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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](mailto: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:

Yes for practical aspects, but No for Experiences.  
Developing countries examples, which can be considered best practices are missing  
Legal aspects / issues also seem to be more applicable to mature/developed systems.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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The guidelines covers only general issues/aspects, but did not get into the specific problems that many developing countries face already and which may increase during the transition to integration: e.g. non-response, unweighted versus weighted response rates, obtaining adequate source data, actual response to surveys versus extrapolations based on input and/or output indicators, problems with source data (e.g. how to deal with the impact of tax evasion on the Tax Office Register)

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

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ No comment \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost (and cost structure) for developing Integrated Economic Statistics

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

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ No comment \_\_\_\_\_

*Comment:*

Yes, but insufficient, we would have appreciated developing countries case studies.

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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Chapter 1: Click here and start typing

Chapter 2: Click here and start typing

Chapter 3: Developing country case studies / Elaboration of paragraph 35

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Chapter 7: Developing country case studies

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