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ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE 5 JUNE, 2009

Participants

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UNSD: H. Smith, A. Becker (Minutes)
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1993 SNA Update Project: A. Harrison (Editor)

1. Tables of annex 2

The ISWGNA reviewed the final set of tables for annex 2 and agreed that it is ready to be incorporated in the SNA text.

2. Denmark's comments on chapter 28

The ISWGNA reiterated its position to review proposed changes to chapters only if they refer to errors or inconsistencies. UNSD, in consultation with the ISWGNA, will reply to Denmark on their comments.

3. Volume 1 of the 2008 SNA

The ISWGNA agreed to accept a number of changes proposed by the editor to paragraphs in Volume 1 to correct errors or inconsistencies.

4. Publication issues

UNSD reported that only the French version of the glossary is currently available. Eurostat reported that no inconsistencies in the English text of the glossary emerged from the translation. The Foreword is available in all six UN languages and will be ready for collection of signatures after copy preparation at the end of next week.

5. Research & development (R&D)

The ISWGNA reiterated its position on the treatment of R&D as gross fixed capital formation.

6. Emission permits

The OECD reported that the first meeting of the Task Force on Emission Permits will take place on 2 and 3 July 2009.

7. SNA News and Notes (SNA N&N)

UNSD reported that the draft for the May issue of the SNA N&N is currently being finalized and will be distributed to the ISWGNA for comments shortly.

8. Next teleconference

The next teleconference of the ISWGNA is scheduled for 17 June 2009 at 9 am EDT.