SNA research agenda

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List of issues

• To facilitate an overall prioritization of research issues related to the 2008 SNA, a single list of SNA research issues has been compiled, taking into consideration:
  • All issues from Annex IV of the 2008 SNA, and all other research issues identified by the AEG and other fora since the endorsement of the 2008 SNA.
  • The prioritization of three areas of research: globalization, digitalization, and well-being and sustainability.
  • The reflections of the AEG in its discussion of the research agenda during its meeting in November 2018, including the results from a questionnaire conducted among the members of the ISWGNA Task Force on the Research Agenda in October/November 2018.
  • The merging of issues in the initial list that were linked and/or overlapping.
  • The addition of two additional categories to accommodate cross cutting issues and compilation issues.
Research issues

• Priority issues
  • Globalization
  • Digitalization
  • Well-being and sustainability

• Cross cutting

• Compilation

• Long-term SNA research issues
### Categories

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Criteria for assessing priority

- Align with SNA principles or extending them.
- Inside or outside of 2008 SNA boundary.
- Relevance.
- User interest.
- Complexity.
- Impact across the accounts.
- Materiality / size
Globalization

1) A typology of global production arrangements
2) Factoryless goods producers and recording of their transactions
3) Merchanting
4) Special Purpose Entities and identifying economic presence and residency
5) Economic ownership of Intellectual Property Products (IPPs)
6) CIF/FOB recording of imports and exports
7) Price and volume measurement related to globalization
8) New data sources needed to measure global production
9) Nationality concept / Extension of IIP on a nationality basis
10) New methods to measure global production
11) Analysing global value chains and trade in value added amplifies the need of high-quality statistics on global production in national and international accounts statistics
Digitalization

12) Satellite framework for the digital economy.
13) Household production and consumption of digital products
14) Free digital products and services
15) The role of data and the SNA asset boundary
16) Price and volume measures related to digital products
17) Crypto assets
Economic wellbeing and sustainability

18) The broader framework for wellbeing and sustainability
19) Distribution of household income, consumption, saving and wealth
20) Education and human capital, labour and productivity
21) Health and social conditions
22) Valuation and delineation of natural resources
23) Accounting for depletion
24) Losses
25) Accounting for ecosystems
Cross cutting issues

26) The relationship of SNA and IASB
27) Statistical units
28) Trusts
29) Broadening the fixed asset boundary to include other intellectual property assets
30) Leases to use or exploit natural resources
31) Treatment of Private-Public Partnerships
Compilation issues

32) Harmonization of SNA and BOP
33) Islamic finance
34) Income from activities undertaken on an informal basis
Thank you