

Meeting of the ISWGNA
08 February 2024, 07:00-09:00 EST
Minutes

Participants (16)

Sarah Barahona (Chair), Bram Edens, and Jorrit Zwijnenburg (OECD); Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat); Herman Smith, Hernan Hernandez and Edem Kludza (UNSD); Catherine Van Rompaey, Kathryn Young, and Eric Roland Metreau (World Bank); Michael Stanger and Jennifer Ribarsky (IMF); Rami Peltola and Tihomira Dimova (ECE), Pete Harper (Project Manager); and Peter Van De Ven (Lead editor).

1. Status of progress of the SNA update project

- 1.1. Noted the report by the Project Manager which covered the a) outstanding issues; b) UNSC meeting preparation; and c) progress with drafting chapters. The report is available at: [Progress reports](#).
- 1.2. Noted that the review of track changes chapters will be restricted to key stakeholders, IMF and AEG and that these chapters will be subject to global consultation as part of the comprehensive consultation on the full draft 2025 SNA.

2. Preparations for the UNSC, following up on the ISWGNA outreach

Documents: Draft introduction of the ISWGNA report

- 2.1. Welcomed the draft introduction to the ISWGNA report prepared by UNSD and acknowledged that text may be modified in light of the ongoing discussions about concerns with some of the proposed recommendations.
- 2.2. Requested to add a reference to the coordinated approach with the BPM6 update and to emphasize that the proposed changes to the 2008 SNA were agreed upon after a broad and transparent process and that final decisions were taken based on the view of the majority.
- 2.3. Clarified that countries that are approached regarding their potential positioning on the proposed changes at the UNSC should, in addition to their usual general statement, mention their support to specific recommendations that are relevant to their economy.
- 2.4. Noted the report from the first contact meetings with these selected countries and requested Members to get in touch with the rest of countries.

3. AEG meeting preparations

- 3.1. Noted that Bert Kroese (BOPCOM) will chair the upcoming joint AEG BOPCOM meeting and Stefan Schweinfest (ISWGNA) will open the meeting.

4. Other matters

i. New member

Welcomed Kathryn Young, World Bank, who is contributing to the 2008 SNA update project and other ISWGNA activities.

ii. Draft proposal for next year's ISI conference

Supported the draft proposal for the next ISI conference.

iii. Side event of UN Network of Economic Statisticians

Noted that IMF and Eurostat will attend the side event on Improving the coordination of the updates and research agendas for international statistical standards.

iv. Next ISWGNA meeting

Took note that the next meeting will be held online on 7 March 2024.

v. Conference of European Chief Statisticians in June 2024

Noted the update by ECE that the Conference of European Chief Statisticians will be held in June 2024 and that the implementation of the 2025 SNA would be on the agenda as part of emerging topics.