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**Global Consultation
Draft Guidelines on
Integrated Economic
Statistics**

Comment Form

Draft Guidelines on Integrated Economic Statistics

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To submit responses please save the completed form and send it as an attachment to the following e-mail address: sna@un.org by Monday, 10 January 2011. You are encouraged to submit a short response to the questions (yes/no/no comment) even if you have no further comments to offer in the comment boxes. Please focus your comments on substantive issues since a final edit of the Guidelines will be conducted after the February 2011 Statistical Commission meeting.

Relevant documents

The draft publication is available on the global consultation website:
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/ies/>

Questions

1. Do you agree that the *Guidelines* covers well the practical aspects and experiences of the integration of economic statistics?

Yes No No comment

Comment:

It describes very well the advantages of having a common, integrated system to build statistics and not only the experience of countries but across countries, always thinking in the importance of the global economic policies. The Guidelines help us to understand that national agencies must work on improving the principles of integration and that including users in the analysis is also part of the process of integration of economic statistics.

2. Do you consider that the *Guidelines* takes due note of the difficulties faced by countries in the integrated collection, compilation and dissemination of economic statistics?

Yes No No comment

Comment:

Yes. In particular, Chile faces the problem of a centralized country where it's not easy to implement the "bottom up" integrating process in every source of statistical information. Huge efforts must be made to disseminate common methods, questionnaires, objectives, even economic concepts behind surveys. Administrative data and business registers concentrate the biggest challenge in terms of harmonization.

3. Were there any aspects of integration which you feel have not been sufficiently well-covered?

Yes No No comment

Comment:

In countries like Chile in which data on National Accounts and Balance of Payments is produced by the Central Bank, and other official Statistics are produced by the National Statistical Institute (INE), it is harder to achieve integration and a leading role in the global statistical system of the country. More information regarding legal status and associated framework would be beneficial because deep legal status is required to identify the economic and statistical players and their functions because in the Chilean case, the responsibility for statistical production is in hands of several agencies.

4. Do you find the case studies useful and practical?

Yes No No comment

Comment:

Absolutely. The examples show where the countries should move in order to decrease the gaps with those countries that have advanced statistical systems. The case studies also explain very well how the institutions achieve their objectives in this matter.

5. Would you like to make or seek any specific elaborations in Chapter 1 to Chapter 7 or in the Annexes?

Yes No No comment

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