/12/Add.2)*. The Committee was also informed about an ongoing parallel process initiated by UNSD in collaboration with Statistics Canada for the development of a quality assurance framework for national statistical systems to be presented at the 41st session of the UN Statistical Commission in February 2010. The Committee reiterated that the issue of quality management was of tremendous importance for the work of international organizations and agreed with the direction for future work outlined in the Eurostat document. The Committee agreed that CCSA members would be given time by 30 September 2009 to send their specific comments on the Guidelines and the Checklist to Eurostat.

18. *Celebration of the World Statistics Day (Document SA/2009/13)* – UNSD presented to the Committee its strategy for the celebration of the World Statistics Day (WSD) on 20.10.2010. The strategy consists of organizing promotional activities at national, regional and international levels, including the launch of a dedicated website, organizing a high-level ceremonial meeting, production of a commemorative book, etc. CCSA members were encouraged to take part in this event and to support the organization of activities at national level. They were requested to contribute any publicity materials like posters, flyers, brochures for the WSD website. UNSD agreed to inform the Committee about the progress with the organization of the WSD at its 15th session and to present the full list of promotional activities at its 16th session.

19. *SDMX (Document SA/2009/14)* – Eurostat updated the Committee on the progress made with regard to the SDMX standards and guidelines as well as their implementation in various statistical domains, both in sponsor organizations and in other statistical organizations. The need to organize special courses or visits to the SDMX sponsors for training of the staff, as well as for supporting the SDMX overall implementation at the CCSA members was also discussed.

I. Other business

20. *Inventory of Global Statistical Standards*: The Committee was informed about this web-based inventory created by the Mexican Statistical Office (INEGI). The INEGI had just recently donated the English version to the global statistical community. A document to this effect will be presented to the Statistical Commission. UNSD intends to enrich and develop the inventory further; however, to keep the inventory up-to-date, the respective specialized international agencies as represented in the CCSA will have to play an important role. As a first step in this direction INEGI will make a presentation about the inventory at the 15th session of the Committee in February 2010.

21. *Global Geographic Information Management*: UNSD informed the Committee members that several member states had expressed their conviction, that there is considerable scope for analytical value added by integrating geographical and statistical information. However, the process to develop global standards in the area of geographical information was at this point fragmented. Several regional cartographic initiatives have been organized by UNSD yet a mechanism for efficient coordination and management at the global level was still missing. The Statistical Commission will consider this issue at its forthcoming session.

22. *Development of an internationally agreed National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF)*: UNSD informed the Committee that the issue of development of a generic NQAF, which could be utilized by any country for both the introduction of new quality assurance procedures or for the systematization of those currently used, will be discussed at the 41st session of the UN Statistical Commission. A discussion paper on this issue has already been drafted by Statistics Canada and posted for comments on the UNSD National Quality Assurance Framework website.

23. *Informal Coordination Mechanism Initiative in the ESCAP region*: The Committee was informed about an existing regional informal coordination mechanism. During the first session of the re-established ESCAP Committee on Statistics in February 2009, a regional version of CCSA for the ESCAP region had been established. It was suggested that the regional committee report its deliberations and decisions back to the CCSA. The Committee was of the view that this is a good initiative, which could be accommodated in the agenda of one of the next CCSA sessions.

24. *Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Tourism Statistics*: The UNWTO informed the Committee that, with the adoption of the International Recommendations for Tourism

Statistics and Tourism Satellite Accounts at the 39th session of the UN Statistical Commission, the Group had completed its objectives and was disbanded.

25. *Statistics for Result Facility (SRF)*: The World Bank briefed the Committee about the recently set up Trust Fund for supporting countries' National Strategies for Development of Statistics and for filling potential existing funding gaps. Countries have been invited to start withdrawing from the Fund. A dedicated website is expected to be launched soon.

26. *41st session of the UN Statistics Commission*: UNSD informed the Committee about the upcoming session of the Commission and the planned lunch seminars and other side events.

27. *Directory of Statistical Organizations*: CCSA members were requested to regularly update their details on the Directory website. Updated templates should be sent to the Secretariat for posting by the end of October 2009.

J. Dates and venue of the 2010 sessions of the Committee

28. The Committee agreed that its next 15th session would be held in New York in the morning of 22 February 2010, back-to-back with the 41st session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The Committee was also pleased to accept the offer of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to jointly host the 16th session of the CCSA in Vienna, Austria from 1-3 September 2010.

K. Nomination of Co-chairs for the next biennium - 2010/2011

29. The Committee thanked and expressed its gratitude for the effective leadership by the two Co-chairs Mr. Paul Cheung and Mr. Pieter Everaers and the entire teams behind them. The representative of the World Bank nominated Mr. Pieter Everaers to be re-elected as a Co-chair for a second two-year term. The representative of UNESCAP nominated Mr. Henri Laurencin, Chief, Central Statistics and Information Retrieval Branch of Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD to become the second Co-chair of the Committee. The Committee endorsed the nominations and elected Messrs. Everaers and Laurencin as the new Co-chairs of the CCSA per acclamation for the period 2010-2011.

L. Agenda for the 15th session of the Committee

30. The Committee agreed on the following topics to be discussed at the 15th session:

- Global Statistical System and the role of the CCSA: Roadmap for the development of a strategy on how to incorporate major projects in the CCSA work;
- PRESS: Presentation of case studies how the PRESS is used;
- 2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organizations: Final agenda of the back-to-back meeting to the 2010 European Quality Conference in Helsinki, Finland;
- CCSA Special Sessions: Provisional agenda of the special session on human capital to be organized during the 16th CCSA meeting;
- Progress report on the use of non-official data in imputations/estimations made by International Organizations;
- Progress report on the establishments of a network of statisticians working in International Organizations;
- Progress report for the organization of the World Statistics Day;
- Proposed Inventory of the Global Statistical Standards: presentation of INEGI, Mexico.

M. Actions to be taken by the Committee

Action	Lead Agency	Participating Agencies	Deadline	Output
<p>Global Statistical System and the role of the CCSA: Establishment of a Friends of the Co-Chairs Group to prepare a Roadmap for the future work of the CCSA, incl. development of a strategy how to incorporate major projects in the CCSA work</p>	Co-Chairs	World Bank, FAO, ILO, UNCTAD, OECD	1 February 2010	Progress report to the 15 th CCSA session
<p>Use of non-official data by International Organizations (IO): According to the adopted ToR to prepare a note on the use of non-official data in imputations/estimations made by IO, incl. examples of good practices and criteria for choice</p>	WTO	FAO, OECD, UNWTO, ILO, UNODC, UNIDO	1 February 2010	Progress report to the 15 th CCSA session
			10 August 2010	Final note to the 16 th CCSA session
<p>Reporting Mechanism on Statistical Capacity Building Activities – PRESS: Case studies how the PRESS is used</p>	Paris 21	Paris 21	1 February 2010	Presentation at the 15 th CCSA session
<p>2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organizations: Organization of the back-to-back meeting with the 2010 European Quality Conference</p>	Co-chairs and the CCSA Secretariat	Eurostat, UNSD, UNHabitat, AfDB	November 2009	Programme proposal
<p>CCSA Special Sessions: Organization of a special session on human capital during the 16th CCSA</p>	Eurostat	OECD, UNESCO, Eurostat, PAHO, World	1 February 2010	Progress report to the 15 th CCSA session

meeting		Bank, UNHabitat		
Quality Assessment Frameworks: Comments on the two Eurostat documents presented at the 14 th CCSA session - SA/2009/12/Add.1 and SA/2009/12/Add.2	Eurostat	All CCSA members	30 September 2009	Comments to be sent to Eurostat
Network of Statisticians: Strategy for the establishment of a network of statisticians working in International Organizations	ESCAP	UNODC, World Bank, Eurostat	1 February 2010	Progress report to the 15 th CCSA session
CCSA directory: Update of the Directory of Statistical Organizations	CCSA Secretariat	All CCSA members	30 October 2009	Updated templates of the CCSA members
Celebration of the World Statistics Day (WSD): Publicity materials (posters, flyers, etc.) to be sent to UNSD for posting on the WSD website	UNSD	All CCSA members	On-going	
		UNSD	1 February 2010	Progress report to the 15 th CCSA session
		UNSD	10 August 2010	Full list of WSD activities to be presented at the 16 th CCSA session

Annex I

Agenda

Items for discussion and decision:

Wednesday, 9 September 2009

Afternoon session 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

1. Adoption of the agenda (UNSD: *Document SA/2009/5*)
2. Special Session: Governance of the Global Statistical System and the role of CCSA (Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/6*)
 - a. Presentation on the main global statistical projects, such as Population and Housing Censuses, Agricultural Censuses, International Comparison Programme, Implementation of the System of National Accounts, Climate change/Environmental Statistics and Accounting, Millennium Development Goal Indicators, etc.
 - b. Discussion on the “horizontal issues” related to these global projects: (advocacy, SDMX, dissemination of data etc.)
 - c. The role of intergovernmental bodies, international organizations, regional organizations, specialized agencies, special initiatives etc.
 - d. Governance of the global statistical system: Discussion on challenges and risks (Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/6/Add.1*)

Thursday, 10 September 2009

Morning session 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

3. Population estimates - Final report of the Task Team (UN Population Division: *Document SA/2009/7*)
4. Use of non-official data in imputations/estimations made by the international organizations (World Trade Organization: *Document SA/2009/8*)

Thursday, 10 September 2009

Afternoon session 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

5. Reporting Mechanisms on Statistical Capacity Building Activities - Report of Task Team 1 (PARIS 21: *Document SA/2009/9*)

6. Modalities of data sharing among the international organizations – Progress report of the Task Team (ECB: *Document SA/2009/10*)

Friday, 11 September 2009

Morning session 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

7. 2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organizations (Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/11*)

Items for Information:

1. Quality Assurance Frameworks - Progress report (Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/12*, Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/12/Add.1*, Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/12/Add.2*)
2. Celebration of the World Statistics Day (UNSD: *Document SA/2009/13*)
3. SDMX (Eurostat: *Document SA/2009/14*)

Friday, 11 September 2009

Afternoon session 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

4. Nomination of Co-Chairs for 2010 - 2011
5. Agenda, time and venue of 2010 sessions of the CCSA
6. Other business
 - a. Inventory of Global Statistical Standards (UNSD)
 - b. Global Geographical Information Management (UNSD)
 - c. Development of an internationally agreed National Quality Assurance Framework (UNSD)
 - d. Informal Coordination Mechanism Initiative in the ESCAP region (UNESCAP)
 - e. Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Tourism Statistics (UNWTO)

Annex II

List of Documents

Items for discussion and decision:

SA/2009/5	Provisional agenda
SA/2009/6	Governance of the Global Statistical System and the role of CCSA
SA/2009/6/Add.1	Co-ordination in the Global Statistical System: a possible way forward
SA/2009/7	Population estimates - Final report of the Task Team
SA/2009/8	Use of non-official data in imputations/estimations made by the international organizations
SA/2009/9	Reporting Mechanisms on Statistical Capacity Building Activities - Report of Task Team 1
SA/2009/10	Modalities of data sharing among the international organizations - Progress report of the Task Team
SA/2009/11	2010 Conference on Data Quality for International Organization

Items for information:

SA/2009/12	Quality Assurance Frameworks - Progress report
SA/2009/12/Add.1	Guidelines for the implementation of quality assurance frameworks for international and supranational organisations compiling statistics
SA/2009/12/Add.2	Revised International Statistical Processes Assessment Checklist - Version 2.0 August 2009
SA/2009/13	Celebration of the World Statistics Day
SA/2009/14	SDMX - Progress report

Annex III

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Annex IV

Modalities of data sharing among international organisations

Amended version of paragraph 8 of the Task Team report on Modalities of data sharing among international organizations (Document SA/2009/10) as agreed during the 14th CCSA session in Bangkok:

8. Given the situation as described above, the Task Team suggests establishing general non-binding best practices for the modalities to share (published and non-published) data and metadata among international organisations. The best practices may include the following elements:

- a) The sharing of available data and metadata among international organisations should ~~ideally~~ be free of charge; ~~a charge may cover the marginal costs of the data and metadata providing organisation.~~
- b) The receiving organisation may share the data and metadata with third parties ~~(including commercial data providers)~~ with the explicit consent of the providing organisations.
- c) The original providing organisation must be acknowledged as source when using or further disseminating the data and metadata.
- d) Any transformation of data and metadata by the receiving organisation (e.g. the compilation of growth rates or seasonal adjustments) must be well documented and made transparent when using or further disseminating the data and metadata.
- e) Disclaimers related to data and metadata published by the providing organisation are to be repeated by the receiving organisation when using or further disseminating data and metadata.
- f) The sharing of data and metadata follows the SDMX standard as adopted by the CCSA. The SDMX sponsor organisations ~~may be requested~~ are invited to develop within SDMX standard facilities for providing information on sources and disclaimers (see elements c) and e) above), e.g. as part of the SDMX Cross-Domain-Concepts CDCs.