

## **ISWGNA Meeting (Teleconference)**

**Tuesday, 2 October 2018**

### **Minutes**

Participants: John Verrinder (Eurostat, Chair), Thomas Alexander, Robert Dippelsman, Michael Stanger, Margarida Martins (IMF), Peter Van de Ven, John Mitchell (OECD), Herman Smith, Benson Sim (UNSD), Barbro Hexeberg (World Bank).

#### **1. Advisory Expert Group (AEG) – November 2018**

##### **a. Practical arrangements**

Preparations for the meeting are in good progress. Most of the members of the AEG have responded to the email invitation.

##### **b. Agenda and allocation of items**

To maximize the allocation of time to the discussion items, information items which are related can be grouped so that the organizations/members concerned can consider preparing a joint update for the meeting. The agenda can also indicate which information items are meant for presentation and feedback.

#### **2. AEG membership**

There are two open vacancies in the AEG and discussion of possible candidates took place.

#### **3. Feedback on the research agenda task force**

A questionnaire on the SNA research agenda items has been sent to AEG members. The responses to the questionnaire will be incorporated into the update on the work of the task force to be presented at the upcoming AEG meeting.

#### **4. Feedback on the capacity building task force**

A stock-taking exercise on available capacity building materials and tools has been completed. A meeting was organized in September 2018 to discuss the way forward and follow-up actions have been developed.

#### **5. Feedback on the statistical units task force**

The members for the three sub-groups of the task force have been identified. Discussions on the modalities of the work of the three sub-groups will take place next.

#### **6. Preparation of the ISWGNA report to the 2019 UNSC**

The draft top-level structure of the report was discussed, and some changes were proposed.

## 7. Next ISWGNA meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2018, at 18.00 in Room 1122 in the Marshall Building at the OECD, Paris, France.