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# Editorial process for the update of the 2008 SNA

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## Operational Framework

- **Composition**
- **Communication**
- **Overall coordination**

- ✓ Editorial Task Team (EDTT)
- ✓ Main Editor
- ✓ Subject matter editors
- ✓ Project Manager



## Tasks

- The EDTT will be led by an Editor and will follow an agreed set of principles determined in a process involving countries and ISWGNA.
- The Editor and the other members of the EDTT will ensure overall coherence and consistency with other major statistical standards and their updates.
- The Editor will also work closely with the project manager of the update of the SNA and the Editors and project managers of other standards

The process will not be a comprehensive redrafting of the 2008 SNA



- The 2008 SNA update process has a five-year timeline—split into two phases—expected to end in March 2025

## Timeline

- Phase I (until March 2022?)  
Review and edit the guidance notes
- Phase 2  
Draft the remaining recommendations in the updated SNA – Update from AEE component
- Final guidance notes + first *complete draft* of the updated SNA is sent to countries for comments (May.2024 - Oct.2024)
- Final complete updated SNA draft is presented to the Statistical Commission (March 2025)



## Main Editor's Tasks

- Preparation of the editorial process, coordination and work plan
- Participation in AEG and ISWGNA meetings
- Progress reporting for meetings
- Guidance notes and final recommendations (30?)
- Chapters and tables of SNA

## Considerations

- Neutrality
- Task related
- Time-frame

## Next steps

- A terms of reference for the editor and other editorial team members taking into consideration the principle of neutrality, and the need for reporting progress.
- The division of work between the editorial teams and subject matter task teams to minimize delays to the update process.
- The contractual and working arrangements for the editorial team.