

# The global implementation programme for the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics

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# **SNA** implementation - Impediments

- § Insufficient staff and training.
- § For exhaustive coverage of economic activities data collection mechanism and supporting infrastructure need to be improved
- § Quality and policy relevance of basic economic and macroeconomic statistics are not well promoted
- § Lack of modern management, ICT infrastructure in the NSOs
- § Lack of coordination between TAs providing country, regional and international agencies
- § Reference manuals and compilation guidance not easily accessible.

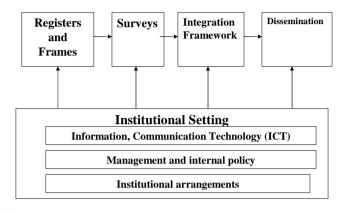
### **Statistical Production Process Framework**

The framework provides a structure for the SNA implementation programme to address and reinforce both

statistical institutional infrastructure and the collection and reporting of statistics.

### **Statistical Production Process Framework**

Structure for organizing the information base based on a stylized statistical production model



# Implementation programme

- § UNSC in Feb 2010 supported the implementation programme and encouraged countries to develop their own programmes of implementation
- The Implementation Programme for the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics represents a global statistical initiative
- UNSD conduct series of seminars with RC to align regional and global implementation programmes

## **Objective of the Global Statistical Initiative**

To assist countries in developing the statistical and institutional capacity to:

- (a) Make the conceptual change over from the 1993 SNA to the 2008 SNA
- (b) Improve the scope, detail and quality of the national accounts and supporting economic statistics.

# Principles of the global initiative

The efficiency and sustainability of the initiative rest on the agreed principles of the implementation strategy:

- (a) strategic planning
- (b) coordination, monitoring and reporting
- (c) improving statistical systems

### Elements to operationalise the initiative

- (a) Use of National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) as the strategic planning framework
- (b) The programme information structure built around the statistical production process, scope and compliance for the national accounts and supporting economic statistics
- (c) The modalities of statistical capacity building through training and technical cooperation, publication of manuals and handbooks, research and advocacy
- (d) The stages of implementation leading to the change over to the 2008 SNA.

# NSDS as Strategic planning framework

- NSDS is the most widely used tool for statistical planning in developing countries.
- The members of the ISWGNA will work via PARIS21 to further develop the guidelines for the elaboration of NSDSs.
- The regional commissions should coordinate this review of the NSDS for the implementation needs of the 2008 SNA.

# The programme information structure

To facilitate the coordination, monitoring and reporting on the SNA implementation in the multi-stakeholder environment.

- Ø Frameworks
  - Winimum Required Data Set (MRDS) based on UN-NAQ
  - **ü** IMF GDDS and SDDS
- Report on the
  - ü statistical process
  - ü data quality

# The modalities of statistical capacity building Manuals and handbooks

- To provide methodological support in the implementation of the 2008 SNA for countries at different stages of development or milestones.
- ü The 2008 SNA website has been extended to include a web-based knowledge base on methods and country practices on the implementation of the 2008 SNA.

# The modalities of statistical capacity building Research and advocacy

#### Research

- Research has already been initiated for the treatment of permits and aspects of globalization.
- Other topical areas have been identified and will be progressively undertaken in support of the implementation of the new concepts of the 2008 SNA.

### **Advocacy**

 Advocacy to support an ongoing dialogue among statistical producers and users has been recognized as a critical element in the promotion of the statistical capacity building.

# Implementation stages

- Three stages
  - **Ø**Review
  - **Ø**Adaption
- Each country will determine the duration of the various stages. However, it is expected that from 2014 onwards, many Member States will change over to the 2008 SNA

## Stage I - Review

 Review of strategic framework and detailing of national and regional implementation programmes

# Stage I - Review

- Statement of strategy Development of an economic statistics programme for compiling the required scope and detail of the National Accounts to inform policy makers
- u Diagnosis of current situation Assessment of the national statistical system to support the national accounts compilation
- Development of strategic vision for national accounts and supporting statistics shared among stakeholders
- ü Develop implementation plan based on agreed priorities with a minimum set of core indicators

# **Stage II - Adaption**

ü Stage II. Adaptation of classification frameworks, business registers and frames, surveys, administrative data sources and information technology infrastructure;

# **Stage III - Application**

ü Stage III. Application of adapted frameworks and source data, backcasting and changeover to 2008 SNA.

# Global initiatives by the ISWGNA

- Workshops and training courses
- Finalizing handbooks, such as measuring capital and intellectual property products
- Attention to coordination between ISWGNA members providing TA and training
- Developing standardized training material on the 2008 SNA and related topics
- Ø Research
  - **ü** New proposals to ISWGNA FISIM
  - ü Advisory expert group

# **Regional initiatives**

- The important role of regional commissions in the implementation of the 2008 SNA
- The Regional Commissions with their regional partners have established advisory groups on national accounts to advise them in formulating regional implementation programmes for the 2008 SNA and the supporting statistics.

# Links to other global statistical initiatives

The ISWGNA in collaboration with regional commissions will actively pursue and foster appropriate cooperation with

- ∅ The 2011 round of the ICP Programme
- The global strategy for agricultural and rural statistics led by FAO
- The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS 21).

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