

**TT leads and ISWGNA meeting
12 January 2022**

Minutes

Participants:

Herman Smith (Chair), Jonathan Gessendorfer, Pedro Farinas (UNSD), John Verrinder, Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat), Jim Tebrake, Paul Austin (IMF), Sarah Barahona, Jorrit Zwijnenburg, John Mitchell (OECD), Catherine van Rompaey, Eric Metreau, Jose Pablo Valdes Martinez (World Bank), Tihomira Dimova, Rami Peltola (UN ECE), Amina Khasib (State of Palestine), Sanjiv Mahajan (UK), Erich Strassner (USA), Michael Connolly (Ireland), Peter van de Ven (Lead editor), and Peter Harper (Project manager).

1. Welcomed Peter Harper as Project manager and Peter van de Ven as Lead editor for the update of the 2008 SNA.

I. Status of progress with the SNA update project

2. Noted that 7 guidance notes are expected to be circulated in the next two weeks for AEG review to approve them for global consultation; that 8 guidance notes are currently circulated for global consultation; and that all these guidance notes are expected to be discussed at the AEG meeting in March 2022.

3. Agreed that some adjustments to the guidance note tracking tool and progress report are necessary to better facilitate the project management and editorial tasks in the next phase of the update project.

4. Agreed that UNSD and the project manager should work on revising the tracking tool and follow up with the SNA and BPM TT leads and secretariats to update the data in the new version of the tracking tool.

5. Requested UNSD to establish a central repository of the latest, publicly available versions of guidance notes.

II. Consistency between guidance notes and ISIC and CPC revisions

6. Noted that there are classification issues identified in some guidance notes that should be addressed in the update of the ISIC and CPC; and agreed that the task teams should review all other guidance notes for classification issues to make sure that all relevant issues are properly addressed in the ISIC and CPC revision.

7. Noted that the global consultation on the new structure up to the 3-digit level of the ISIC will be launched in the next few days and that further consultation on the 4-digit level ISIC will be conducted during 2022; that a global consultation on issues to address in view of the CPC revision is ongoing; and agreed that Eurostat and UNSD should prepare coordinated responses to

the global consultations on the ISIC and CPC revision, with input from the TT leads and secretaries and in consultation with the AEG.

8. Noted that the deadline for the global consultation on the ISIC revision will be the 18 February while the deadline for the global consultation on the CPC revision is 11 February.

III. Report by the Lead editor

9. Welcomed the proposed note by the Lead editor to set out the changes required for the update of the 2008 SNA; noted that it would be a living document during the update project; and agreed that the note should be discussed at the AEG meeting in March.

10. Noted the aim to have a transparent editorial process to ensure everybody knows what changes were introduced in the 2008 SNA; and that the modalities of the common authoring platform and digital SNA need to be resolved.

IV. Report by the Project Manager

11. Noted that the project manager will follow up with all the task teams and other expert groups to facilitate coordination between the various groups, consistency between the guidance notes, and experimental estimates and early implementation of the recommendations.

V. Any other business

12. Appreciated the contributions, received so far, to the background document to the report of the ISWGNA to the Statistical Commission.

13. Noted that the ISWGNA topic Beyond GDP for the 2022 Statistical Commission side event has also been proposed by other entities and that this may require collaboration to ensure duplication is avoided.

14. Noted the proposed global forum, with the focus on the SNA update, proposed by the Network of Economic Statistics for late 2022 and requested Eurostat and UNSD to follow up on this issue.