

ISWGNA Meeting of the Management Group

Tuesday 4th March 2014, UNSD Premises

Draft Summary Record

Martine Durand (Chair, OECD) opened the meeting. Present ISWGNA members were Luis-Marc Ducharme (IMF), Haishan Fu (World Bank), Ivo Havinga (UNSD), Barbro Hexberg (World Bank), Lars Norlund (Eurostat), Paul Schreyer (OECD), Herman Smith (UNSD) and Kim Zieschang (IMF).

Agenda item 1 Oral statement to the UN Statistical Commission.

ISWGNA Members discussed and agreed on the statement to the UNSD.

Agenda Item 2: Proposal for having a meeting of the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts (AEG) in 2014

There was broad support for holding the 2014 AEG meeting. Eurostat pointed out, however, that topics should focus on broad issues of SNA implementation and questioned for instance if SDMX was a good topic for the AEG meeting?

Agenda Item 3 Proposal for changes in the composition of the AEG

The Group discussed the replacement of departing AEG members and the possible expansion of membership as suggested by the ISWGNA:NA. While some members welcomed both the replacement and extension, others did not.

The Group agreed on replacing the two departing AEG members (Art Ridgeway and Ebo Duncan) with the candidates proposed by the ISWGNA:NA, but not to expand the size of the AEG.

If discussions required specific expertise in an area of national accounts, such experts could be invited to participate in the AEG meeting as needed on a case-by-case basis

Agenda item 4 Handover of the chair to the World Bank.

Chairwomanship of the ISWGNA was officially handed over to Haishan Fu.