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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS FRAMEWORK & SUPPORTING STATISTICS



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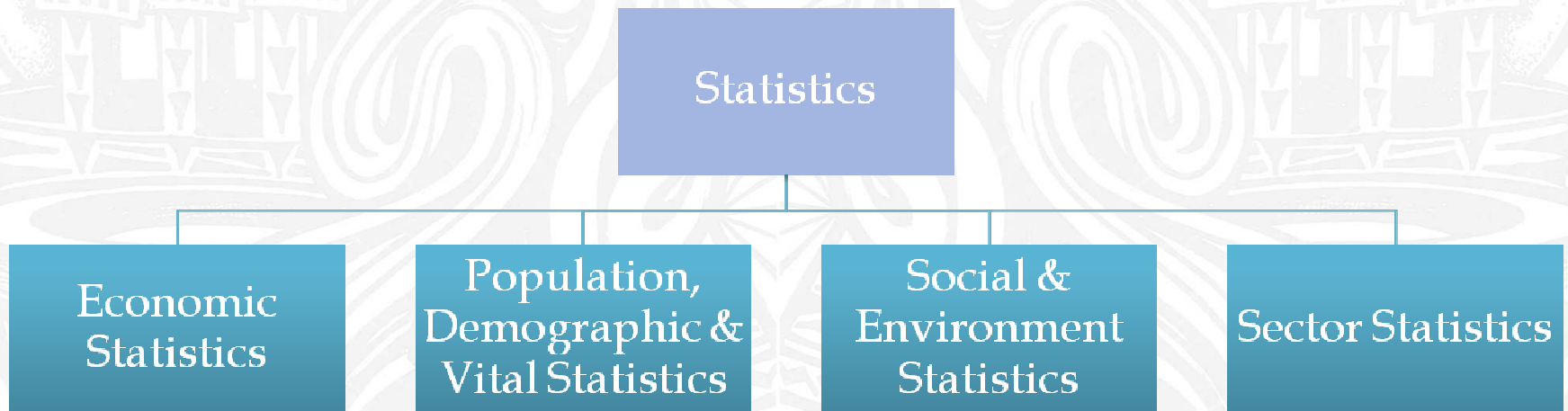
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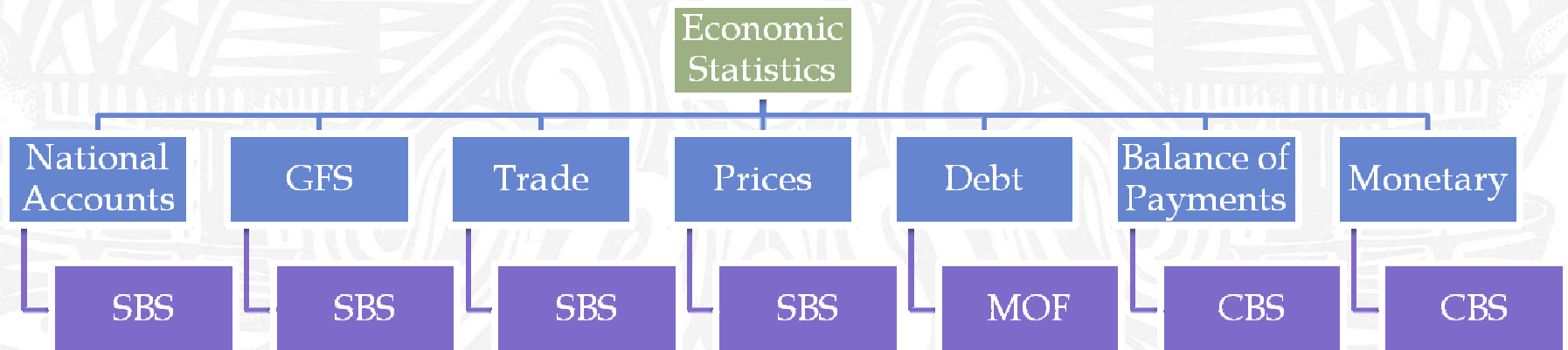
SSDS: STRUCTURE





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DATA PRODUCERS





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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS COMPILATION

- **NO to full set of accounts – SNA 93/08**
- **Production Accounts only**
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is compiled using an industry value added approach**

$$\text{Value added} = \text{Output} - \text{Intermediate input}$$

- **GDP is compiled on a quarterly basis in Current and Constant market prices.**
- **3 months after the quarter**
- **GDP series started in 1994 to date**
- **GDP Expenditure - experimental**
- **GDDS**



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DATA SOURCES

Census & Surveys:

- Business Activity Survey
- Household Income & Expenditure
- Agriculture Census
- Population Census
- Market Survey

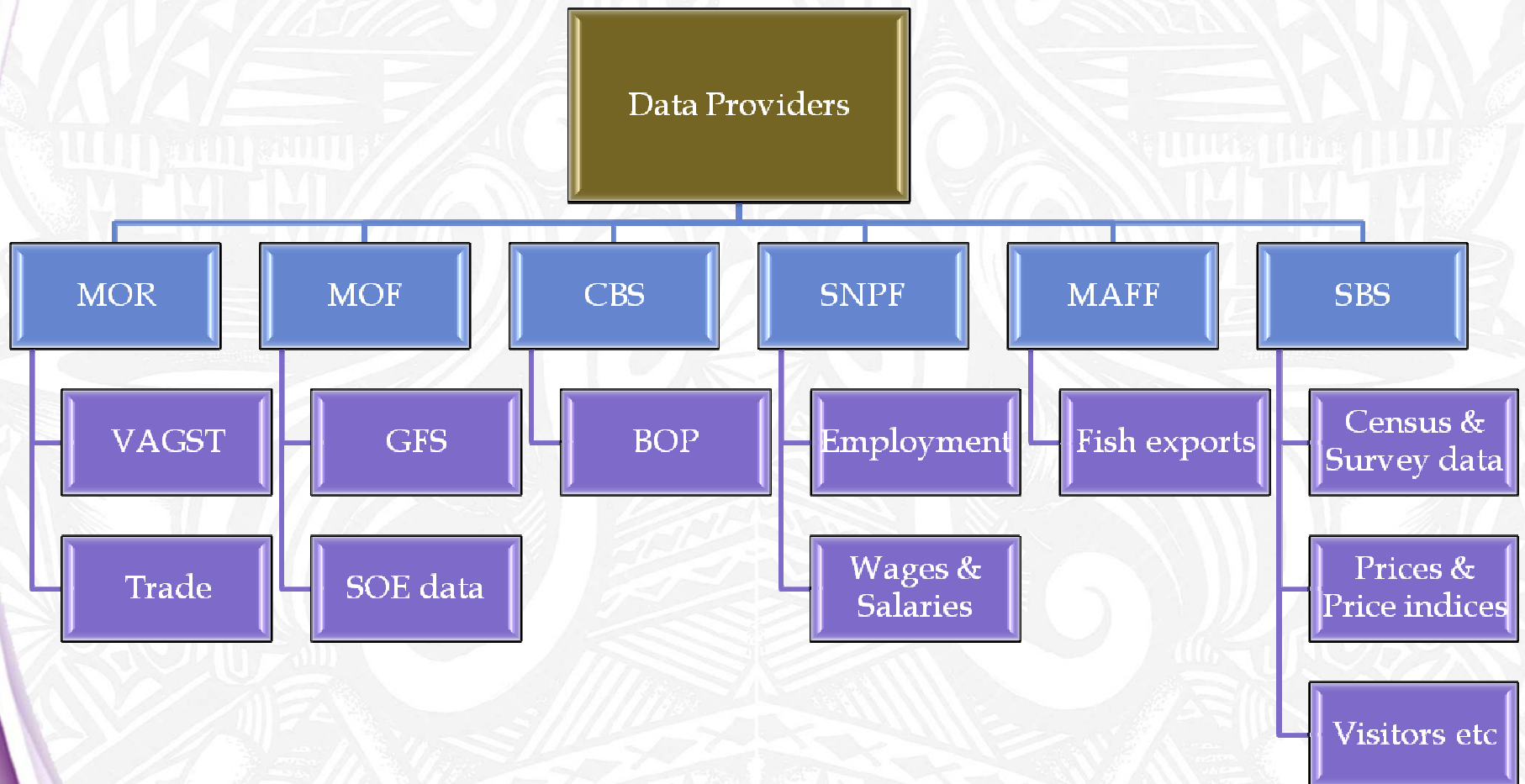
Administrative Records:

- VAGST
- Employment and Wage data
- Government Finance data
- Remittances
- Trade data
- Prices
- Visitor Arrivals
- Industrial Production Index
- Energy data



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Institutional Arrangements





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ISSUES

- Limited data and lack of commitment from respondents
- Insufficient co-ordination amongst producers, providers & users
- Need for SBS to be more pro-active in co-ordination
- Limited awareness of statistics in many stakeholders
- Limited statistics advocacy by SBS
- Lack of commitment from stakeholders to share information
- Need for building SBS human resource capacity
- Poor timeliness of information releases
- High costs of data collection
- Limited training opportunities in the region



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WAY FORWARD

National Accounts and other economic statistics could be improved through a co-ordinated effort put in by users, data providers and producers of statistics;

- Samoa Strategy for the Development of Statistics
2011 – 2021 implementation



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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- HIES 2008 completed, HIES 2013 ongoing
- Agriculture Census 2009 results published
- Population Census results published
- CPI rebase - 2010
- GFS codes integrated in the Govt Financial System
- GFS using the GFSM 2001 published
- ISIC integrated in the SNPF financial system
- Government Debt Statistics published
- Import Price Index published
- GDP rebase completed by the end of this year
- More and more to come



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NA DEVELOPMENTS

GDP Rebasing provides the opportunity to:

- Refine and improve methodology
- Review scope and coverage
- Review processes and procedures
- Incorporate new benchmark information
- Review and incorporate new classification
- Incorporate new measures and structural changes
- Incorporate new and improved data sources
- Strengthen institutional arrangements
- Introduce new measures



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