

**MINUTES**  
**ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE 24 SEPTEMBER, 2008**

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**1. Luxembourg recommendations (LR) and the 2008 SNA implementation plan**

The Project Manager reported that the ISWGNA:MG discussed the LR and agreed that the ISWGNA:NA should use it as input in the drafting of the 2008 SNA implementation plan to be presented to the UNSC. The UNSD will provide a first draft by Nov 7. The ISWGNA members were requested to provide information on the implementation plans of their constituents. Information on their respective implementation plans was already requested from the UN regional commissions. The IMF and UNSD will work on the governance issue relating to the global monitoring mechanism.

**2. Status of Volume 2**

The Editor reported that chapters 24 and 28 were sent out for comments to the ISWGNA and is expected to be posted by 30 September. Only chapters 21 and 29 and annexes 3 and 4 remain to be rolled out.

Due to the low response to comment on Vol. 2 draft chapters the ISWGNA agreed to send out a reminder to national accounts experts and the AEG. The ISWGNA members will each send the reminder to their respective constituents. The reminder letter will enforce the fact that this is the last opportunity to provide comments on substantive issues and that comments on draft chapters 18 to 27 (except 21 and 24) will be accepted until 3 October.

**3. ISWGNA meeting in Paris**

The ISWGNA confirmed the meeting scheduled for 13 October 2008 with 17 October 2008 being set as a carryover date.

The ISWGNA agreed that the comments template used for Volume 1 would be used again for consolidating comments for Volume 2.

#### **4. AEG agenda**

The ISWGNA agreed that two items should be added to the AEG meeting agenda: (1) Draft 2008 SNA implementation plan and (2) Issues from Volume 2.

The UNSD and World Bank will be responsible for the arrangements and invitations to the AEG meeting. The invitation will make it clear that it is a personal invitation and not transferable to other colleagues. The UNSD will circulate the draft invitation to the ISWGNA for comments prior to disbursing.

#### **5. HLF meeting**

The UNSD reported that over 50 countries, international agencies, and regional agencies provided comments regarding the HLF meeting agenda and that the ISWGNA also commented on the draft agenda. The updated agenda will be circulated to the ISWGNA:MG.

The UNSD and World Bank will be responsible for the arrangements and invitations to the HLF meeting. Suggestions for possible participants should be submitted to UNSD by 29 September 2008. There is a need for participants from academia and monetary and fiscal policy makers.

The ISWGNA agreed that individual members will assist UNSD and World Bank with administrative tasks and preparation of the report on the HLF meeting.

#### **6. UN editing and white cover version of Volume 1**

The UN editors have provided comments on Volume 1 of the 2008 SNA. Only about two dozen comments were made by the UN editors. The editors expressed their satisfaction with the quality of the document.

The UNSD will be focal point to collect editorial comments on Vol. 1 and provide them to the Editor. Members of the ISWGNA will forward all comments collected from their constituents to UNSD.

#### **7. Other items**

The ISWGNA:NA agreed that the ISWGNA:MG should be requested to discuss a communication strategy for the release of the 2008 SNA taking into account the timing and text and a possible UN resolution regarding the 2008 SNA.

#### **8. Next teleconference**

The next teleconference is tentatively scheduled for 07 October 3 PM Luxembourg time.

## 9. To-do-List

Action	By when	Responsible	Status
<b>Actions for Volume 1</b>			
UN light edit	20 August	UN	Done
<b>Actions for Volume 2</b>			
Posting of chapters 18, 23 and 25	23 Aug	Editor/UNSD	Done
Draft chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 to ISWGNA for review in 7 days	late Sep	Editor	21 and 28 done
Posting of chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4	3 Oct	Editor/UNSD	
Summary of comments from world-wide review on chapters 18 to 27 (except 21 and 24) submitted to the Editor	7 Oct	ISWGNA	
ISWGNA meeting to discuss comments on chapters 18 to 27 (except 21 and 24)	13 and 17 October	ISWGNA	
Conclusion of the world-wide review on Volume 2	31 October		
Summary of comments from world-wide review on chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 submitted to the Editor	7 Nov	ISWGNA	
Draft 2008 Implementation plan	7 Nov	UNSD/ ISWGNA	
ISWGNA meeting to discuss comments on chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 and AEG meeting	10/11 November	ISWGNA	
Prepare papers for AEG			
Prepare material for HLG			
AEG meeting	12-14 Nov		
HLG meeting	17-18 Nov		
Revised Volume 2 for submission to the UNSC in 2009 to ISWGNA for comments	Mid-December	Editor	
Revised volume 2 posted for UNSC	Late December		

*Items marked as 'Done' in this to-do list will be omitted in the following to-do list.*

## 10. Schedules for national accounts meetings

<b>Type</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>
ISWGNA meeting	13 & 17 October	Paris
OECD NA meeting	14-16 October	Paris
ISWGNA meeting	10 and 11 November	Washington, DC
AEG meeting	12-14 November	Washington, DC
High Level Forum on NA	17-18 November	Washington, DC
Eurostat NA meeting	20-21 November	Luxembourg
ISWGNA meeting (tentatively)	15-16 December	NY or Washington, DC