

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

### **2025 SNA Chapter 39 / BPM7 Chapter 18: Informal economy**

31 (25 SNA and 4 BPM) comments were received from 9 (8 SNA and 1 BPM) 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?**

One substantive issue was raised.

Issue 39(18).2.1: Request for upfront presentation, in paragraph 39.2, of relevant conceptual definitions – informal economy, non-observed economy, etc. Issue was raised by one respondent.

Proposed response: The approach taken in the chapter is to work through the many relationships between these overlapping concepts and hence an upfront delineation would be inappropriate. No addition proposed since this is precisely what the chapter achieves.

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

No substantive issues were raised.

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

#### **Question 4 – Are there any other concerns?**

Four substantive issues were raised.

Issue 39(18).4.1: Provision of compilation guidance and associated material. This issue was raised by three respondents.

Proposed response: A reasonable introduction to relevant data sources and references to compilation guidance have been provided in the chapter. While practical guidance will be provided in the BPM7 Compilation Guide, additional text would be beyond the role of the SNA.

Issue 39(18).4.2: Extension of discussion on the non-observed economy (NOE). This issue was raised by one respondent.

Proposed response: The latter sections of chapter 39 clearly explain that NOE is a compilation issue with a focus on ensuring exhaustiveness in the measurement of GDP in particular. There is a listing of relevant compilation guidance which is considered sufficient from the perspective of the content of the SNA. No change proposed.

Issue 39(18).4.3: Extension of discussion on dependent contractors with examples. This issue was raised by one respondent.

Proposed response: Although this may be a new category of employment, the chapter clearly articulates where dependent contractors fit in the overall set of informal and formal employment and points to discussion in chapter 16 on labour inputs and also the International Classification of Status in Employment as places for further elaboration. No changes proposed.

Issue 39(18).4.4: Proposal to build a wider accounting description between informal economy and the household sector. This issue was raised by one respondent.

Proposed response: While an interesting possibility, this would represent a considerable extension to the chapter that has a focus on the informal economy. No change proposed.

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

- In Figure 39.2, it is proposed to place the labels inside the circles and refer to the solid line circle as 'Not observed' and the dashed line circle as 'Observed'. This would allow for a clearer understanding that, while the NOE and the informal economy share common aspects, the non-common aspects are also relevant to measure and assess non-observed activities.

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

No respondents disagreed with the agreed recommendations for the update of the 2008 SNA/BPM6.

#### **Substantive concerns with 2008 SNA text unaffected by agreed recommendations – provided for information only**

There were no substantial concerns regarding the 2008 SNA text unaffected by agreed recommendations.