

CM.4 Gross and Net Measures: Promoting the Production and Application of Net instead of Gross Value Added (including Domestic Product), Income and Savings

Global consultation questionnaire

Instructions

For each question, please provide the answer by clicking the relevant check box or by typing in the framed text boxes, which will automatically expand to fit the text. Please note that the survey may reach one or more contacts in your agency. We would appreciate, however, a consolidated response from your agency. A printable version of the questionnaire is available for your convenience.

The guidance note is available [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact sna@un.org.

Please provide your information below:

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Section 1 – Measuring consumption of fixed capital

Q1A. What methods are used in your country to measure stocks of fixed capital and the flow of consumption of fixed capital?

- Perpetual inventory method
- Other (specify) _____

Q1B. Please elaborate your response

Q2 is hidden if: Q1A (Perpetual inventory method) is not selected

Q2. How would you rate the quality of the perpetual inventory method used in your country and the capital-related statistics (on fixed capital stocks and consumption of fixed capital) it is generating?

- Low quality
- Medium quality
- High quality
- Not sure/I don't know

Q3A. What are the biggest challenges in your country to measure stocks of fixed capital and the flow of consumption of fixed capital?

- Technical capacity
- Data limitations (including fixed capital formation time series, information on service lives, price data)
- Other (specify) _____

Q3B. Please elaborate your response

Q4. Do you agree that a well-functioning international 'capital measurement (internet-based) information hub' will be a helpful way to share information to improve the methodology on the developments of prices for new assets, age-efficiency and age-price profiles, and service lives?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Q5. Do you expect that the exchange of information, as supported by the hub, will contribute to better quality of your estimates of statistics on stocks of fixed capital and flows of consumption of fixed capital?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Q6A. Do you agree the 2025 SNA should emphasize using geometric depreciation as the **default** option (in case information on age-price/age-efficiency profiles is not available)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Q6B. Please elaborate your response

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Section 2 – SNA and NA presentations of net income

Q7A. Do you agree that the 2025 SNA should elaborate more specifically on the necessity to compile net measures for value added, income and saving as explained in the Guidance Note?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Q7B. Could you please provide further details supporting your answer?

Q8A. Do you agree that when it comes to the publication of Gross-Net adjustments in the future, countries should explicitly show the two elements, consumption of fixed capital and depletion of natural resources?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Q8B. Could you please provide further details supporting your answer?

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Section 3 – How national accounts users will perceive net income?

The guidance note explores several options for introducing net product, income and saving measures in the compilation of the national accounts of a country. Obviously, the introduction of net measures should be brought in line with user needs and accounting applications such as compiling indicators and calibrating macroeconomic forecasting models.

Q9A. Do you agree that countries should introduce, in the compilation of their national accounts, net value added (including Domestic Product), income and saving as complementary information items to gross product, income and saving?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Q9B. Please provide further details supporting your answer from a conceptual and a practical point of view.

Q10. Do you agree that countries should, in the compilation of their national accounts, gradually replace gross value added (including Domestic Product), income and saving by net measures? This would include:

Q10A. Using the volume growth of net domestic product (NDP) as the measure of economic growth?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Please provide further details supporting your answer from a **conceptual** and a **practical** point of view.

Q10B. Using NDP as the denominator in critical ratio indicators such as government debt and government net lending/borrowing related to GDP/NDP.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/I don't know

Please provide further details supporting your answer from a **conceptual** and a **practical** point of view.

Q10C. How would your key users (media, economic analysts, government representatives) reflect on the need, usefulness and feasibility of moving towards applying net (instead of gross) value added (including Domestic Product), income and saving in their work?

- Positive
- Negative
- Not sure/I don't know

Please provide further details supporting your answer

Q11. In order to maximize transparency, 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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