

## TT leads and ISWGNA meeting

8 November 2021

### Minutes

#### Participants:

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#### 1. Arrangements for the 17th AEG Meeting

- Acknowledged the need for Task Teams to update the information in the Guidance Note tracking questionnaire to present an updated and accurate progress report at the AEG meeting.
- Agreed to include the purpose of each agenda item in the agenda, i.e., whether the Task Team is seeking approval for global consultation or final endorsement or is asking the AEG for feedback for the guidance note.
- Requested UNSD to prepare online questionnaires seeking comments on guidance notes in advance of the meeting to facilitate efficient discussions.
- Agreed that the joint AEG/BOPCOM sessions to discuss the final endorsement of guidance notes concerning the update of both the 2008 SNA and BPM6 have been efficient. The need for additional joint sessions in early 2022 will be assessed in due course.

#### 2. Discussion on responsibilities and challenges during the guidance note lifecycle

- Reconfirmed the need for Task Teams to prepare a revised guidance note considering the results from the global consultation and seek the final endorsement of the guidance note for publication by the AEG (and BOPCOM) respectively.
- Agreed to reflect on a process to select countries for experimental estimates.
- Agreed to reflect on the responsibilities after guidance notes have received their final endorsement for publication by the AEG.
- Agreed that country responses to global consultations will be shared among the group for internal review.
- Reconfirmed the need to ask for respondent's consent before publishing global consultation responses.

### 3. Preparation of the ISWGNA report to the Statistical Commission

- Agreed to include information on how the updated SNA will highlight existing and include additional concepts that go *beyond GDP* as discussed in various Wellbeing and Sustainability guidance notes.
- Agreed to include information on the participation of countries in the update effort.
- Agreed that a draft report will be discussed and finalized via written procedure.

### 4. Any other business

- Agreed to discuss via written procedure whether a 2022 UNSC side event should be organized on the update of the 2008 SNA.
- Agreed that the next two TT leads and ISWGNA meetings will take place on the first week in December and January respectively.