

ISWGNA Meeting (Teleconference)

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Minutes

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1. Report of the ISWGNA to the United Nations Statistics Commission

The report of the ISWGNA to the United Nations Statistics Commission (UNSC) is almost finalized. All members of the ISWGNA provided comments on the latest draft. The report will be circulated for the ISWGNA:MG later in the day for a last round of comments prior to formal submission to the UNSC on 12 December 2016.

2. ISWGNA Side event at the United Nations Statistics Commission

The ISWGNA discussed the side event during the UNSC on the broad topic of globalization and the challenges for national accounts. The group agreed that the side event will have a main speaker (possibly from a national statistical agency) followed by a panel discussion composed of the ISWGNA organizations. The aim is to have the side event as a lunchtime seminar either on Monday, 6 March 2017 or on Tuesday, 7 March 2017. IMF will provide a revised proposal for the event. UNSD will follow up with the arrangements for the event.

3. AEG

The proposed date for the 11th Meeting of the AEG is 5-7 December 2017 in New York.

4. Task Force on Statistical Units

The OECD circulated an invitation letter for the Task Force on Statistical Units, including a slightly revised Terms of Reference of the Task Force, to the ISWGNA for comments. UNSD, as secretariat of the ISWGNA, will send out the invitation as soon as all comments are addressed.

5. ISWGNA:MG meeting

The next ISWGNA:MG meeting will take place during the UNSC. UNSD will make suggestions for the day and the time of the meeting.

6. The next ISWGNA meeting

The next ISWGNA meeting will be on 19 January 2017.