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Manuals, handbooks and Satellite accounts

Introduction

The ISWGNA continues its efforts to develop compilation guidance on national accounts and supporting statistics to strengthen the statistical capacity for compiling national accounts. This session will provide an overview of the progress on the manuals, handbooks and other guidance prepared by international/regional organizations as well as on the development of satellite accounts.

In fact, several handbooks are being developed on various satellite accounts, raising concerns about the negative impact of the proliferation of such accounts on the implementation of 2008 SNA. Priorities for the development of satellite accounts at the national level may differ, and therefore it would not be possible to prescribe international priorities. Nevertheless, a more consistent approach towards the development of satellite accounts relating to well-being and sustainability could be considered. Furthermore, it may be considered to develop more generic guidance on the main methodologies to compile satellite accounts, so that the burden of compiling them can be better shared with researchers and statisticians that would like to develop a satellite account for a certain area of interest.

A paper on: - Overview of manuals and handbooks - A Future Strategy for Compiling Satellite Accounts

Main issues to be discussed

The AEG is requested to provide guidance on the compilation of manuals, handbooks and satellite accounts