

**Workshop on the implementation of the 2008 SNA
in the EECCA and SEE countries**

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Agenda item 7c - Developing implementation plans for 2008 SNA

This document include a set of questions for the group work in session 7 on the development of implementation plans for the 2008 SNA, and a 2008 SNA implementation table that includes the main stages and components to be taken into account in the implementation plan.

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate the discussion in the groups and ensure that important issues are addressed. The questions also link to the main stages and components of the implementation table.

The implementation table includes the following main stages and milestones:

The main stages and milestones of the implementation plan

STAGE 1:	Review of national or regional statistical strategic papers to include there the 2008 SNA implementation
STAGE 2:	Review of work needed to support implementation of the 2008 SNA
STAGE 3:	Development of National Accounts and changeover to the 2008
	Milestone 1. Basic indicators of GDP
	Milestone 2. GNI and other primary indicators
	Milestone 3. Institutional sector accounts: first step
	Milestone 4. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 1
	Milestone 5. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 2
	Milestone 6. Institutional sector accounts: final step

The table aims to help countries in the development of an implementation plan. Stage 3 includes all milestones for the full implementation of the 2008 SNA. However, not all Milestones may be reflected in the implementation plan in the short or medium term, depending on the current development of the national accounts.

Participants should familiarize with the implementation table before and during the workshop, and complete the table where this is possible.

UNECE will use the completed tables from countries for planning of further activities to support the implementation of the 2008 SNA.

Questions for group work in session 7:

Implementation of the 2008 SNA

1. Stage 1 in the implementation plan: What are the most urgent and important issues, and the main obstacles? What timeframe do you propose for the activities in stage 1? Are there issues not covered in the table that should be included? (for more information see Section IV of Working Paper 3).
2. Stage 2 in the implementation plan: What are the most urgent and important issues? Which source data need to be assessed to attain the required scope and detail of the national accounts and supporting statistics? Will the statistical production process need to be adapted? What timeframe do you propose for the activities in stage 2? Are there issues not covered in the table that should be included?
3. Stage 3 in the implementation plan: Taking into account national policy needs and international or regional statistical requirements:
 - a. which national accounts and short term economic indicators do you consider most relevant for your country (including priorities and level of details)?
 - b. In addition to GDP, are there other NA aggregates and accounts which would serve the national and regional economic policy needs?
 - c. How do you prioritize between improvements of existing indicators and implementation of the integrated system of accounts - how to strike the right balance?
 - d. What timeframe do you propose for the separate components of stage 3?

Capacity building needs and monitoring of progress

4. What are your suggestions for technical assistance for the implementation of the 2008 SNA, and how do you see its coordination on national and regional levels?
5. What mechanisms for monitoring and coordination of the implementation programme at the regional level do you propose (see Working paper 3 Section IV)? What indicators of achievement and mechanisms for monitoring the implementation of the 2008 SNA do you propose?
6. What are your views on the tools for developing a national implementation programme presented at this workshop? What other tools do you think may be useful?

Table 1. The 2008 SNA Implementation Plan Components

		Status ¹	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
1	STAGE 1 - Review of national or regional statistical strategic papers to include there the 2008 SNA implementation				
a	Identification of main outstanding issues with SNA 1993.				
b	Understanding the main changes in 2008 SNA compared to SNA 1993 and their importance for the country.				
c	Identification of the main institutions involved in collecting and producing relevant data for the SNA and establishment of institutional agreements for 2008 SNA implementation				
d	Prioritization for 2008 SNA, based on user needs and resources.				
e	Inclusion of the implementation of the 2008 SNA in the overall strategic plan of the statistical office				
f	Adoption of detailed implementation plan for 2008 SNA in short, medium and/or long-term period.				
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2	STAGE 2 - Review of work needed to support implementation of the 2008 SNA				
a	a. Adoption of new classifications and other improvements in business registers and business statistics				
b	b. Changes in business statistics surveys and questionnaires to collect the necessary source data				
c	c. Adaptation of administrative data sources to new requirements				
d	d. IT and other changes				
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¹ Not available yet, discussed, planned, on-going, finished, etc.

		Status ¹	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
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3	STAGE 3 - Development of National Accounts and changeover to the 2008 SNA				
a	Milestone 1. Basic indicators of GDP				
	Data categories				
	Outstanding issues from SNA 1993				
	i.				
	ii.				
	iii.				
	iv.				
	v.				
	vi.				
	New issues arising from the 2008 SNA²				
	vii.				
	viii.				
	ix.				
	x.				
	xi.				
	...				
b	Milestone 2. GNI and other primary indicators				
	Data categories				
	For rest of the world – external accounts of primary income and current transfers, capital and financial accounts (BPM 6)				
	...				
c	Milestone 3. Institutional sector				

² See details on new 2008 SNA elements affecting GDP in Table 3 of Annex to Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts. The priorities may be decided by each country depending on issues like resources, data sources and level of influence on GDP.

		Status ¹	Activities and problems	Need for TA, training, guidelines	Planned timeframe
	accounts: first step				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Production account				
	For general government – Generation of income, Allocation of primary income, Secondary distribution of income, Use of disposable income, Capital and Financial accounts				
	...				
d	Milestone 4. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 1				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Generation of income, Allocation of primary income, Secondary distribution of income, Use of disposable income, Capital accounts				
	...				
e	Milestone 5. Institutional sector accounts: intermediate step 2				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Financial account				
	...				
f	Milestone 6. Institutional sector accounts: final step				
	Data categories				
	For all institutional sectors – Other changes in assets account, Balance sheets				
	...				