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# **Developing a short-term statistics implementation programme**

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# Integrating framework for short-term statistics

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- Policy makers and other stakeholders require a consistent and coherent understanding of the short-term performance of the economy
- This implies the need for timely, consistent and coherent statistics to
  - Monitor progress
  - Evaluate whether policy goals are being achieved
  - Formulate and implement appropriate monetary and fiscal policies to respond to changes in the economy



# Integrating framework for short-term statistics

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- To achieve this implies the need for a statistical framework that can organize, integrate and reconcile most of the short-term statistics
- The statistical framework also needs to provide data of sufficient scope, detail, quality and timeliness



# Integrating framework for short-term statistics

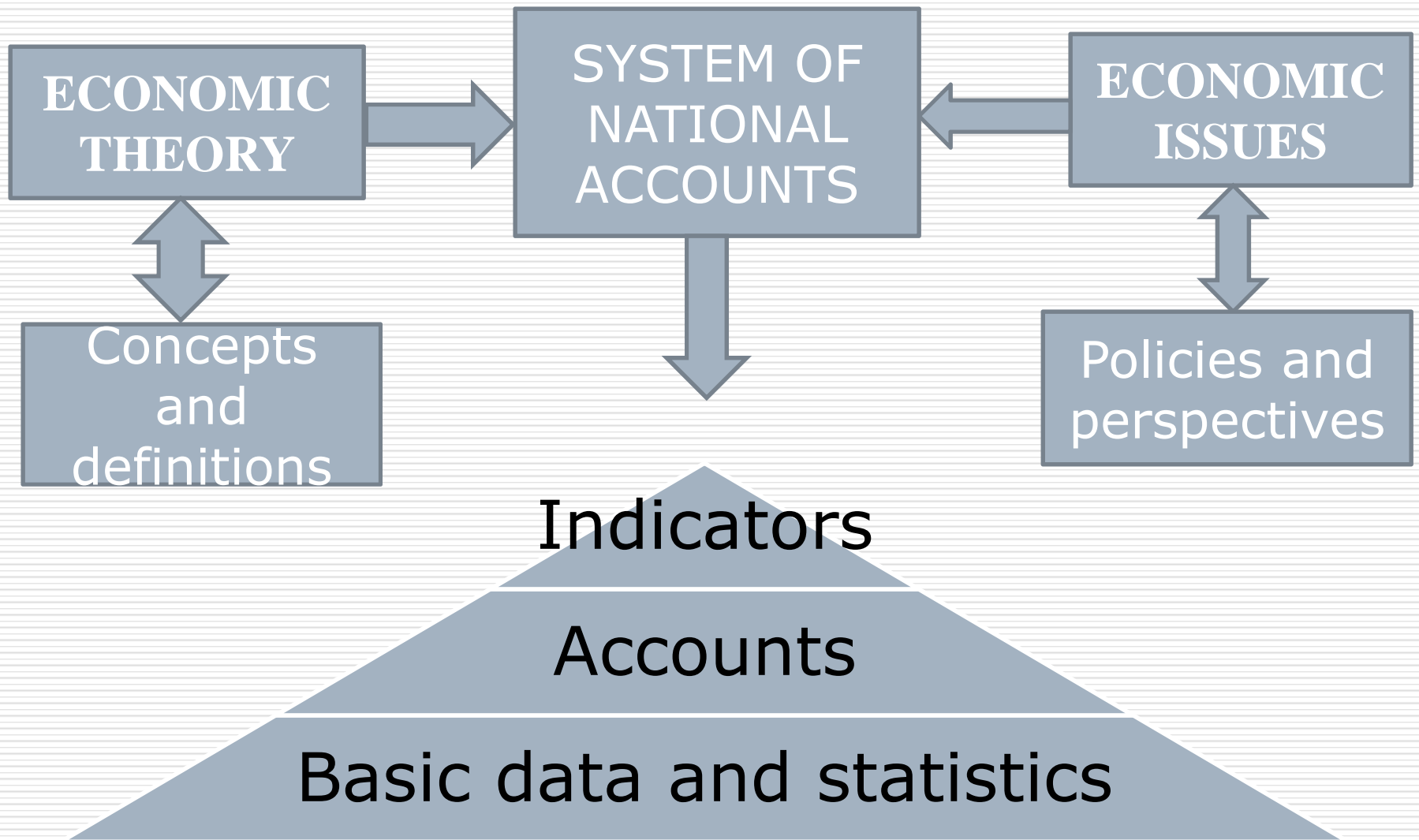
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- The System of National Accounts (SNA) ensures that the compilation of short-term statistics is conceptually consistent with economic theory
  - Ensures consistency of concepts, definitions and classifications used in different but related fields of short-term statistics
  - Serves as accounting framework to ensure numerical consistency of data from various sources
- Consequently, the SNA provides an overarching integrating framework for compiling short-term statistics to facilitate economic analysis and policy formulation
- Latest version is the 2008 SNA



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## Principles

- The success and sustainability of an implementation programme for short-term statistics depends on the following principles:
  - Strategic planning
  - Coordination, monitoring and reporting
  - Improving statistical systems



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## Elements to operationalize the principles

- Strategic planning framework: National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) as the strategic planning framework and statement of strategy
- Information structure: Facilitates co-ordination, monitoring and reporting on status of compilation of short-term statistics
- Modalities: Centralized data hub, modernization of the national statistical system using an integrated statistics approach





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## What do countries need to do?

- Identify the policy needs to determine what short-term statistics to produce
- Assess the adequacy of the statistical production process to provide the required data for the compilation of the short-term statistics
- Identify the required actions for implementation
- Develop a statement of strategy



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## Statement of strategy

- Is a strategic planning framework to develop a short-term statistics programme to meet policy needs
- Is a set of actions to accomplish statistical and institutional goals for the sustainable improvement of the short-term statistics programmes



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## Statement of strategy takes into account

- Policy documents, NSDS, etc.
- Regional strategic frameworks for statistical capacity building
- Regulatory and institutional framework
- Statistical infrastructure
- Statistical operations



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## Statement of strategy required actions

- **Regulatory and institutional framework** – strengthen the functioning of national statistical system, its programming, management and performance



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## Statement of strategy required actions

- **Statistical infrastructure** – strengthen the use of
  - Standards: 2008 SNA, Balance of Payments Manual 6 (BPM 6), Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFSM 2014), Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual and Compilation Guide (MFSMCG)
  - Classifications: International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 4 (ISIC Rev 4)
  - International recommendations: International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics 2008, International Recommendations for Distributive Trade Statistics 2008, Handbooks on Economic Tendency Surveys, Cyclical Composite Indicators, Rapid Estimates, Data Template and Metadata for Short-Term Statistics, Residential Property Price Indices, ...
  - Registers and frames: Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers



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## Statement of strategy required actions

- **Statistical operations** – strengthen data collection, compilation, dissemination and analysis based on
  - International standards
  - Classifications
  - International recommendations and best practices



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## Tools to develop statement of strategy

- Statistical system information – Country fact sheet
- Self assessment questionnaire to assess the adequacy of the statistical production process to compile the short-term statistics



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## Tools to develop statement of strategy – country fact sheet

- A country fact sheet to facilitate the assessment and assist in developing the statement of strategy
- Allows for collating information available at the national level and at various international organizations on the national statistical system
  - Overview of the national policy priorities and national plans
  - Overview of policy and statistical initiatives of international and regional organizations into a single framework





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## Tools to develop statement of strategy – self assessment questionnaire

- Countries can use the self assessment questionnaire to evaluate the adequacy of the institutional arrangements and statistical production process to produce short-term statistics
- Helps to assess the gap between where you are now and where you want to be



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## Statement of strategy consolidation

- Goals – as determined by international recommendations and policy needs – compliance
- Requirements to meet goals – administrative and survey resources
- Current status – present practices
- Data gaps – issues to be addressed
- Actions – to remedy the shortcomings



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## Action plan

- Indicates the interventions to be carried out with a timetable to mitigate data gaps
- Provides an information structure for monitoring and evaluating the status of the compilation of short-term statistics
- Needs to be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and be executed in a particular Time scale
- Each of the required actions needs to include key features and key deliverables



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- Scope of programme goes beyond the production of short-term statistics to also cover the statistical production process of basic statistics and to aspects of the institutional environment
- It is, thus, based on an integrated statistics approach which
  - Produces statistics that present a consistent and coherent picture of economic activities for policy, business and other analytical uses
  - Uses common concepts, definitions, estimation methods and data sources for statistical reconciliation
  - Moves away from a narrow stove-pipe statistical production model to cross-functional holistic model



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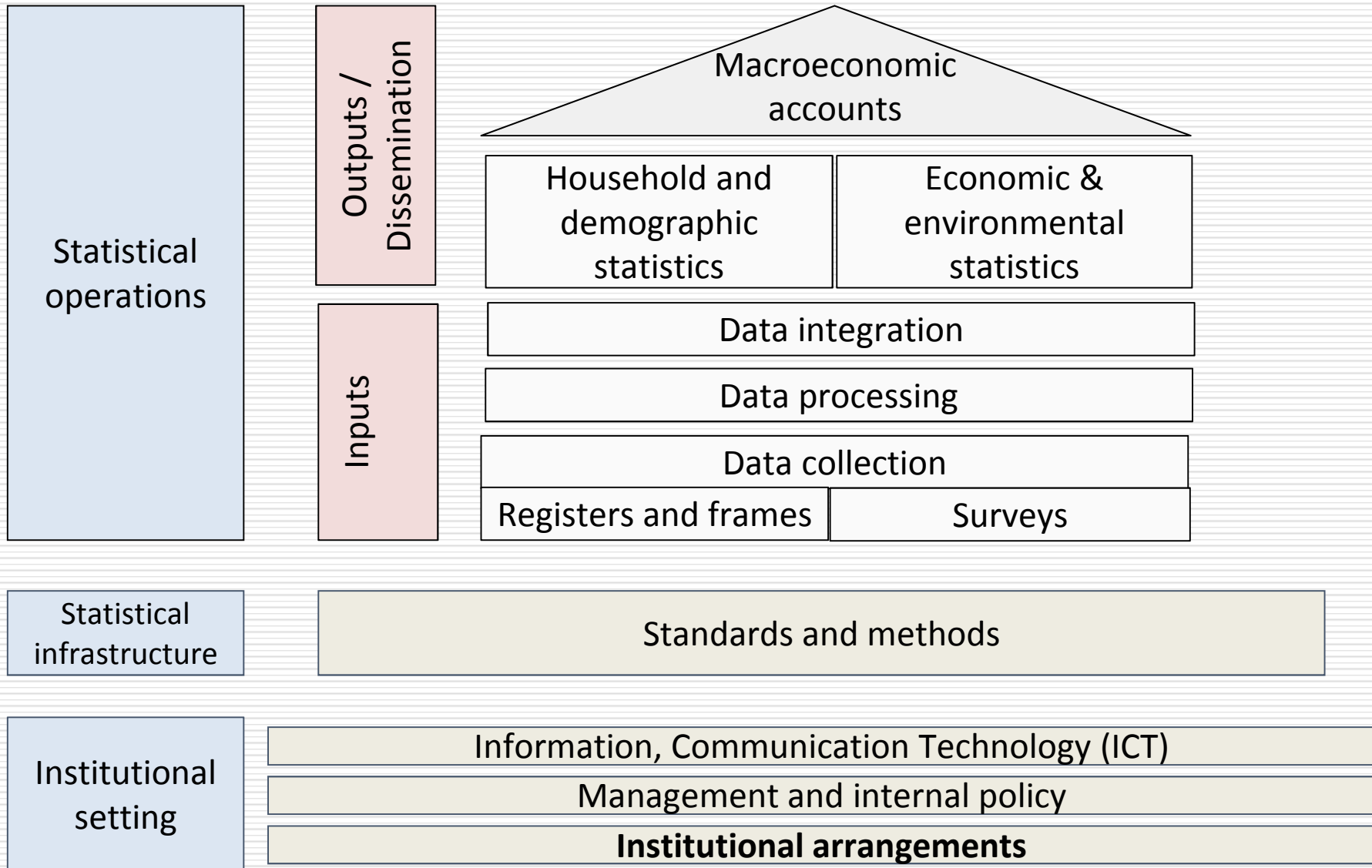
## Building blocks

- **Common conceptual framework** provided by the SNA
- **Institutional arrangements** (legislative, organizational, budgetary, managerial and customer relationship arrangements) further support the environment for integration
- **Statistical production process** as an integrated production chain from the collection of basic data to the dissemination of statistics



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# Summary

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# Conclusions

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## Statement of strategy

- Is an important document detailing steps and resources required to improve the timeliness and quality of short-term statistics which fully meet policy needs and comply with international standards
- Requires agreement by the national statistical system (data producers, providers and users), high political support and donor consultation
- Basis for formulating a national implementation programme
- Basis for actively seeking funding for implementation programmes from own sources and donors





# Conclusions

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- More information can be obtained from upcoming draft of Handbook on Data Template and Metadata for Short-Term Statistics
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