

Report on the Outcome of the Global Consultation on the Draft 2025 SNA

Chapter 38: Thematic and extended accounts

18 comments were received from 8 respondents.

Question 1 – Have the agreed recommendations been reflected appropriately?

No substantive issues were raised.

No additional issues requiring changes of the current text were raised.

Question 2 – Is the material in the chapter clear?

Two substantive issues were raised.

Issue 38.2.1: More clarity was requested on the distinction between thematic and extended accounts in particular why experimental methodologies seemed to only relate to extended accounts (para 38.10). Issue was raised by 1 respondent.

Proposed response: It is agreed that experimental methods may be applied in the case of both thematic and extended accounts, accepting that this may be less often the situation in thematic accounts where the accounts are limited to reorganizing data within the scope of the integrated framework of the SNA. It is proposed to move the text on experimental methodologies from 38.10 to paragraph 38.6.

Issue 38.2.2: Explanation is needed of the link between the SEEA accounts and thematic and extended accounts as described in section B. Since the SEEA constitutes a separate, complementary accounting system it is not clear that they should be considered as extended accounts as presented in para 38.13. This is also inconsistent the presentation of SEEA accounts in Chapters 2 and 35. Issue was raised by 3 respondents.

Proposed response: Paragraph 38.13 recognises that the SEEA describes a complementary system of accounts. However, since this paragraph is placed within the sub-section titled “extended accounts” this description of the SEEA may be missed. Thus it is proposed to add a new second sentence as follows “The SEEA describes a complementary system of accounts that includes both thematic and extended accounts as defined in this chapter.”

No additional issues requiring changes of the current text were raised.

Question 3 – Are there any errors in the chapter, or inconsistencies within this chapter or with other chapters?

No substantive issues were raised.

One minor additional issue was raised which is considered relevant for inclusion:

- Paragraph 38.4: It is proposed to remove labour accounts from the list of examples of thematic accounts since these are considered part of the integrated framework of national accounts.

Question 4 – Are there any other concerns?

No substantive issues were raised.

No additional issues requiring changes of the current text were raised.

**Disagreement with agreed recommendations for the update of the 2008 SNA –
provided for information only**

There were no recommendations regarding which five or more respondents disagreed.

**Substantive concerns with 2008 SNA text unaffected by agreed recommendations –
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There were no substantial concerns regarding the 2008 SNA text unaffected by agreed recommendations.