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ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Participants

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1 Material for the Management Group

The Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts, National Accountants (ISWGNA: NA) agreed on a draft supplement on issue 16 (Government and non-market producers: cost of capital of own assets). This supplement, to go with the SWGNA report to the Statistical Commission, will go to the Management Group for their consideration.

2 Testing our classification of comments with the template workbook on Chapter 9

The ISWGNA discussed the categorization of comments on chapter 9 (The use of income accounts) and agreed on the comments that should be taken to the AEG.

Concerning comments made on text from the 1993 SNA that were unaffected by the 44 issues or accepted clarifications, it was agreed that it was the responsibility of the Editor to determine which ones should be addressed, but in doing so, she should only address those where there was a strong case for making changes.

The Project Manager informed the meeting that UNSD would set up the templates for summarizing comments on the remaining chapters. Each organization will look at the assigned chapters and indicate which comments should be discussed by the ISWGNA and which taken to the AEG. The organizations will translate the comments that are not in English.

The steps will be the following: (1) UNSD prepares the template and sends it to the respective organization; (2) One organization cuts and pastes all comments that are not minor editorial into the template; (3) Each organization enter their categorization into their respective column and pass it on to the Editor and to the ISWGNA; (4) The Editor reviews the categorization across organizations; (5) The assigned organization prepares a paper that presents the comments that will be taken to the AEG; (6) The Editor will integrate the comments if they are related to a chapter and will add points to the snag list.

3 Other business

Email on insurance

The ISWGNA agreed to look at the email from the Editor on insurance, which seeks clarification on the draft chapter and some questions to the AEG, and send their views on these documents by cob Tuesday February 13.

Research agenda

The ISWGNA discussed the items included in the research agenda and each organization volunteered to prepare the notes on selected topics. The ISWGNA also agreed to coordinate the research agenda with that of the BPM6 and come up with a unified list. The research agenda will be sent to the IMF BOP Division for review.

Distribution of chapters

The Project Manager informed the meeting that the final allocation of chapters to the ISWGNA organizations for summarizing comments would be next week.

4 Next teleconference

The meeting decided to have its next teleconference on February 20 at 9:30 am Eastern American time.

5 To-do list

Action	By when	Responsible	Status
Revise note on own funds and reinvested earnings	In due course	Editor	In progress
Views on email on insurance	February 13	All	
Coordinate research agenda with IMF BOP Division	In due course	IMF	
Categorization of comments on assigned chapters	February 23	All	
Cover notes to chapters	March 5	All	