

Meeting of the ISWGNA and Task Team leads

06 September 2023, 7:00 – 8:10 EDT

Minutes

Participants

Sarah Barahona, Chair, Jorrit Zwijnenburg and Bram Edens (OECD); John Verrinder (Eurostat); Herman Smith (UNSD); Catherine Van Rompay (World Bank); Erich Strassner and Michael Stanger (IMF); Celestino Giron (ECB); Sanjiv Mahajan (UK); Michael Connolly (Ireland); Pete Harper (Project manager); Peter Van De Ven (Lead editor); Tihomira Dimova and Rami Peltola (ECE).

1. Status of progress of the SNA update project

- 1.1. Noted the report by the Project Manager which covered the a) status of the last outstanding guidance notes and action items; b) consolidated list of recommendations; c) progress on drafting the chapters of the 2025 SNA; d) glossary; and e) status of early implementation and outreach. The report is available at: [Progress reports](#).
- 1.2. Appreciated the successful webinar, organised by the Project Manager, Lead Editor, and UNSD, focusing on the consolidated list of recommendations. The material for the webinar is available at: [Webinar](#).
- 1.3. Noted that: a) the first meeting of the Expert group on natural capital will be on 10-11 October 2023; b) issues notes on household production of energy and sustainable finance will be presented to the AEG at its October 2023 meeting; c) there is some flexibility for the finalization of the glossary to address some issues still under investigation; d) Eurostat and UNSD will discuss collaboration about the translation of the glossary of terms into other languages; and e) the establishment of the task team on data is progressing well with possibly too many countries volunteering than what is required.
- 1.4. Emphasised the need for establishing the appropriate branding and mechanisms for the approval of the SNA implementation manuals and handbooks and welcomed the offer by the Project Manager to draft a proposal for consideration by the ISWGNA and AEG.

2. Agenda and administrative arrangements for the October 2023 AEG meeting

- 2.1. Acknowledged the preliminary list of agenda items proposed by the Project Manager and recognized that additional subjects could be considered including a) 2025 SNA Research agenda; b) update on the implementation of ISIC and CPC; and c) approval process and branding of manuals and handbooks.
- 2.2. Requested participants to share in writing other topics deemed relevant for the October 2023 meeting.
- 2.3. Noted the update regarding the status of participants invitation and requested UNSD to provide a breakdown list of participants specifying those attending in person and those participating online.

3. Other matters

i. Next ISWGNA and Task Teams leads meeting

3.1. Agreed to schedule the next meeting on Wednesday 4 October 2023, 7:00 EDT.

ii. AEG Membership

3.2. Noted that a) UNSD is inquiring about possible candidates to replace for Ms. Carol Coy, who retired this year; and b) an AEG Member from China may participate in the October 2023 meeting in Paris.