

Comments on draft SNA
Chapter 29: Satellite accounts and other extensions

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This template allows you to record your comments on draft SNA chapter 29 “Satellite accounts and other extensions” and, at the same time, makes it easy for us to use your comments in considering revisions to the draft chapter. You may complete any or all parts of the template.

Note that the examples of tables for the tourism, environmental and health satellites included in the chapter are exact pdf extracts from pages of those manuals. They will be formatted and numbered for the SNA later.

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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:

<p>General comment</p>	<p>In general, this chapter is very clear and sufficiently complete.</p> <p>We have only some specific remarks. See below.</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 29.1-29.8)

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29.1	Click here and start typing.
29.4	Proposal: move the final sentences “Many elements shown in a satellite account are invisible in the central accounts. Either they are explicitly estimated in the making of the central accounts, but they are merged for presentation in more aggregated figures, or they are only implicit components of transactions which are estimated globally.” to the end of section 29.5.

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B. Functional classifications (paragraphs 29.9-29.20)

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29.9	Click here and start typing.
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C. Satellite accounts for key sector and other special sector accounts (paragraphs 29.21-29.30)

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29.21	Click here and start typing.
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D. Satellite accounts; options for conceptual variations (paragraphs 29.31-29.52)

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E. Possible tables for a satellite account (paragraphs 29.53-29.82)

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F. Examples of satellite accounts (paragraphs 29.83-29.157)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
29.100	<i>Alternative text:</i> “Environmental accounts aim to describe within a framework based on the SNA the interactions between the economy and the environment, e.g. the use of natural resources, the generation of pollution and degradation, the measures undertaken and the economic activities developed for preventing or fighting the environmental impacts of human activities.”
29.104	<i>Alternative text</i> “Four different types of flows are distinguished in the SEEA. Products are goods and services produced within the economic sphere and used within it, including flows of goods and services between the national economy and the rest of the world. Natural resources cover mineral and energy resources, as well as soil, water and biological resources. Ecosystem inputs cover air and the gases necessary for combustion and the water to sustain life. Residuals are the unintended and undesired outputs from the economy which have zero price and may be recycled or discharged into the environment. “Residuals” is the single word used to cover solid waste, effluents (discharges to water) and emissions (discharges to air). The flows of natural resources and ecosystem inputs derive from Natural assets , which comprise mineral and energy reserves, air, water, biological reserves, soil, land and associated surface water”.
29.108	<i>Alternative text:</i> “The second strand of the accounting system is to identify precisely those monetary transactions in the SNA that are directly related to the environment. In terms of flows, this concerns environmental taxes, property income and property rights, and environmental expenditures like, mainly, environmental protection expenditures and natural resource use and management expenditures. Asset accounts are also considered.”
29.114	<i>Alternative text:</i> “For stocks and changes in stocks, the asset accounts described in chapter 11

	are used for natural assets, in both value terms and physical units. In the SEEA, asset accounts may be compiled in physical terms for natural resources that have no monetary value and thus do not appear within the SNA asset boundary. For resources such as air and water that may not have a monetary value, nor even a stock value, accounts of changes in physical units may still be useful.”
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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. Is the description of key satellite accounts clear and sufficient?
2. Are Sections D and E concerning the options for satellite accounts in general helpful?
3. Are there more examples of satellite accounts that should be referenced or described in Section F?

Specific comments:

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