

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 13: The balance sheet**

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Part I: General comments

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In your review of draft chapter 13, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passages listed below. There is space after each issue for any comment you wish to make.

1. Do you find it helpful to have the definitions of assets included as the assets are introduced rather than assembled in an annex to chapter 13? (A comprehensive glossary, drawing on the definitions in the text, will be available.)

Comment:

Most readers will probably be familiar with the general definitions of most asset and liability categories. Thus, it seems preferable to confine the specific definitions of these items to a comprehensive annex.

2. Section A: Do you find it helpful to describe asset accounts in this chapter to explain the links between balance sheets and stock of assets as used for PIM calculations and as used in the SEEA?

Comment:

This information would be useful.

3. Is the relationship between the balance sheet entries and the entries in the capital account, the financial account, the other changes in the volume of assets account and the revaluation account sufficiently clear?

Comment:

Since the general relation between the accounts will presumably be covered in the introductory chapters of the SNA, additional clarity could be achieved in this chapter by simply relating the change in net worth between the opening and closing balance sheets to the sum of specific line items that explain the changes in net worth in the accumulation accounts.

Part III. Other specific comments

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