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**Global Consultation
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:

The whole document should be reviewed carefully and edited in order to avoid repetitions, and ensure consistency throughout the manual.
References were given as a list at the end of the document. However, it is hard to understand which references were used for some parts, as footnotes of the related references were not supplied within the text.

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:

However, it would be better to improve it according to the needs of the developing countries and manual could give some recommendations for the countries that have not well-established statistical systems.

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

Yes No No comment

Comment:

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

Yes No No comment

Comment:

Nevertheless, all case studies are given for the developed countries that have already good statistical infrastructure. It would be better to put some examples from the developing countries that will start to produce integrated economic data following these guidelines. Moreover, case studies can be represented for the countries having decentralised statistical system, good survey methodologies and administrative records etc.

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

Comment:

Chapter 1: There is no need to make executive summary for such a guideline. Instead of an executive summary, a more detailed (content list) would be more practical for the users and prevent duplication. However, if executive summary is found necessary for the guidelines, it could be presented separately. Additionally, the current outline does not reflect the content of each chapter in a well-organized structure.

Chapter 2:

Chapter 3:

*In para.6 of page 29, the content of each category could be given in detail to better understand the scope of the integration process.

*The first domain (demographic and social statistics) could be enriched and the reason for presenting income and consumption under demographic and social statistics should be well-established.

*Additionally, the numbering of sub-categories are not consequential. (i.e. 1.1 is missing, 1.2 is followed by 1.5)

*The differences and contents of 2.1 Macroeconomic Statistics and 2.2 Economic Accounts could be supplied to prevent misunderstanding.

Chapter 4:

Chapter 5: The use of diagrams are beneficial. More diagrams could be used throughout the text.

Chapter 6:

Chapter 7: We found this chapter extremely useful. It could be extended by adding more case studies from the countries other than US.

Annexes: