

CM.1 An Assessment Framework to Measure Alignment with the International Economic Accounting and Statistics Standards

Name and Affiliation

Please provide your information below:

Country _____

Institution/Organization _____

Name _____

Position/Title _____

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The CMTT has proposed a set of consistent frameworks for economies to indicate the degree of alignment of their national compilation practices with the system of System of National Accounts (SNA), Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (BPM), and Government Finance Statistics (GFSM). The proposed frameworks are intended to provide structured, systematic, and consistent methods to measure an economy's alignment to these statistical standards.

The degree of alignment communicates to users: (i) information about the quality of cross-country comparisons and assist in making appropriate adjustments to achieve comparability in their analyses; (ii) the extent to which major revisions should be expected in the future, such as in cases where an economy statistical compilation is not fully aligned with the international standards, and; (iii) finally it helps producers of statistics to identify areas for improvement, prioritize resources, and formulate strategic plans etc.

For the following questions, please check the responses to the questions and provide additional details as appropriate:

1A. Do you agree that a set of alignment frameworks should be incorporated in the next update of the SNA, BPM, and GFSM?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

1B. Please elaborate

2. For which of the proposed alignment frameworks are you providing comments?

Please select all that apply

- System of National Accounts
- Balance of Payments
- Government Finance Statistics

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Alignment Framework: Components and Methodology

3. Do you agree with proposed dimensions of the framework (*please provide specific comments on the dimensions and elements in the relevant framework*)?

Elements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Please elaborate
Concepts and Definitions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Accounting rules	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Methods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Classification systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Presentation (tables and accounts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____

SNA is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (System of National Accounts) = Selected)

Balance of Payments is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (Balance of Payments) = Selected)

Government Finance Statistics is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (Government Finance Statistics) = Selected)

4. Do the dimensions of the framework capture all the relevant elements?

Elements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Please elaborate
SNA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Balance of Payments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Government Finance Statistics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____

5A. Do you agree that the results of the self-assessment should be presented in a dashboard?

- Yes
- No

5B. Please elaborate

6. Do you agree with the categories/bands used in the frameworks to measure the degree of alignment?

Name	Band
Fully aligned	95 – 100 per cent of the recommendation is implemented
Highly aligned	75 – 95 per cent of the recommendation is implemented
Broadly aligned	50 – 75 per cent of the recommendation is implemented
Partially aligned	25 – 50 per cent of the recommendation is implemented
Do not aligned	0 – 25 per cent of the recommendation is implemented
Not applicable	The recommendation has not been implemented either due to relevance or lack of material application to your country

Category	Yes	No	Please elaborate
Fully aligned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Highly aligned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Broadly aligned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Partially aligned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Not aligned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____
Not applicable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____

7A. Do you agree with the dashboard colors proposed by the CMTT?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7B. Please elaborate

8A. Should there be an overall score for each dimension (generated by the framework using predetermined weights) to communicate the level of alignment with a given standard?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8B. Please elaborate

9A. Would your institution be amenable to publishing the results of the framework after each assessment period?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9B. Please elaborate

10A. Do you agree with the CMTT recommendation that dashboard should be updated each time there is an update to the relevant statistical program?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

10B. Please elaborate

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Resources

11A. Having seen the assessment frameworks, are they feasible for your organization to update, maintain, and publish?

- Yes
- No

11B. Please elaborate

SNA is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (System of National Accounts) = Selected)

BPM is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (Balance of Payments) = Selected)

GFS is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (Government Finance Statistics) = Selected)

12. Does your agency have the resources to complete the framework on a regular basis for the SNA/BPM/GFS?

	Yes	No	Please elaborate
SNA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<hr/>
BPM	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<hr/>
GFS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<hr/>

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Testing of the framework

13A. As a test of the alignment frameworks, would your institution be willing to (confidentially) complete the alignment framework (s) in this exercise?

- Yes
- No

This Question is Conditionally Hidden if: (13A = Yes)

13B. If no, please elaborate

This Question is Conditionally Hidden if: (13A = No)

SNA is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (System of National Accounts) = Selected)

BPM is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (Balance of Payments) = Selected)

GFS is Conditionally Shown if: (2 (Government Finance Statistics) = Selected)

14. If yes, please indicate which framework below and complete the framework(s) digitally and submit via email to sna@un.org. Please find the Excel frameworks [here](#).

- SN
- BPM
- GFS

This Question is Conditionally Hidden if: (13A = No)

15. How difficult was it to complete the framework(s)?

- Very difficult
- Difficult
- Neutral
- Easy
- Very easy

This Question is Conditionally Hidden if: (13A = No)

16. Were there any dimensions (and elements) for which it was difficult to provide a response? Please indicate which elements and why

17. Do you have any other comments on the guidance note?

18. In order to maximize transparency in the SNA and BPM update process, we would like to publish responses to global consultations.

Do you give consent that your response to this questionnaire can be published?

- Yes
- No

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