

ISWGNA Meeting (Teleconference)
04 September 2019
Minutes

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1. Agenda for Advisory Expert Group meeting

The ISWGNA agreed that an updated version of the Consolidated SNA research agenda based on the research agendas related to the SNA, SEEA, GFS, BOP and international trade and business statistics will be presented at the AEG meeting. AEG members will be asked to provide comments on the issues.

The ISWGNA agreed that the agenda items on the priority areas of the SNA research agenda (globalization, digitalization, well-being and sustainability) will include an overall presentation of the progress of work of the respective subgroups including the future timeline on issues where no substantive progress has been made at the time of the meeting. All issues which have sufficiently matured will be presented using issues briefs and guidance notes prepared by the three subgroups.

Priority to present the findings will be given to the co-chairs and members of the subgroups who are AEG members. The international organizations acting as secretariat for the subgroups will only present in exceptional circumstances.

The ISWGNA agreed that the secretariats will create a 1-2 slide presentation that summarizes the issues discussed under each priority item to be presented as “Emerging issues from the three priority areas” in the session on “Update of the 2008 SNA”.

2. Coordination of the Research Agenda

The ISWGNA decided that an evaluation of the modalities of the overall coordination role of UNSD should be discussed.

3. ISWGNA Management Group Meeting

The Management group requested feedback on the AEG meeting, progress with the SNA research agenda and a proposed outline of the ISWGNA report to the 2020 UNSC by the end of October 2019.