

**Minutes**  
**ISWGNA: Management Group**  
**21 November, 4 pm European time**

**1. Opening**

Martine welcomes all participants to the teleconference: Adelheid Bürgi-Schmelz (IMF), Shaida Badiie (World Bank), Ivo Havinga (UNSD), and Pieter Everaers (Eurostat). In addition, Herman Smith, Peter van de Ven and Nadim Ahmad attended the meeting.

**2. Programme of work of the ISWGNA and AEG for the period up to 2014**

All participants welcomed and appreciated the proposed work programme. The following points were raised:

- Ivo: No further comments.
- Adelheid: The time schedule for the stocktaking of training activities should preferably be brought in line with the completion of the UNSC-report.
- Shaida: The discussion on the results of the survey of the Friends of the Chair Group may lead to changes of the work programme. Also other issues may lead to changes. Therefore, the work programme should be considered as a live document, which may need to be updated regularly. Furthermore, clearer goals in relation to the implementation of the 2008 SNA should be included.
- Pieter: Agreed with the previous comments. Furthermore, he had some specific comments on among others paragraphs 4, 7, 22, 40 and 50.

It was agreed that all points raised will be included in an updated version of the work programme.

Action points:

- Pieter: To send specific suggestions for changing the text (done).
- OECD: To update the work programme, and to send the revised version to the members of the ISWGNA:MG and the ISWGNA:NA.
- OECD: To contact the ABS about the outcome of the FoC-survey on the barriers to the implementation of the 1993 SNA.

**3. Outcome on the recording of emission permits**

All participants agreed with the proposed text for the outcome on the recording of emission permits. As a follow-up, the UNSD will send the proposal as soon as possible for consultation to the UNSC (based on discussion after the meeting).

Action points:

- UNSD: To send the final proposal for consultation to the UNSC (as soon as possible).

#### **4. Report to the UN Statistical Commission**

The participants welcomed the first version of the report to the UNSC. It was agreed that all participants will send the organisation specific additions before 23 November c.o.b. Specific comments were also welcomed by that date. The report is to be finalised on 30 November, which leaves little time for a second round of comments.

##### Action points:

- All participants: To send organisation specific additions by 23 November c.o.b. at the latest (done, except Eurostat).
- UNSD: To send a redrafted and completed version to the ISWGNA (done).
- All participants: To approve the redrafted report, or to send remaining specific comments
- UNSD: To finalise the report (30 November c.o.b.).

#### **5. Advisory Expert group (AEG)**

- **Meeting in March 2012**
- **Composition of the AEG**

In relation to the proposed agenda of the AEG, all participants agreed, with the following additions: (i) inclusion of the recording of “stability fees”, at the request of the OECD, and (ii) slightly changing the text on agenda item V, to include the remark by Pieter on training material. All participants approved the organisation of a meeting of the AEG in the second week of March 2011, in New York.

In relation to the composition of the AEG, it was mentioned that two members have retired (Karen Wilson and Reimund Mink). As the institutional backing of the AEG-members was considered important, it was decided to find replacements for these two members, after sending a thank you letter to the persons concerned.

##### Action points:

- OECD/UNSD: To revise the agenda of the meeting of the AEG, in line with the comments made.
- UNSD: To organise the meeting of the AEG.
- OECD: To write an issues paper on stability fees (January 2012)
- UNSD: To draft a thank you letter for the outgoing AEG-members, to be sent by the chair of the ISWGNA.
- All participants: To propose names for the possible replacement of the outgoing members, before 4 December c.o.b.

#### **6. Any other business**

It was decided to have a physical meeting of the ISWGNA:MG in the margins of the next meeting of the UNSC in New York.

Pieter Everaers announced that he will be replaced by Laurs Norlund, as the representative of Eurostat in the ISWGNA:MG.