

The UN Network of Economic Statisticians: Beyond GDP Sprint Two Second Session

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Today's Agenda

Introduction, welcome remarks, and scene-setting

- Richard Heys, UK Office for National Statistics

Session 1 - Update on progress through the United Nations and Horizon research processes

- Anu Peltola, Senior Statistician, UNCTAD
- Rutger Hoekstra, Associate Professor, Leiden University

Session 2 - Conceptual Perspectives and the European perspective

- Jonathan Barth, Co-Founder and Policy Director, Zoe Institute for Future-Fit Economies
- Gerard Eding, Director, National Accounts, Statistics Netherlands

Session 3 - Wider perspectives on measuring wellbeing

- Clíodhna Taylor, Assistant Deputy Director, UK Office for National Statistics, and
- Graciela Marquez, President, INEGI

Sprints through this year

| Sprint | Speaker 1 | Speaker 2 | Speaker 3 | Speaker 4 | Speaker 5 | Speaker 6 |
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| One – Updating social perspectives of wellbeing and the relevance of UN work for today – June 1st | Francesca Grum – The evolution of social and demographic statistics 1948-2030 and Beyond | Ivo Havinga – The potential scope of the SPSS | Catherine van Rompaey & Jorrit Zwijnenburg – The ‘SNA’ Domains – what is the proposal for 2025 SNA | Steven MacFeely – WHO – stretching beyond the economic dimension | Rafael Díez de Medina (ILO) – Labour and Social Security since the 1970s | Oliver Chinganya – Observations on the session |
| Two - Consulting Users on wellbeing themes – June 15th | Anu Peltola (UNCTAD) ‘Valuing What Counts’ | Rutger Hoekstra (Leiden University) – Synthesis of Beyond-GDP Metrics | Jonathan Barth - Zoe Institute – GDP lock-in and the European Dimension | Gerard Eding – The importance of Here & Now, the future and elsewhere | Clíodhna Taylor – Understanding capitals | Graciela Marquez – (President of INEGI) – Using existing measures of wellbeing measures |
| Three - What is the role of ESG data within ‘Beyond GDP’? – June 22nd | Richard Barker - ISSB – ESG Indicators | Vincent Siegerink (OECD) | Helen Slinger (A4S) – Data needs for ESG | Jan-Emmanuel De Neve (Oxford University) – The World wellbeing movement | Sammy Trabelski - Brock University | Sonia Raizenne – the potentials for using ESG data |
| Four - Mapping domestic wellbeing dashboards and their concepts and contents – September 7th | Eleanor Rees – Domestic Dashboards – differences and similarities | Amit Yagur-Kroll (UNECE) A recent survey of dashboards | Carrie Exton (OECD) - reflections on Living Well dashboards and metrics | Country Presenter (tbc) | Diane Ramsay / Julie Carter (Statistics NZ) The New Zealand experience | Kari Wolanski (Statistics Canada) – The Wellbeing Government Commitment |
| Five – Mapping distributional frameworks -September 14th | Tim Miller – Comparing and contrasting different models of distributional accounts | Jorrit Zwijnenburg – OECD) - The EG-DNA model (tbc) | Matthew Fisher-Post or Ignacio Flores - The DINA Model (Eurostat) (tbc) | Ronald Lee or Andrew Mason - The NTA Model (tbc) | Pedro Conceição (UNDP) - Use of AI and Geospatial data in disaggregating HDI at local levels | Panel Discussion |
| Six – A conversation about Composite Measures September 21st | Richard Heys – The vexed question of composites and how to create them. | Khalid Abu Ismail (ESCWA) New composite metrics | Martin Weale (KCL) – Methods to weight subjective and objective data | William Muhwava – UNECA – multi-dimensional indices of poverty (tbc) | Amit Kapoor – India – The Social Progress Index | Clíodhna Taylor – UK Gross and Net Inclusive Income |
| Seven - Reporting back on progress over the sprint – October 5th | Francesca Grum – The SPSS/S | Catherine van Rompaey – The ‘SNA Domains’ | Sonia Raizenne – the potential of ESG data | Rutger Hoekstra – Developing typologies for users | Eleanor Rees – The global dashboards landscape | Stefan Schweinfest – Reflections on the sprint |

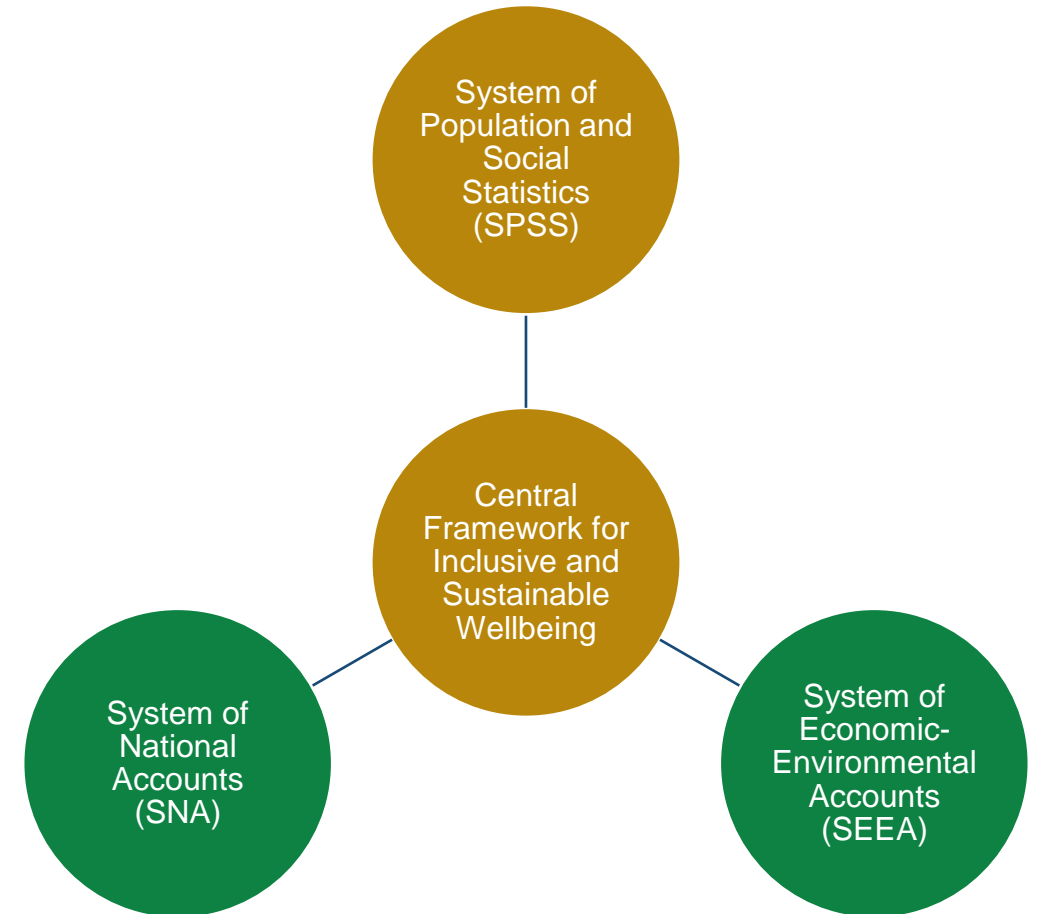
Report on Sprint Session 1

Proposed Way forward

A research prospectus for an integrated statistical framework for inclusive and sustainable wellbeing proposed an integrated statistical system which clarifies how the range of statistical standards and outputs can give a comprehensive picture of the modern world and deliver a coherent framework within which users can use different data in varied ways to meet complex policy questions.

Sprint 1 focused on the System of Population and Social Statistics proposition.

Sprint 2 will focus more on the Central Framework for Inclusive and Sustainable Wellbeing.



Sprint 1 headlines

Francesca Grum (UNDESA) and **Ivo Havinga (UNNES)** explored the usefulness of a Framework for countries to organize their social and demographic statistics. The historical precedents for this work, and the creation of a new Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics to review, national practices in conceptualizing, organizing and producing social statistics, and to provide related recommendations for more granular and timely data in support of SDGs and beyond.

Catherine van Rompaey (World Bank) and **Jorrit Zwiijnenburg (OECD)** explored the work undertaken under the SNA 2008 update and mapped the links between a number of these with previous activity, including previous vintages of the SNA as it expanded its scope to orientate more towards welfare, and established what are now mature satellite account frameworks which include both monetary and physical dimensions.

Steven MacFeely (WHO) and **Rafael Diez de Medina (ILO)** explored the historic links of their frameworks and the potential benefits of both mapping coherence with SPSS and and the harmonization and reconciliation with other SPSS subsystems and the SNA

Oliver Chinganya (UNECA) highlighted that data availability and quality is still scarce for many countries and the need to focus on indicators for special population groups and SDGs while broadening coverage of indicators. Progressively, African countries may take up the challenge to implement a broader range of social and population statistics and indicators beyond the traditional coverage of the SPSS subsystems of population, housing, labor, education, health, and distribution.