

MINUTES
ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE 16 JANUARY, 2009

Participants

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1. Summarizing of comments from global review on Volume 2

The ISWGNA agreed that the same procedure as that used for the global comments on volume 1 would be used for the consolidation and summarizing of comments on volume 2. The following distribution of responsibilities for the consolidation and assessment of country comments for the chapters of volume 2 applies:

Chapter	Responsible organization/person
18: Elaborating and presenting the accounts	World Bank
19: Population and labour inputs	Eurostat
20: Capital services and the national accounts	OECD
21. Measuring corporate activity	IMF
22: The general government and public sectors	Eurostat
23: Non-profit institutions	UNSD
24. The households sector	World Bank
25: Informal aspects of the economy	UNSD
26: The rest of the world account and links to the balance of payments	IMF
27: Links to monetary statistics and the flow of funds	IMF
28: Input-output and other matrix-based analyses	OECD
29: Satellite accounts and other extensions	UNSD
Annex 3. Changes from the 1993 SNA	Editor and Project Manger
Annex 4. Research agenda	Editor and Project Manager

The summaries of comments on all chapters should be circulated by the responsible person/organisation to the ISWGNA by 18 February for consideration at the ISWGNA meeting on 19 February.

2. ISWGNA meeting 19 February 2009

The ISWGNA meeting will focus on the discussion of the comments from the global review on volume 2 of the 2008 SNA and the finalization of the room document for the UN Statistical Commission. The draft of the room document needs to be ready and circulated to the ISWGNA:MG on 20 February 2009 and the final version needs to be ready by 23 February 2009.

3. Translation of the 2008 SNA

The ISWGNA agreed to send the glossary of terms in its current state with some minor adjustments for translation. In this way, if the translation process reveals ambiguities in the English text, this can be remedied before the full English text is finalised. The glossary, after review and with entries from volume 2 added, will be available by end January 2009 and sent for translation into the remaining five official United Nations languages.

4. Task Force on Emission permits

The ISWGNA agreed with the proposal to establish a task force on emission permits. The OECD will provide a proposed work programme for the task force soon.

5. Research & development

The ISWGNA discussed whether the distinction in the 2008 SNA between when R&D should be classified as intermediate consumption and when as capital formation was sufficiently clear. They concluded that it was and hoped the proposed guidelines in the IPP handbook would be consistent with this.

6. 2008 SNA publication

UNSD proposed that both volumes of the 2008 SNA should be read by a third party for quality and consistency assurance. The ISWGNA concluded that both volumes have been sufficiently reviewed and do not need to be reviewed by a third party. Any editorial errors will be brought to the attention of the Editor.

The ISWGNA proposed that the 2008 SNA should be published and printed as one document rather than in two volumes. The project manager will bring this to the attention of the MG and ask their opinion.

7. NA side meetings for the UNSC

UNSD reported that there will be a meeting with the regional commissions of the United Nations on 21 February 2009 to discuss the implementation strategy of the 2008 SNA. The members of the ISWGNA are invited to attend this meeting.

8. Next meeting

The ISWGNA will meet on 19 and 20 February 2009 in New York.

9. To-do-List

Action	By when	Responsible	Status
Draft chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 to ISWGNA for review in 7 days	late Sep	Editor	Done
Posting of chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4	3 Oct	Editor/UNSD	Done
Conclusion of the world-wide review on Volume 2	31 October		Done
Summary of comments from world-wide review on chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 submitted to the Editor	7 Nov	ISWGNA	Done
Draft 2008 Implementation plan	7 Nov	UNSD/ ISWGNA	
ISWGNA meeting to discuss comments on chapters 21, 24, 28, 29 and AEG meeting	10/11 November	ISWGNA	Done
Prepare papers for AEG			Done
Prepare material for HLG			Done
AEG meeting	12-14 Nov		Done
HLG meeting	17-18 Nov		Done
Revised Volume 2 for submission to the UNSC in 2009 to ISWGNA for comments	Mid- December	Editor	Done
Revised volume 2 posted for global review by 15 February 2009	Late December		Done
Glossary of terms	31 January	Editor	
Summary of comments on the global review	18 February	ISWGNA	
Room document for the UNSC	23 February	Project Manager	

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