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Draft Guidelines on
Integrated Economic
Statistics**

Comment Form

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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 X No comment _____

Comment:

The Guidelines may expand on the use of “*intermediate satellite accounts*” approach to illustrate the links between the administrative-based concepts used by policy makers (Ministers and high level government officials) in the public policy debate (government programs, political debates and cabinet discussions) into the type of sector and macroeconomic variables used in country’s national accounts statistical framework. Expand on the numeral 8 of Annex 3 (New Zealand example).

There is a disconnect between the type of economic concepts and variables used in the public policy debate (based on administrative budgetary categories) and the economic concepts developed within the GFS, BOP, and SNA frameworks. The Guidelines may want to include some examples of the applications from the USA and Colombia experiences in the development of health satellite accounts.

See examples:

Strategies for a BEA Satellite Health Care Account
http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12494
http://www.bea.gov/about/pdf/0507_ACM_SatAcct.pdf

Colombia; Intermediate Satellite Accounts of Health Social Protection 2000 – 2005
http://www.dane.gov.co/daneweb_V09/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=115

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 X No comment _____

Comment:

Greater emphasis to the importance and examples of designing and coding systems to transform administrative and survey data to facilitate an integrated collection, compilation and dissemination of economics statistics. Expand on difficulties on issue in the implementation of experiences described in numerals 65 and 85.

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

Yes x No _____ No comment _____

Comment:

The Guidelines may want to expand on the integration of government administrative data (budgetary data), the GFS and the SNA. To increase relevance and enhance/promote the use of IES for public policy design, monitoring and evaluation requires a more clear presentation of economic and fiscal implications of policy makers decisions (budgetary) on fiscal (GFS) and economic domains (SNA).

Expand on examples and importance of putting Principles into practices. Expand on the importance of I/O accounts or SUT as the “central framework” over which IES should be built.

Include examples of methodological guidelines and applications for the cases of health satellite accounts (HAS), National Transfer Accounts (NTA)

Health Satellite Accounts Guidelines:

Health Satellite Accounts Manual, Version 1

<http://www.paho.org/spanish/ad/ge/chile06-background15.pdf>

National Transfer Accounts Manual Version 1 (NTA):

<http://www.ntaccounts.org/doc/repository/NTA%20Manual%20V1%20Draft.pdf>

Designing Nonmarket Accounts for the United States: Interim Report

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10769

The Invisible Economy and Gender Inequalities: The importance of measuring and

valuing unpaid work (Household Sector Satellite Accounts).
http://www.paho.org/Spanish/ad/ge/Desigualdad_genero.pdf

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

Yes No No comment

Comment:

Some other examples/Case Studies that you may want to include :

Conta-Satélite de Saúde, Brasil, 2005 – 2007

http://www.ibge.gov.br/home/estatistica/economia/economia_saude/css_2005_2007/default.shtm

Health Satellite Accounts, Chile/Cuentas Satélite de Salud, Chile, 2003 – 2007

<http://desal.minsal.cl/PDF/CSS-Chile-2003-2007.pdf>

Health Satellite Accounts –Ecuador 2003-2005

Cuentas Satélite de Salud, Ecuador, 2003 – 2005

http://www.inec.gov.ec/web/guest/institucion/direcciones/sub_gen/ana_inf_est/ana_sin/cuen_sat

Cuentas Satélite del Gasto Sanitario Público - Spain

<http://www.msc.es/estadEstudios/estadisticas/inforRecopilaciones/gastoSanitario/tablasEstEGSP/home.htm>

Hosuehold Sector Satellite Accounts 2005 –Mexico/Cuenta Satélite del Sector Hogares – México, 2005

<http://www.inegi.gob.mx/lib/buscador/busqueda.aspx>

Education/Culture Satellite Accounts/ Cuentas Satélite de la Cultura -Colombia

http://www.dane.gov.co/daneweb_V09/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=130&Itemid=115

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: Expand on the importance of integration of for integration of micro and macro data to ensure consistency and coherence of economic data within countries and over time, for public policy analysis and formulation. Separate this discussion from the role of international standards for cross country comparisons.

Chapter 2: Emphasize on the benefits and principles of integrated economic statistics by governments public policy analysis, design, monitoring and evaluation, beyond macroeconomic aggregates to decisions about fiscal and economic implications of government spending and investment policies, and regulations in the social sectors.

“Comprehensive integration begins with the organising framework of the national accounts”. The core elements of the SNA framework should be presented in this chapter. Numerals, 8, 24, 26: expand on the economic theory underlying the SNA framework (interrelations between sectors of the economy and (general) equilibrium conditions?). As presented the emphasis appear on accounting framework and numerical consistency.

Chapter 3: Include examples of integration of government expenditure data into the SNA framework using the examples of Health Satellite Accounts from Chile and Spain (See references in question # 4). Explain the connection between the These guidelines present a concept of integrated economic statistics that is already embedded in the *Classification of International Statistical Activities* and the UN *International Family of Economic and Social Classifications*: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/class/family/default.asp> Ensure that the listing of domains (grouping/classifications) in the Classification of International Statistical Activities meet the conditions of a well defined classification system (??). <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/class/family/bestprac.pdf>

Paragraph/Section on “Harmonisation among macroeconomic statistics frameworks and with international classifications” should be move the first part of this chapter (numeral # 58). It could be used as an umbrella for developing IES.

Chapter 4: See comments to question # 1.

Chapter 5: Review consistency in description of Institutional units (as economic entities or units of economic analysis for public policy purposes) and establishments (as statistical units); numerals 25 to 52 (??).

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Chapter 7: Click here and start typing

Annexes: Click here and start typing