

ISWGNA Meeting (Teleconference)

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Minutes

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1. AEG membership

The ISWGNA agreed on the possible candidates for the two AEG vacancies, following the retirement of Michael Davies (Australia) and Ashish Kumar (India). The nominations will be submitted to the ISWGNA:MG for approval before sending a formal invitation to the candidates. The names will be announced once the invitations are accepted.

2. Preparation of the 11th AEG meeting (5-7 December 2017, New York)

The ISWGNA reviewed the current list of issues in order to prepare the agenda of the 11th AEG meeting. Based on the discussion, IMF and UNSD will prepare a draft agenda and circulate it to the ISWGNA for comments. The agenda will also be circulated to the AEG for comments and inputs.

3. Update on the Task Force on Islamic Banking

The Task Force on Islamic Banking has been established to conduct further research on the statistical implications of Islamic banking and develop practical guidance on the treatment of Islamic banking transactions in the national accounts. A WebEx meeting involving the main contributors was organized on 8 June 2017. A physical meeting of the Task Force is planned to take place in the second half of October 2017. The outcomes of this meeting will be discussed at the AEG.

4. Update on the AEG Consultations concerning Negative Interest Rates and Pensions

The draft papers summarizing the results of these consultations have been circulated to the ISWGNA. Although there is a general agreement on these issues further discussion with the AEG is required.

5. The next ISWGNA meeting

The date for the next ISWGNA meeting will be decided electronically.