



SNA research agenda

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Advisory Expert Group
on national accounts

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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



Type	Priority	Impact			
		Core Accounts	Extended Tables	Supplementary Tables	Satellite Accounts
Conceptual and methodological issues	high				
	medium				
	low				
Implementation and measurement issues	high				
	medium				
	low				



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