

Inter Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts Management Group Meeting

Monday, 7 March 2016, United Nations Head Quarters

Summary Record

Haishan Fu (Chair, World Bank) opened the meeting.

Present: Silke Stapel (Eurostat), Louis Marc Ducharme (IMF), Claudia Dziobek, (IMF), Martine Durand (OECD), Paul Schreyer (OECD), Ivo Havinga (UNSD), Herman Smith (UNSD), Benson Sim (UNSD), Grant Cameron (World Bank), and Barbro Hexeberg (World Bank).

1. Introduction of the ISWGNA report to the United Nations Statistical Commission

ISWGNA members discussed and agreed on the introduction of the ISWGNA report to the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC). The ISWGNA:MG acknowledged the excellent work done by the Secretariat.

2. Next AEG meeting, 13-15 April 2016, Paris

The ISWGNA:MG agreed with the annotated agenda and issues for discussion and noted the need to standardize the terminologies to describe various aspects of the Internet economy.

Given the countries were still in the process of moving to the 2008 SNA, the ISWGNA:MG emphasized that the AEG meeting should make clear that the focus of the SNA research agenda is on issues related to the implementation of the SNA.

3. AEG membership

The ISWGNA:MG requested the ISWGNA to actively work to identify suitable candidates for the three AEG vacancies. SDMX data sharing programme

The ISWGNA:MG took note of the advances and progress in the SMDX-data sharing program.

4. Handover of chair of ISWGNA

The ISWGNA:MG noted that the World Bank will hand over the chair of the ISWGNA to the IMF at the end of the 47th session of the UNSC and that the IMF would chair the ISWGNA for a period of two years until March 2018.