

A broader SNA Framework on WellBeing and Sustainability

State of Play

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Outline

1 STATUS OF GUIDANCE NOTES

2 BROADER FRAMEWORK

Targeted for global consultation

- Distributions of household income, consumption, saving and wealth.
- Households' unpaid service work.
- Labour accounts, education and human capital.
- Health and social conditions
- Ownership and depletion of natural resources

1. STATUS OF GUIDANCE NOTES

The questions for global consultation basically come down to (a) whether the specific topic is of relevance to their country (low/medium/high); (b) whether they think that the guidance is feasible for their country (from 0-10), and (c) some questions related to specific topics covered in the guidance note.

The questions for global consultation have been discussed with the area leads, and most of the GNs are now available for global consultation.

1. STATUS OF GUIDANCE NOTES

- In progress:

- Emission permits
- Accounting for biological resources
- Provisions
- Valuation methods
- Renewable energy resources

- Under consideration:

- SEEA classifications
- Recording of losses
- Distinction between tax and service transaction

- Broader framework

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE

- **Distributions for the household sector**
Increased granularity within the central framework; slightly adapted alternative concepts and classifications to facilitate micro-macro linkages.
- **Households' unpaid service work**
Extended alternative concepts as a complement to traditional measures; new granularity in time units and demographics.
- **Health and social conditions**
Increased prominence of the health care sector, rethink of existing classifications and increased detail; minor conceptual adjustments; refinement of real measures.
- **Labour, education and human capital:**
New labour accounts in physical units, new detail on education and training, extended alternative human capital assets.
- **Ownership and depletion of natural resources**
Increased emphasis on new depletion-adjusted net measures, sectored according to SNA economic ownership principles.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF A BROADER FRAMEWORK (1)

Proposals from various GNs may have various implications:

- More granular **product breakdowns**, e.g. specific health care, education and environmental services
- More granular **industry breakdowns**, e.g. health care providers
- More granular **asset breakdowns**, e.g. health care related assets
- More granular **sector breakdowns**, e.g. distributional information
- Supplementary **non-monetary information**, e.g. hours worked, Co2 emissions
- Further breakdowns into **socio-demographic groups**, e.g. age group, gender, education status, employment status
- Extension of **production boundary**, e.g. unpaid household activities, ecosystem services
- Extension of **asset boundary**, e.g. consumer durables, natural resources
- Creation of **new tables**, e.g. full fledged labour accounts, tables on education and training, table on human capital, table on full time-use accounting

2. DEVELOPMENT OF A BROADER FRAMEWORK (2)

- **Important links between areas that need to be considered**
 - Health care and education may be provided in the form of unpaid household activities
 - Labour accounts and distributional information would benefit from extension to include unpaid household activities
 - Environmental-economic issues may affect health (care)
 - Changes in health (care) may affect human capital
 - All groups aim to have breakdowns by socio-demographic groups
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- **These links need to be considered in developing the broader framework: how to best combine all this information?**

2. MAIN CHALLENGES

- **How to align the various proposals?**
 - Alignment is needed where area groups propose similar types of breakdowns, e.g. socio-demographic groups
- **How to combine the various proposals in core tables?**
 - Combining all additional breakdowns would lead to very useful information, but is not considered feasible
 - Choices will need to be made what breakdowns to include in the core tables and what in supplementary tables
- **How to present information?**
 - Creating new indicators on well-being and sustainability combining different types of information

2. NEXT STEPS

Specifying and integrating outputs from individual domains

- Assessment of new classification breakdowns
 - More detailed information on proposed outputs and specific SNA impacts in discussion with task team leads
- Assessment of links between 5 subdomains
 - Discussion note drafted to identify links
- Working on visual diagram to summarize overall impacts
 - First draft is being discussed with task team leads
- Drafting proposal on how to combine this information in core and supplementary tables and define new indicators

At the same time, working on terms/language in relation to impacts

- *Core accounts/central framework*
- *Extended/alternative concepts*
- *Supplementary tables*

Thank you!

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