



# Coordination mechanisms for capacity building in economic statistics and national accounts

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- High-quality, readily available national accounts data are fundamental for the formulation and monitoring of macroeconomic and sectoral policies (e.g. employment, inflation, finance growth etc.) as well as for economic analyses.

- They are also important for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



- Despite progress, many countries are still lagging behind to adjust their statistical system to reach the sufficient level of scope, detail and quality of the 2008 SNA.



- What can be done to assist countries to effectively and efficiently improve their national accounts and supporting economic statistics in order to respond to all the data demands?

The UN Statistical Commission called for a *harmonized integrated statistics programme* for developing statistical capacity in support of the compilation of internationally comparable macroeconomic accounts.



# Issues to consider

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- Overcoming national issues in producing internationally comparable macroeconomic accounts.
- Secure high level support in the countries for economic statistics and national accounts
- The role of regional and international agencies
  - in making available commonly agreed managerial, technical and statistical tools
  - to introduce modern statistical architecture for a sustained statistical production processes



- Can an *International coordination mechanism for a harmonized integrated statistics programme* be established?

## Examples

International Comparison Programme

Global Strategy to Improve Agriculture and Rural Statistics



# Implementation plan for the SNA

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- **Adopted by the Commission in 2010**

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc10/BG-NationalAccounts2008.pdf>

- **Objective**

- Change over to the 2008 SNA;
- **improve scope, detail and quality of the national accounts and supporting statistics**

- **Principles**

- strategic planning
- coordination, monitoring and reporting
- improving statistical systems



# ISWGNA coordination for the implementation of the SNA

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## ■ Light coordination

- building on the relative strengths of the organizations
- minimize duplication of efforts
- address training and technical cooperation, publication of manuals and handbooks, research and advocacy

## ■ Support to countries

- **UNSD**: TA through collaboration with regional commissions,
- **World Bank**: TA and financial support to countries and regional institutions to improve statistical capacity
- **IMF**: TA on national accounts and prices, LT advisors, Training
- **Eurostat and OECD**: Support their MS.



# Implementing the SNA at regional level

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- **Regional Commissions facilitated the development of SNA implementation plans in line with the Global plan**
  - ECA 2014 – African Strategy for the Implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts [http://www.uneca.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-documents/Statistics/statcom2014/report\\_on\\_the\\_implementation\\_of\\_the\\_2008\\_sna\\_edit\\_reviewed\\_en.pdf](http://www.uneca.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-documents/Statistics/statcom2014/report_on_the_implementation_of_the_2008_sna_edit_reviewed_en.pdf)
  - ECLAC 2008 – Regional proposal for the implementation of the Luxembourg recommendations [http://www.cepal.org/deype/noticias/noticias/9/33839/2008\\_10\\_SeminarioCN2008\\_Proposed\\_LuxembourgRecommendations.pdf](http://www.cepal.org/deype/noticias/noticias/9/33839/2008_10_SeminarioCN2008_Proposed_LuxembourgRecommendations.pdf)
  - ECE 2013 - Recommendations for the implementation of the 2008 SNA in EECCA and SEE countries <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/SNA2008Imp/Home>
  - ESCAP 2013 - Regional Programme on Economic Statistics <http://communities.unescap.org/economic-statistics>
  - ESCWA 2012 - Implementation Strategy for 2008 SNA and Economic Statistics in the Arab Region <https://www.unescwa.org/sites/www.unescwa.org/files/publications/files/sd-09-16.pdf> <http://css.escwa.org.lb/sd/2163/21-1.pdf>



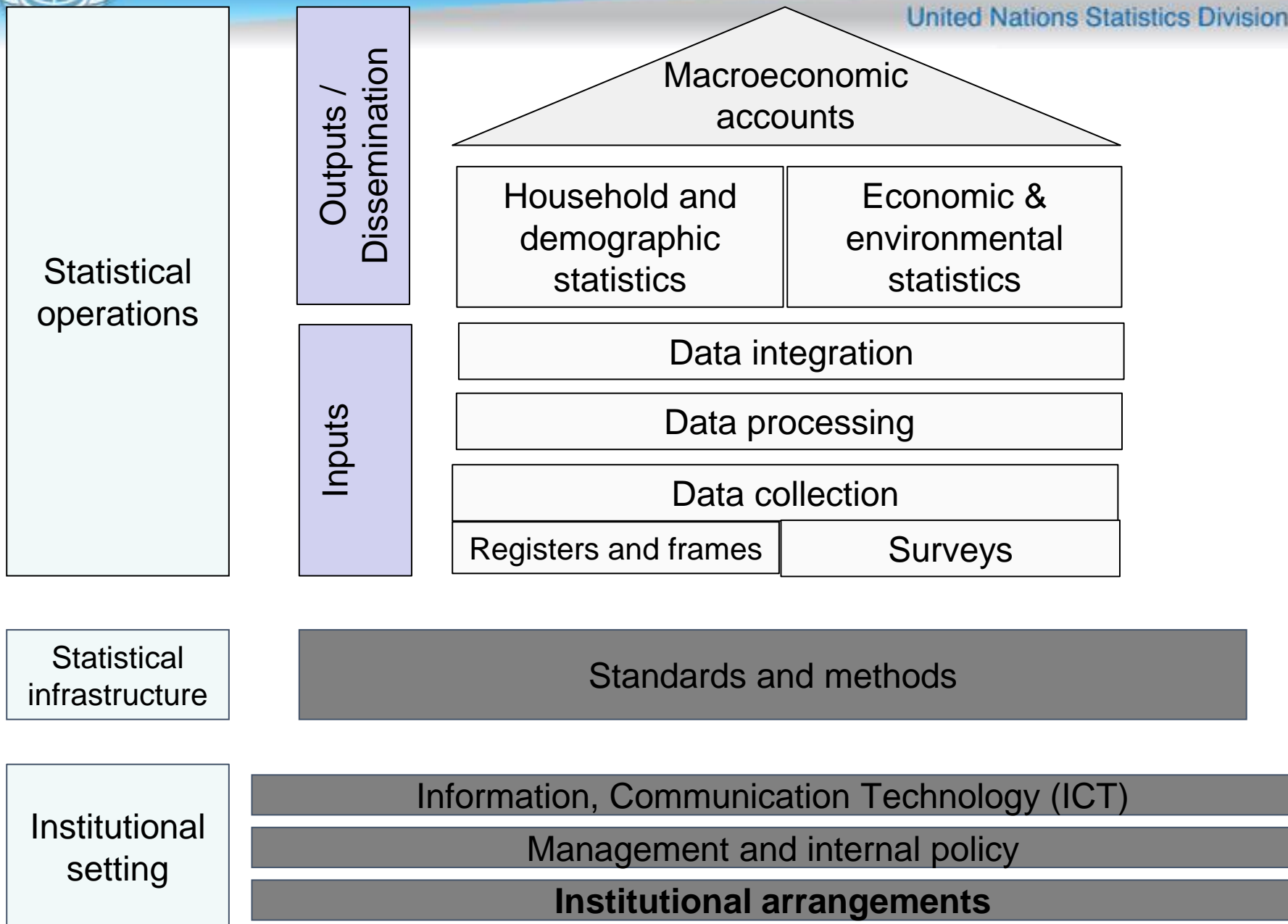


- **National level**
  - Identify the macro economic policy needs to determine the scope and detail of the NA that needs to be compiled
  - Determine the required actions for implementation
    - Regulatory and institutional framework
    - Statistical infrastructure
    - Statistical operations
  - Follow an integrated statistics approach



# Integrated statistics approach

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<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/default.asp>

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**Thank You**