

Meeting of the ISWGNA and Task Team leads

05 July 2023, 7:00 – 9:30 EDT

Minutes

Participants (18)

Sarah Barahona (Chair), Jorrit Zwijnenburg (OECD); Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat); Herman Smith, Hernan Hernandez, and Benson Sim (UNSD); Catherine van Rompaey (World Bank); Erich Strassner, Jennifer Ribarsky and Michael Stanger (IMF); Celestino Giron (ECB); Sanjiv Mahajan (UK); Michael Conolly (Ireland); Pete Harper (Project manager); Peter Van De Ven (Lead editor); Tihomira Dimova and Rami Peltola (ECE); Chris Mukiza (Uganda).

1. Status of progress of the SNA update project

- 1.1. Noted the report by the Project Manager which covered a) the status of the 8 outstanding guidance notes and 4 action items; b) the progress on drafting the chapters of the 2025 SNA, and glossary; and c) the status of early implementation. The report is available at: [Progress reports](#).
- 1.2. Noted that the technical research phase is almost at the end and express appreciation for the outstanding efforts of everyone involved.
- 1.3. Acknowledged the effectiveness of using the Wiki consultation platform for the AEG written consultation on *SNA Chapter 2 - National Accounts and measures of well-being and sustainability* and requested UNSD to explore the feasibility of enabling inline commenting and drafting suggestions for future AEG consultations.

2. AEG meeting 10-13 July 2023, including proposed agenda.

- 2.1. Decided to include WS.7 Emission permit both on the agenda of the AEG Meeting and Joint AEG-BOPCOM Meeting.
- 2.2. Requested UNSD to a) update the agenda accordingly and place WS.7 Emission permit next to Action item C.2 Treatment of (services derived from) the atmosphere for consistency, and b) finalize the distribution of session chairing responsibilities among ISGWNA Members.

3. Preparations for global consultation on the consolidated list of recommendations

- 3.1. Noted the request for a consultation on the consolidated list of recommendations made during the Eurostat meeting of Directors of Macroeconomic Statistics.
- 3.2. Requested the Project Manager to draft a cover note for the global consultation on the consolidated list of recommendations, which should include clarifications regarding the process and roles of the AEG and ISWGNA, as well as the scope of the consultation and the proposed questions. UNSD to circulate the cover note to ISWGNA members for their comments before finalising.

4. Launch of the Task Team on Measuring Data as an Asset in National Accounts

- 4.1. Noted the update by Eurostat on the launch of the Task Team on Measuring Data as an Asset in National Accounts aiming at providing a compilation handbook on the topic.

- 4.2. Clarified that the Task Team could submit a background document for the 55th UN Statistical Commission by end of January 2024.
- 4.3. Requested ISWGNA Members to facilitate invitation to additional countries to join the task team to ensure regional representation.
- 4.4. Requested UNSD to include information about the early implementation Task Teams on the SNA web pages.

5. Other matters

i. Letter to the CPC Task Team

5.1. Noted the response received from the CPC Task Team confirming that the issues on digitalization raised by the ISWGNA letter dated May 2023 will be considered in their update process.

5.2. Requested Eurostat to coordinate with UNSD to provide a second list of issues mostly on financial services to the CPC Task Team to address in their update process, and agreed that it is not necessary to prepare a second formal letter to accompany this list.

ii. Next ISWGNA TT leads meeting

5.3. Agreed to organize the next meeting on 2 August 2023 7:00 EDT.