

Comments on draft SNA
Chapter 21: Measuring corporate activity

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

General comment	<p>We feel that at the outset of this chapter you should have made a clear distinction between an establishment, enterprise and corporation (if any really exist). From para #1 until para #32 you spoke almost exclusively about corporations in a very clear and concise way- how they are formed, how they are dissolved, nationalised and what becomes of the assets when these events take place. However beyond para. #32 ,you mentioned the term enterprise almost exclusively especially in relation to DFI'S. We feel therefore that you should established that link early in the text to carry along readers with you.</p>
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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 21.1-21.6)

General comment	We find the introduction (21.1 to 21.6) to be very clear. We have no problems with it.
21.1	Click here and start typing.
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* Insert rows in this Word table for each paragraph on which you wish to comment.

B. The demography of corporations (paragraphs 21.7-21.22)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
21.7	You should have expanded here a bit more on the purpose of a Business Register. You mentioned one major purpose, but a register goes far beyond that. It should also show establishments by activity, size, location/region, ownership and country of ownership, % of equity held by foreigners, date began operation ,type of ownership, employment etc.In addition a business register should provide the population of establishments at the level of industries. This information is vital if population estimates are to be made using sample data.
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C. Sub-sectors (paragraphs 21.23-21.26)

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21.23	Click here and start typing.
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D. Relations between corporations in different economies (paragraphs 21.27-21.45)

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E. The contribution of assets to production (paragraph 21.46)

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F. The consequences of financial distress (paragraphs 21.47-21.53)

General comment	A very timely issue that given the interdependence of today's world, should be placed very high on the research agenda.
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G. Links to commercial accounting (paragraphs 21.54-21.59)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
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Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Are the examples of how to record changes in corporate structure clear and sufficient?
2. Is the description of FDI adequate as an introduction to the fuller description in the benchmark definition?
3. Should there be more discussion about the consequences of financial distress?

Specific comments:

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