



Importance of compiling, disseminating and reporting national accounts data from an international perspective

Side Event

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Outline

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- Importance of national accounts data
 - Economic policy analysis
 - Macro-economic forecasting
 - Analysis of structural reforms
 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Budgetary contributions
 - Identification of Least Developed Countries
- UNSD data collection of national accounts
 - How do we collect data?
 - What is the progress in data collection?



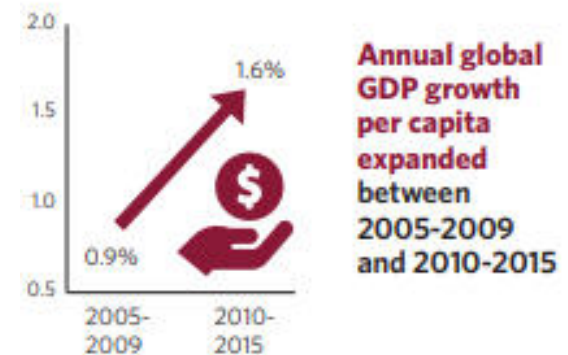
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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- 17 Goals
- 169 Targets
- About 244 indicators



- National Accounts data play a role in about 46 indicators



SDG Report 2017



Budgetary contributions

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- National Accounts data are used for the assessment of the apportionment of the expenses of the Organization among Members States.



Fig 1. Retrieved from http://www.pinnacletpa.com/sites/default/files/styles/large/public/field/image/Fotolia_Purchased_CostSharePie.jpg?itok=WtOB01Gm

- “The scale of assessments, when once fixed by the General Assembly, shall not be subject to a general revision for at least three years...” *rule 160 of the Rules of Procedure of the UN General Assembly (A/520/Rev.18).*



Identification of LDC

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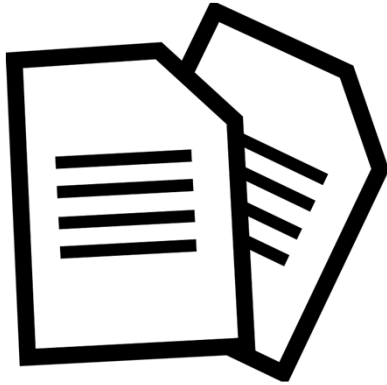
- Every three years, the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) reviews the list of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) *to make recommendations on the inclusion and graduation of eligible countries.*
- LDCs have exclusive access to certain international support measures in particular in the areas of development assistance and trade.
- 3 criteria used:
 - Income
 - Human Assets
 - Economic vulnerability
- National Accounts data are used in the review





UNSD National Accounts Questionnaire

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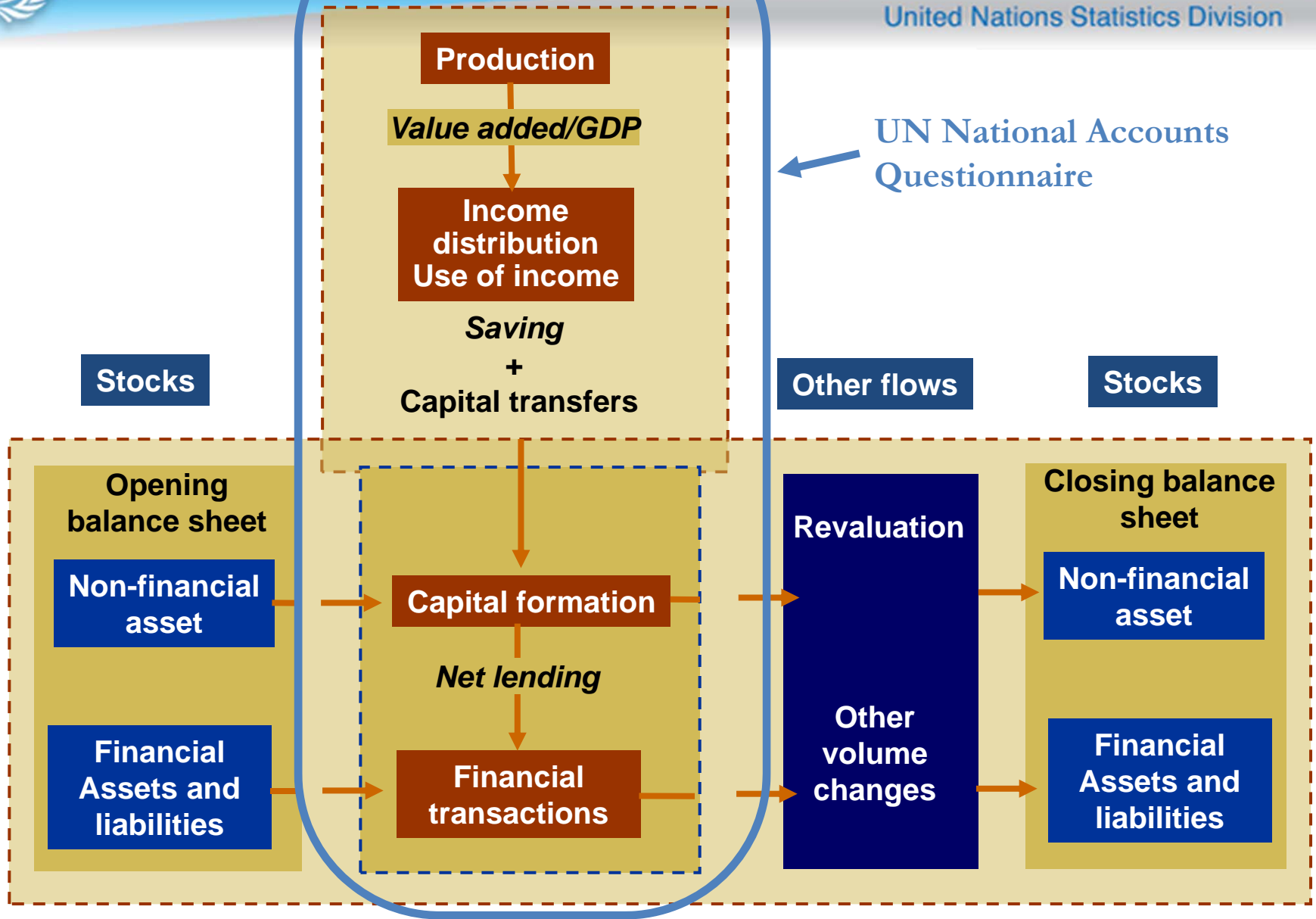


- Sent annually to all Member States in all UN official languages
- Excel-based
- UNSD, Eurostat and OECD have agreed on a harmonized national accounts questionnaire.
- UNSD cooperates with UNECE and CARICOM to collect national accounts data.
- The UNSD NAQ is the basis for the evaluation of the reporting of national accounts data to the UN Statistical Commission.



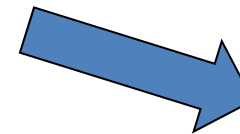
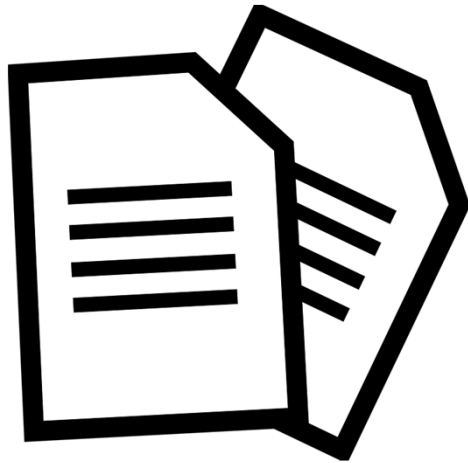
Transactions

UN National Accounts Questionnaire





*National Accounts Statistics: Main
Aggregates and Detailed Tables (MADT)*
database



*National Accounts Statistics:
Analysis of Main Aggregates
(AMA) database*



<http://data.un.org/Explorer.aspx?d=SNA>

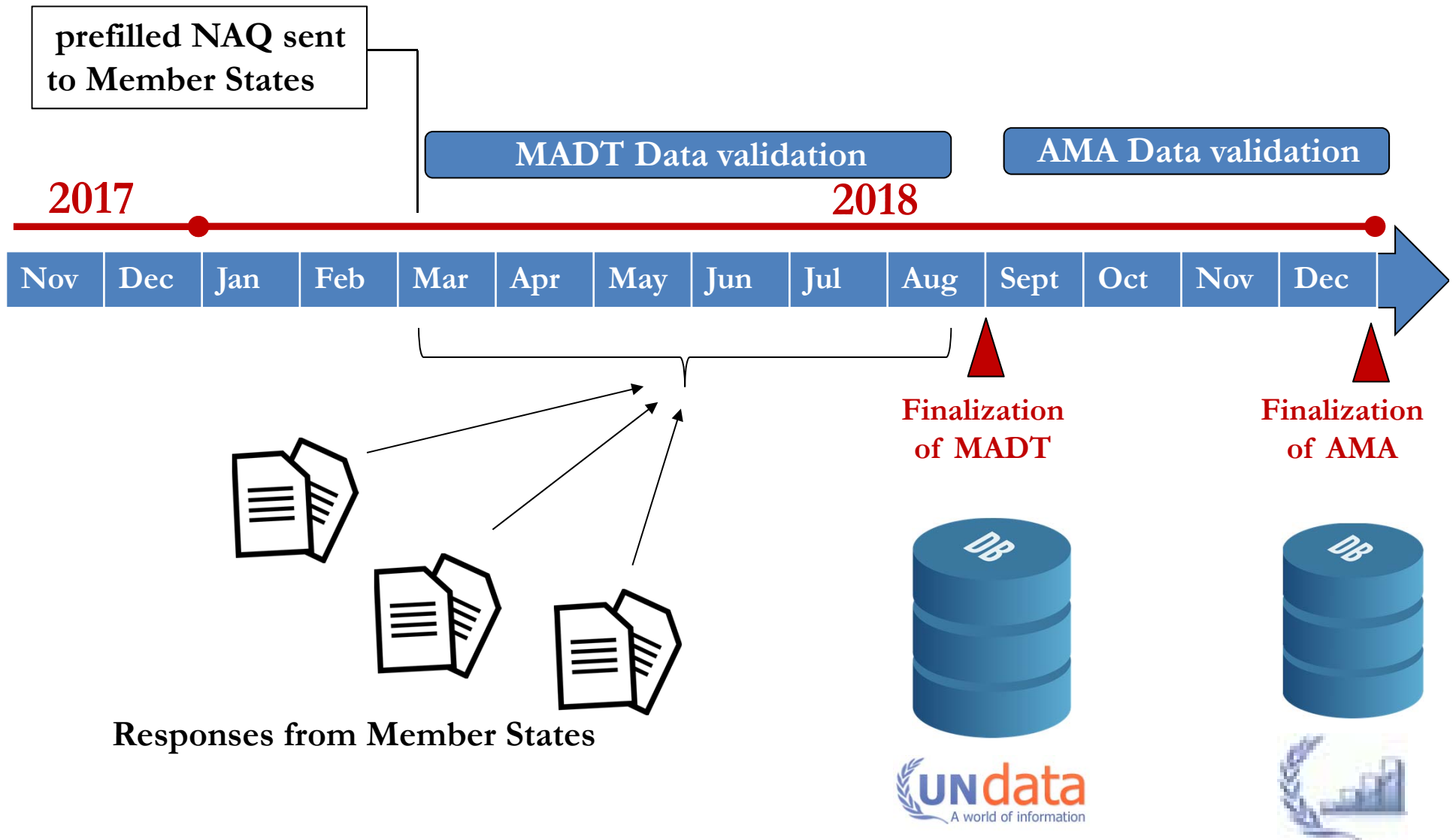


<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/Introduction.asp>



Timeline of data collection and dissemination

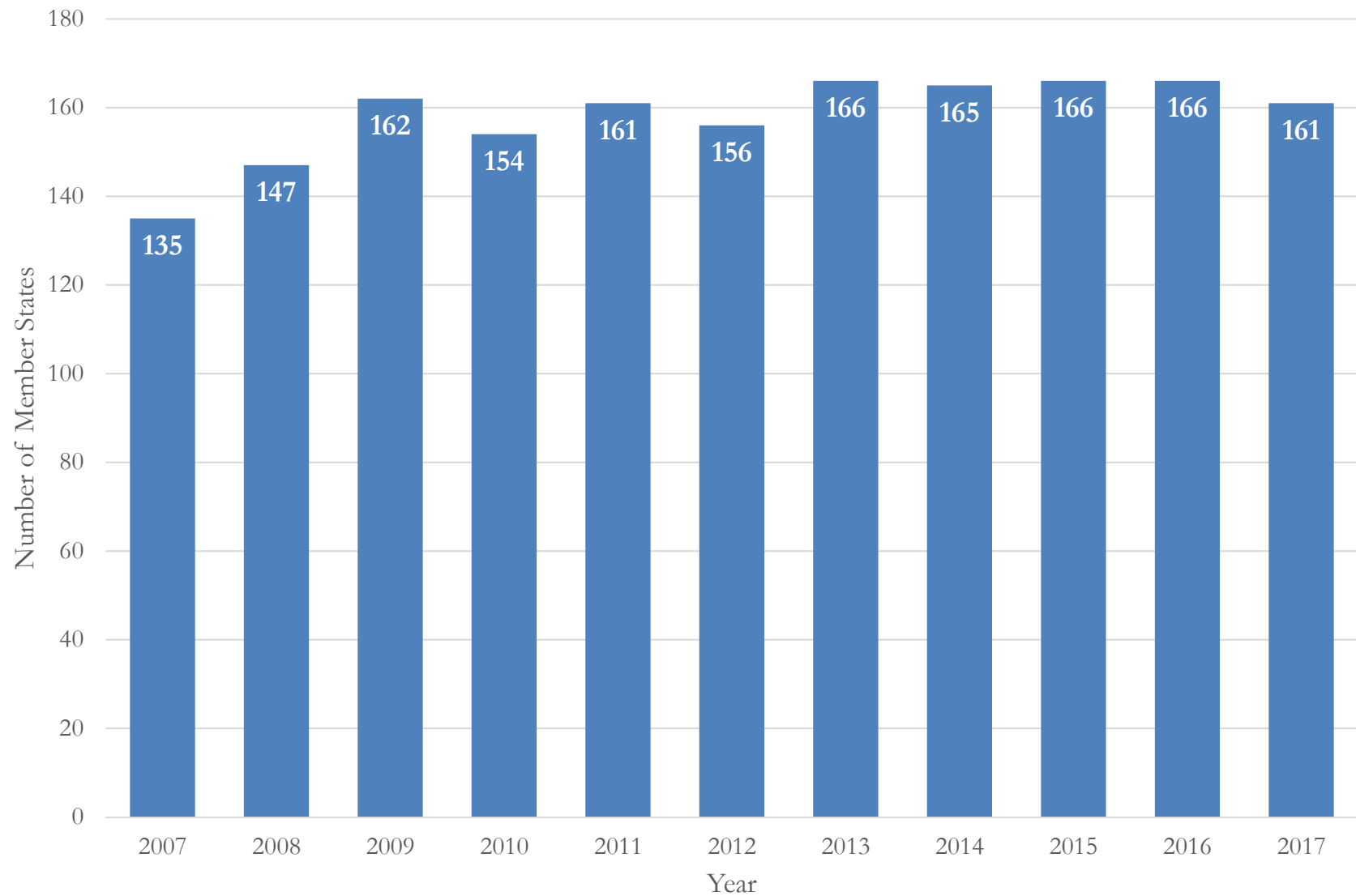
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Annual responses to the National Accounts Questionnaire

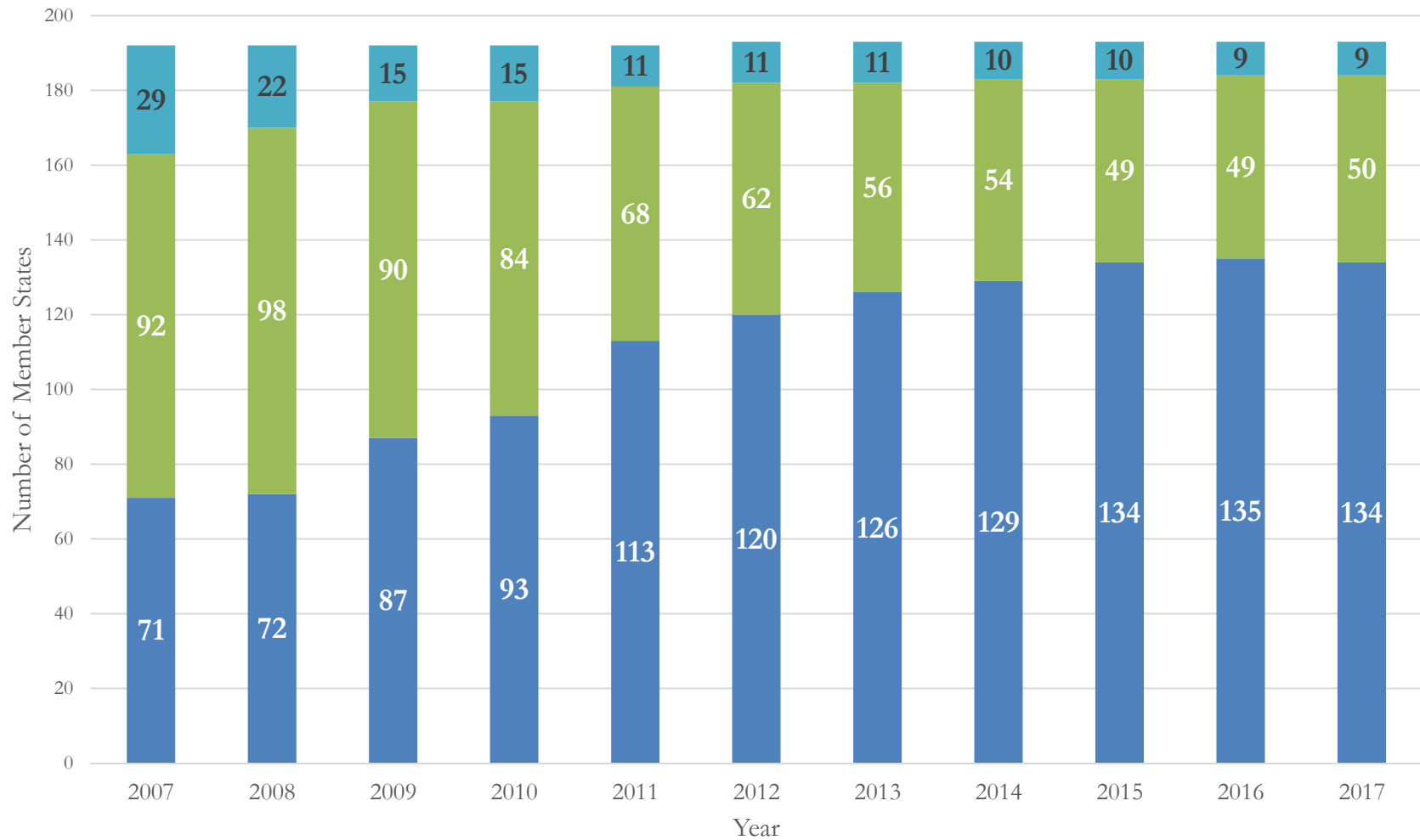
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Historical overview of responses

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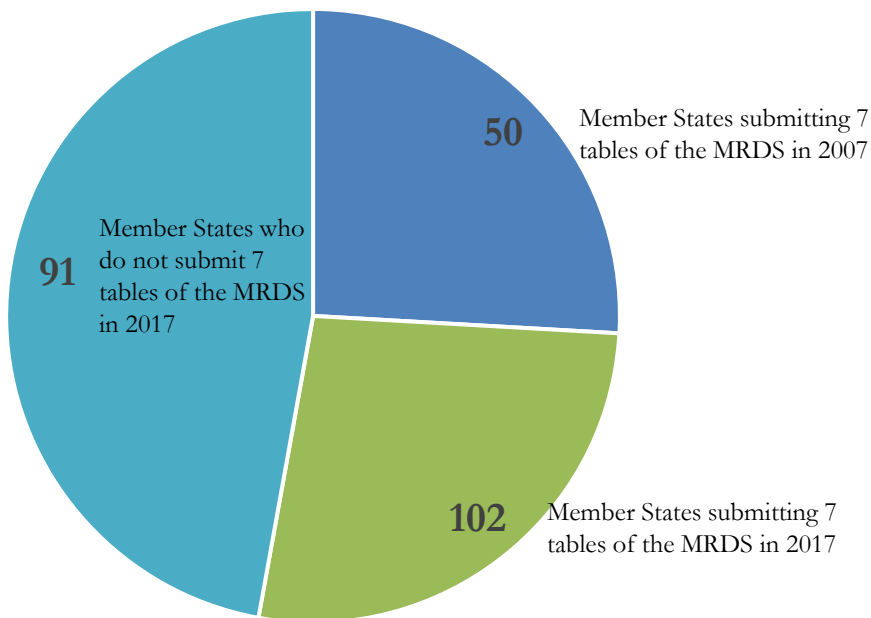
■ Submitted in all previous 5 NAQ cycles
■ Submitted at least once in previous 5 NAQ cycles
■ No submission in the previous 5 NAQ cycles



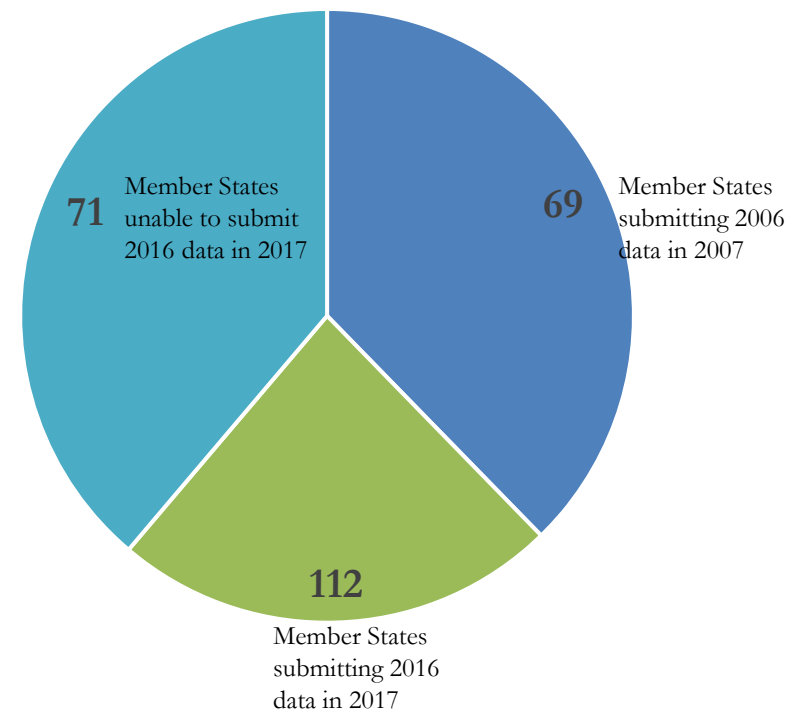
Scope and timeliness of national accounts data

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Improvement in the scope of national accounts data submitted between 2007 and 2017



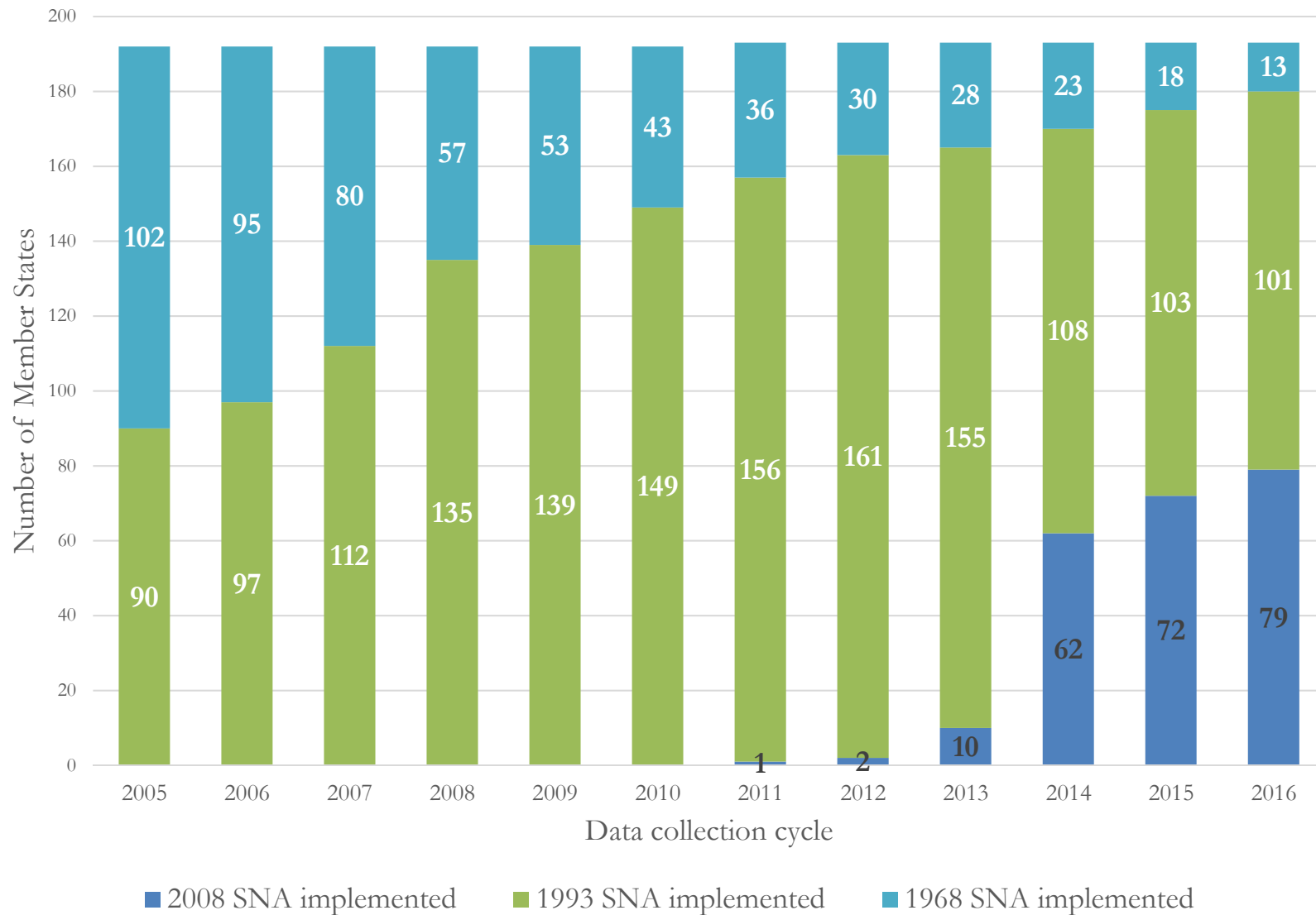
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Historical implementation of SNA among UN Member States

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Compilation and dissemination of National Accounts

- Lack of basic economic statistics
- High staff turnover
- IT resources
- Need of compilation guidance
- ...

Data reporting

- It takes too long to fill the questionnaire
- The NAQ timeline differs from the national release calendar
- NAQ not reaching the correct focal point
- ..



Thank you