ICATUS 2012

Session 2: ICATUS and the classification of productive activities within the SNA production boundary (A. paid work activities)

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Overview

- How to classify time spent in “work” activities
  - For a proper capture of work activities within and outside SNA production boundary (paid and unpaid)
  - For meaningful and policy relevant time use statistics

- Work activities in ICATUS 2012 vs. ICATUS 2005
  - Differences and rational for proposal made

- Points for discussions/questions
Introduction

- ICATUS 1997 and 2005 constructed with the basic goal of improving measurement of all forms of work (paid and unpaid) using SNA as a framework.
  - ICATUS 2012 still based on SNA
    - in line with SNA 2008, and ISIC rev4
    - To identify working activities within SNA production
    - And allow accounting for non-SNA activities (unpaid work) for satellite accounts

- ICATUS 2012 is an “umbrella classification” only, for countries to convert into it at certain aggregation level:
  - Agree on building blocks at 3rd level (relevant for policy making, exhaustive and mutually exclusive)
# SNA productive activities in ICATUS 2012

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- Highlighting “hidden” type of work difficult to capture and distinguishing between paid work vs. domestic/caring/volunteering work (unpaid)
  - **ICATUS focuses on the household sector where a lot of economic work is not identified as such and is often classified under the unpaid activities**
  - The detailed “divisions” (12 to 15) are intended to better identify these types of work
  - On the other hand, work in “division” 11 is assumed to be more easily classified as economic work (paid)-regardless of where the respondent works
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- Previous meetings on ICATUS decided **not** to cover employment characteristics, such as informality of employment (to be gathered through individual background questionnaire and/or LFSs)
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ICATUS 2012 does not distinguish between formal/informal employment (nor informal/subsistence work)

BUT

It highlights differences between SNA/non-SNA work (paid/unpaid) to facilitate establishment of satellite accounts.
Summary of proposal for SNA productive activities in ICATUS 2012

- Only one major division on “work activities” (to avoid entering into SNA structure too quickly)

- Rename work in household sector (12 to 14) as “work in household unincorporated enterprises …”??

- Rename division 13 to “exclude construction”

- Looking for work regardless of which type of work

- Travel related to work activities regardless of which type of work

- Keep “work in corporations, government and NPI” as one division without additional “groups” (work activities already accounted for in SNA)

- Delete reference to “formal sector” in “division 11”?
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Contextual variables

- For whom
  - Built-in in the classification to identify the type of institutional unit and capture household production
    - 1. Corporations, government and NPI
    - 2. Household sector

- Paid/Unpaid
Questions?

- “Paid work”?  
  - Is there a better term? (so far proposed to differentiate it from “unpaid work”)  
  - What about “remunerated” vs. “non-remunerated”?  

- Are the changes introduced agreeable?