

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 23: Non-profit institutions in the System**

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Part I: General comments

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General comments:

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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 23.1-23.11)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
23.5	This paragraph gives an impression as though NPIs controlled by government provide only collective services. The fact, that government controlled NPIs can also provide individual services like education and health, should also be mentioned.
23.6	The words “institutional sector” may be added at the end of the last sentence to read “Otherwise the NPIs fall into NPISHs <i>institutional sector</i> .”
23.8	The first sentence may be amended as “Those NPIs that fall in category c(i) are allocated to the corporations sectors and expenditure on their output is treated as final consumption expenditure by of households.”

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B. The units included in the NPI satellite account (paragraphs 23.12-23.29)

General comment	
23.16	In the first sentence, the word “of” appearing between “sector” and “on” may be deleted.
23.18 (a)	The term “non-profit service providers” has not been defined, it may therefore be replaced with “entities providing services for free or at prices not economically significant”

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C. Accounts for NPIs in the satellite account (paragraphs 23.30-23.36)

General comment	The NPIs in the general government sector have been excluded from the scope of the NPI satellite account. The UNSD is of the view that the NPI satellite account, in principle, should include all NPIs distinguishing the institutional sector to which they are allocated.
23.31	We may mention that an NPI undertaking several activities, some on market basis and some on non-market basis, should be treated as comprising as many establishments.

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D. Other SNA considerations concerning NPIS (paragraphs 23.37-23.44)

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23.38	This para seem to suggest that households coming together for a communal construction are in the nature of informal and temporary NPISHs. This is not consistent with para 4.168 which recommends however, that when households collaborate on communal construction projects, they should be treated as informal partnerships engaged on own-account construction rather than NPISHs.
23.41	The last sentence may be amended as “The definition of an NPI is not that the owners choose not to withdraw profits but they is that they are not legally entitled to do so.”

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Part III. Other specific comments

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1. Is the scope and purpose of the satellite account clear?
2. Are the three alternative valuations of output of NPIS in the satellite account clear?
3. Are there any other issues that should be added to section D?

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