

ISWGNA Meeting (Teleconference)
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Minutes

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1. Update on the activities of the three subgroups

The secretariats for each of the subgroups (IMF for globalization, Eurostat for digitalization and OECD for wellbeing and sustainability) gave an update on the progress of establishing the groups and their work plan.

For the digitalization and globalization subgroups, potential members have been contacted and all have been, with some exceptions, confirmed. The potential members of the wellbeing and sustainability subgroup still need to be contacted. In respect of the latter subgroup, it was agreed that the various work streams would also be led by country representatives. The co-chairs of the globalization and the wellbeing and sustainability subgroups need to be replaced because they have left the AEG.

The secretariat organization of the respective subgroups will organise regular teleconferences with the subgroup co-chairs, lead authors (for subgroups that have them), and the UNSD in its overall coordination role, to establish work plans and monitor progress. For the digitalization subgroup a kick-off teleconference is scheduled on 16 July. The assignment of work and a timetable will be discussed. For the globalization subgroup it is expected to review the outlines of the four issue papers at a teleconference in mid-August and draft papers by mid-September. For the wellbeing and sustainability subgroup the first coordination teleconference is expected to take place in early September; and draft papers are expected in the course of the first half of 2020.

A password protected wiki page for the SNA research agenda task force is being created to facilitate the coordination of the overall work of the Taskforce.

2. Friends of the Chair Group on the future of economic statistics

UNSD summarized the discussions at the Friends of the Chair (FOC) Group Meeting on the future of economic statistics that took place from 28 - 30 May. The ISWGNA:MG may want to reflect on how the work of the FOC could support the work on the SNA research agenda and the process for a possible SNA update.

3. Options for a possible 2008 SNA update process

The ISWGNA discussed the draft note on possible options for updating the 2008 SNA. It was agreed that, although more progress with resolving the priority research issues is needed, the

options for updating the 2008 SNA should be presented to the ISWGNA:MG at its next meeting scheduled for 16 July 2019.

4. AEG preparation and membership

Following the resignation of Jim Tebrake (Statistics Canada) there are now three vacancies on the AEG. The ISWGNA discussed possible candidates to represent North America, Latin America and Asia.

The revised annotated agenda for the next AEG scheduled from 1-3 October 2019 in Washington D.C was discussed. ISWGNA members were requested to submit possible topics for discussion.

5. Criteria for 2008 SNA compliance

The ISWGNA discussed potential adaptations of the criteria for compliance with the 2008 SNA. It was agreed to continue this discussion at a later stage.

6. Any other Business

The ISWGNA decided to create a list of typographical and other errors in the 2008 SNA.