

## MINUTES

### ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE NOVEMBER 26, 2007

#### Participants

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World Bank: B. Hexeberg

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UNSD: I. Havinga, V. Vu, H. Smith, A. Becker (Minutes)

1993 SNA Update project: C. Carson (Project Manager), A. Harrison (Editor)

#### 1. Progress on the UN Statistical Commission Report

UNSD and IMF reported good progress on the UNSC report of the ISWGNA on the update process of the 1993 SNA and the implementation strategy, respectively. It was decided that the deadline for comments on the report is 28 November.

Further it was decided that the room document on the implementation strategy will provide information of handbooks, manuals, trainings, etc. planned by all members of the ISWGNA. The other organizations are requested to provide the information to the IMF by 15 January for inclusion in the room document.

#### 2. Acknowledgements for the Preface of the *1993 SNA Rev.1*

The ISWGNA decided to include in the acknowledgments of the preface the names of staff of ISWGNA members (in two groups, those who participated in ISWGNA meetings and others), AEG members, authors of AEG issue papers, and the chairs/secretaries of contributing task forces. Authors of issue papers for the task forces are to be included in an annex. Each chair/secretary of the task forces will be asked to provide the names to be included.

#### 3. Chapters currently out for review on specific questions

The Editor requested the input of the ISWGNA on some specific questions to chapters 3, 4 and 5. The outstanding unresolved issues are as follows:

Chapter 3: contingent liabilities and NPVs

Chapter 4: treatment of SPEs

Chapter 5: ancillary activities

It was decided that a separate teleconference, which will take place on 7 December, will be devoted to resolving these outstanding issues.

Furthermore, the Editor proposed to change the title of chapter 5 to “Establishments, enterprises and industries”. The ISWGNA agreed.

#### **4. Experiences with the substantive review of chapters and next substantive reviews**

The substantive reviews of Chapters 3 and 5 have been circulated by OECD and UNSD, respectively. Both organizations used similar approaches to the review. The reviewers focused on the paragraphs that were changed to validate how agreed changes were incorporated.

The Editor reported that chapter 6 should be available for substantive review by 27 November and parts of chapter 17 will follow soon. Furthermore, ‘Annex I: List of classification codes’ will be ready soon, pending a search for memorandum items and supplementary items in the current draft chapters, to be performed by UNSD. ‘Annex II: The accounts’ will be circulated to the ISWGNA in EXCEL format. UNSD will review the tables for completeness.

#### **5. Pensions**

The ISWGNA agreed that there is still outstanding work on Pensions and coordination is necessary between *ESA* and *1993 SNA Rev.1*. However, given that the report of the final meeting of the ECB/Eurostat Task Force on Pensions in early December will not be discussed by the CMFB until January 2008 it was agreed that Volume I to be submitted to the UNSC should be based on the existing drafted material and the comments received. If necessary, proposed amendments arising from the EU task force report will be included in the room document to be made available to the UNSC.

It was agreed that Eurostat and OECD members of the ISWGNA should attend the ECB/Eurostat task force meeting in order to hear the views of its members and also to express the views of the ISWGNA.

#### **6. Next teleconference**

The next teleconference is scheduled for Friday, 7 December 9:30 am EST at which the specific issues noted above in chapters 3-5 will be addressed.

## 7. To-do list

<b>Action</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
AEG preview of Chapters 1 and 2	December 13	AEG members	Pending
The Project Manager will prepare a draft letter to the ECB about ECB's comments on the mapping of taxes from the classification in the GFSM and the OECD's Revenue Statistics	End-July 2007	Carol Carson (Project Manager)	On hold
Update of the Full Set of Consolidated Recommendations (44 issues document) to incorporate changes and UNSC decisions	When possible	Anne Harrison (Editor)	Pending
Draft an example on insurance that includes the compilation of the complete set of accounts with data from the books of insurance companies.	March 2008	Ivo Havinga (UNSD) and Christian Ravets (Eurostat)	Pending
Send the note prepared by the ETFP on the treatment of changes in pensions to the Editor, Project Manager, and ISWGNA	November 20	Gallo Gueye (Eurostat)	Pending
UN Statistical Commission Report	November 28	Carol Carson (Project Manager) Kim Zieschang (Chair) Ivo Havinga (UNSD)	Pending
Room document on Implementation Strategy	January 31	Kim Zieschang (Chair) Ivo Havinga (UNSD)	Pending
Handbooks/manuals/trainings/etc. for inclusion into the room document on Implementation Strategy	January 15	All	Pending
SNA News and Notes Contributions	December 15	Ivo Havinga (UNSD)	Pending
Check the treatment of annuities with specialist	November 23	Ivo Havinga (UNSD)	Pending
PDF files on Editor comments	November 19	All	Done
Provide comments on the Implementation Strategy document	November 17	All	Done

*Items marked as 'Done' in this to-do list will be omitted in the following to-do list.*