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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:

Given the complexity of this theme and the very different conditions around the world, it seems to us that the selected form of the *Guidelines* is a suitable instrument. They cover the broad spectrum of issues well with, in our view, an appropriate prioritisation. A good connection to practice is made, bearing in mind that these are guidelines and not concrete solutions.

It is for us positive that the basic statistics (economic indicators) are not only defined as an input to the macro systems, but are also meaningful as independent 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:

The guidelines are broadly explained and take into account the different situations within countries. The common goal of integrated economic statistics is clearly defined and well-founded. To get there, numerous indications and recommendations exist which can be taken into consideration or followed depending on the development status. The different countries can find out where they find themselves on the way to the common goal and join in .

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

Yes No No comment

Comment:

For such a vast topic not all areas can be completely covered. However we did not find any major gaps.

Nevertheless, we could imagine that in a few areas, more in-depth study could be useful, i.e.:

- In addition to the National Accounts and the Balance of Payments, more detail could be given for the information systems of "Prices" and "Employment".
- discussion of the trade-offs between the various requirements in terms of "accuracy, timeliness, consistency, coherence, credibility and relevance".
- the subject of horizontal and vertical coherency could be covered in more detail, bearing in mind that user's need for consistent information should be given a high priority.

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

Yes No No comment

Comment:

The inclusion of practical examples is very useful. These not only show the practical reality, they provide indications as to where further information can be obtained bilaterally.

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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