

## ISWGNA Meeting

Wednesday, 7 November 2018

### Minutes

Participants: John Verrinder (chair) and Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat), Thomas Alexander<sup>1</sup>, Michael Stanger<sup>1</sup> and Claudia Dziobek (IMF), Peter Van de Ven, Jorrit Zwijnenburg and John Mitchell (OECD), Thiomira Dimova and Rami Peltola (UNECE), Herman Smith<sup>1</sup> (UNSD), Barbro Hexeberg<sup>1</sup> (World Bank).

#### 1. Research agenda task force

Replies from TF members to the questionnaire on the SNA research agenda were arriving after the deadline. From a first screening, some replies indicate priorities as requested, while others rather ask about the process for the SNA revision. A summary of progress will be provided the upcoming ISWGNA management group on 15 November and a full analysis presented at the AEG meeting on 27-29 November 2018.

#### 2. Update on the capacity building task force

At the last TF meeting, the discussion mainly focused on sharing existing information and the need to develop a suitable website for this purpose. The ISWGNA report to the 2019 UNSC report will highlight the new developments and stepped up efforts, including the work done to avoid duplication of work streams, and to mention that countries also have a responsibility to minimise duplication of assistance to them.

#### 3. 27-29 November AEG meeting: review of draft agenda

Invitations for the meeting have been sent out. The ISWGNA reviewed the agenda and the preparation status of the different contributions. This resulted in a limited number of item rearrangements. The updated agenda will be made available on the AEG website: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/aeg/2018/M12.asp>. Documents will be available online by 19 November at the same URL.

#### 4. AEG membership

Mrs Sri Soelistyowati of the national statistical office of Indonesia accepted the invitation to become a member of the AEG.

#### 5. Preparation of the ISWGNA report to the 2019 UNSC

The ISWGNA agreed on keeping the main report short and focused on elements requiring an endorsement by the UN Statistical Commission. The supplementary report including more detail on work programmes and manuals will also be prepared.

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<sup>1</sup> Via videoconference.

## **6. Agenda of the ISWGNA management group meeting**

The management group meeting is scheduled on 15 November as a teleconference. At the time of the ISWGNA meeting, the agenda had already been circulated to the management group. It covers: 1. State of play on the SNA research agenda; 2. Way forward on SNA; and 3. Main issues for the 2019 UNSC meeting and structure of ISWGNA report.

## **7. AoB**

UNSD circulated an invitation on a webinar on ecosystem accounting and encouraged ISWGNA members to attend the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2019, date to be confirmed.