

ISWGNA Meeting (Teleconference)
26 February 2019
Minutes

Participants: John Verrinder (Chair) and Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat); Jorrit Zwijnenburg and John Mitchell (OECD); Barbro Hexeberg and Eric Métreau (World Bank); Claudia Dziobek, Thomas Alexander, Jennifer Ribarsky and Margarida Martins (IMF); and Herman Smith, Benson Sim and Jonathan Gessendorfer (UNSD).

1. ISWGNA:MG meeting on 4 March 2019

The next ISWGNA Management Group meeting will be held in New York on 4 March 2019 at 6:15 p.m. The agenda will cover potential updates to the System of National Accounts and matters related to the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts.

2. United Nations Statistical Commission side event on the Development of the System of National Accounts

The side event is scheduled to take place on 6 March 2019 from 8.15-9.30 a.m. and will feature presentations on the SNA research agenda, exchange and sharing of economic data, and SNA capacity building. It was proposed that some country representatives could be invited to provide oral feedback in response to the presentations.

3. Finalization of subgroup co-chairs and secretariat functions

Practical arrangements for establishing three dedicated subgroups to develop workstreams for the priority areas were further discussed, including the preparation of Terms of Reference. It is expected that the subgroups are co-chaired by members of the AEG and include members of the research agenda task force and relevant experts from other statistical domains. Members of the ISWGNA will take on the role of secretariat for the subgroups.

4. Level of detail in minutes of AEG meetings

The ISWGNA discussed a suggestion to provide a more detailed summary of the minutes of AEG meetings in addition to the outcomes and decisions. It was agreed that the current format of the AEG meeting minutes should be retained as the objective of the minutes is to communicate decisions which were made during AEG meetings. Also, it may not be useful for the AEG minutes to reflect discussions on those ongoing issues for which no decisions have been made yet. In accordance with the update procedure, decisions on research issues are published in the SNA News and Notes. The ISWGNA will look at potential technological alternatives that could bring more information to interested parties.

5. Any other business

UNSD informed the ISWGNA on the progress of the AEG consultation on recording of crypto assets in the national accounts.

6. Next ISWGNA meeting

The date of the next meeting will be decided in due course.