

Meeting of TT leads and ISWGNA

8 February 2023, 7:00 – 9:30 EST

Minutes

**Participants:**

Sarah Barahona, Jorrit Zwijnenburg (Chair) and John Mitchell (OECD); Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat); Herman Smith, Benson Sim, and Edem Kludza (UNSD); Catherine Van Rompaey and Eric Metreau (World Bank); Erich Strassner (IMF); Rami Peltola and Tihomira Dimova (UNECE); Peter van de Ven (Lead editor); Pete Harper (Project manager); Sanjiv Mahajan (UK); Michael Connolly (Ireland); and Celes Giron (ECB).

**1. Status of progress of the SNA update project**

1. Welcomed the update on written and global consultations.

**2. Project manager report**

2. Welcomed the report and requested that the list of respondents selected for user consultation on F.18 Crypto assets without corresponding liability be distributed to the Task Team leads and ISWGNA.

3. Noted that no updated versions of the Annotated Outlines will be distributed and that the various issues raised during the consultations will be addressed during the drafting of the Chapters themselves.

4. Noted that the digitized versions of the two highly harmonized SNA and BPM will be available in separate digital repositories.

**3. Lead Editor report**

5. Welcomed the Lead Editor report and appreciated the good progress being made.

**4. Implementation of the 2025 SNA**

*4.1 List of guidance/manuals/handbooks that will need to be developed for 2025 SNA and division of labour*

6. Welcomed the preliminary list of guidance/manuals/handbooks prepared by the project manager and agreed to propose additional topics that are relevant for the implementation of the 2025 SNA.

7. Took note of the interest expressed in leading and/or contributing to the development of manuals.

8. TT leads and ISWGNA members are invited to send written comments to the list and express further interest in topics on which they are willing to lead or contribute to the work to develop guidance by 13 March.

9. Agreed that developing manuals early would allow countries to assess the impact of the new recommendations and facilitate the endorsement of the 2025 SNA.

10. Emphasized the importance of outreach and communication about the update process to reassure countries that more detailed guidance on the new conceptual recommendations will be provided.

#### *4.2 Prioritisation of extended and supplementary tables*

11. Welcomed the preliminary list of extended and supplementary tables and stressed that the terminology should be aligned with those proposed by the communications task team.

12. Noted that the AEG will have an opportunity to provide inputs through written consultation after the March AEG meeting.

### **5. AEG meeting March 2023**

#### *On the items for discussion and timing of the AEG meeting*

13. Took note of the suggested list of items for the next AEG meeting

14. Concurred with the need to prioritize, for upcoming meetings, items on which the expertise of the AEG is required.

15. Agreed to differentiate items for discussion from items for information on the agenda.

16. Agreed that AEG is to be explicitly requested to flag in advance any topics on the list of *items for information* that they would like to include in the discussions.

17. Recalled that documents for the meeting are ideally due during the second week of March.

18. Requested the Project Manager and Secretariat to refine the proposed items on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the TT leads and ISWGNA.

19. Took note of the remote meeting planned in June/July 2023 ahead of the face-to-face meeting in Paris in October 2023.

### **6. Other matters**

20. Welcomed the clarification provided by UNSD on the High-level Forum on Official Statistics: Statistical measures beyond GDP and the ISWGNA Management Group meeting, side events at the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

21. Noted that UNSD approached STATAFRIC to seek a better collaboration on the series of outreach webinars on the 2008 SNA update that the latter is organizing.

22. The next ISWGNA and TT meeting is scheduled for 8 March 2023.