

## Task Team Leads and ISWGNA meeting

27 August 2021

### Minutes

#### Participants:

Ivo Havinga (Chair), Herman Smith, Alessandra Alfieri, Michael Stanger, Benson Sim, Jonathan Gessendorfer, Pedro Farinas (UNSD), John Verrinder, Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat), Carlos Munoz Sanchez, Artak Harutyunyan, Jim Tebrake, Paul Austin (IMF), Jorrit Zwijnenburg (OECD), Tihomira Dimova, Rami Peltola (UNECE), Michael Connolly (Ireland), Sanjiv Mahajan (UK), Erich Strassner (USA), and Celestino Giron (ECB).

#### 1. Terms of Reference of the Editor and Project Manager for the update of the 2008 SNA

- Welcomed the draft Terms of Reference for the Editor and Project Manager.
- Stressed the importance to clearly distinguish between the roles of the Editor and Project manager; to take into consideration the already established project management infrastructure; and to revisit the required and desirable traits for the project manager and editor.
- Agreed to provide additional written substantial and editorial comments on the documents by Wednesday, 1 September 2021.

#### 2. Status of progress of the SNA and BPM update project

##### a) Progress report

- Welcomed the progress report.
- Agreed with the proposal that UNSD and Task Team Leads and Secretariats will, in bilateral meetings, improve the data quality in the guidance note tracking questionnaire with a focus on the best possible short-term estimates when guidance notes will become available for expert group and country consultations; and recognized that the timely responses to the questionnaire are important inputs for the short term monitoring of risks reported in the progress report.
- Agreed with the proposal that the BPM Task Teams will also receive the extended version of the questionnaire.
- Welcomed the planned circulation of an updated progress report by mid-September.

##### b) AEG/ISWGNA and BOPCOM Cooperation

- Welcomed the stronger alignment of the guidance note review process of joint SNA and BPM Task Teams, especially the synchronization of the consultations.
- Agree to consider joint AEG/BOPCOM sessions to review guidance notes relevant for both the SNA and the BPM update during the AEG and BOPCOM meetings scheduled for Q3 and

Q4 2021. And requested IMF and UNSD as secretariats to work out the agenda for the joint BOPCOM and AEG agenda.

### c) Outreach and Experimental Estimates

- Welcomed the update and recognized the progress made on the outreach efforts, baseline assessment tool, and the experimental estimates/early implementation efforts and appreciated the proposed upcoming series of thematic webinars.

### d) Digital standards

- Welcomed the proposed work on the collective authoring platform, which will facilitate the joint drafting of the BPM and SNA updates and their digitization, and the underlying semantic technology; and the goal to have a proof of concept of the technology by early 2022.
- Recognized the necessity to employ consultants for different parts of the development.
- Agreed that UNSD proceeds in hiring consultants in close consultation with the sub TT on digital standards

## 3. Other matters

- Welcomed the proposal to formalize an agreement for the collaboration and review of common research issues between UNCEEA and the AEG/ISWGNA in a note to be discussed in the September TT Leads and ISWGNA meeting. This agreement could follow a similar agreement with the BOPCOM secretariat. UNSD was requested to prepare the proposal in consultation with the UNCEEA Bureau.
- Welcomed the proposals for sessions of the 2022 IARIW meeting and agreed that the meeting is a great platform to present the proposed SNA update research issues as part of the outreach programme and requested the World Bank to report back on whether the sessions will be included in the agenda.

## 4. Actions

- TT leads and ISWGNA members: to provide written substantial and editorial comments on the documents by Wednesday, 1 September 2021
- IMF secretariat and UNSD secretariat: to prepare the agenda for the joint sessions of the BOPCOM and AEG/ISWGNA agenda
- AEG/ISWGNA secretariat and UNCEEA secretariat: to prepare a collaboration agreement between UNCEEA and the AEG/ISWGNA for environmental-economic accounting related research issues of the SNA update