



Integrated System of Economic & Environmental Statistics Challenges, Context, Objectives and Road Map

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Challenges facing NSS's

- fast technologic developments
- increasing internationalization
- rapid growing availability of new data sources
- a sharp rise in the rate at which data are coming available
- a growing demand for quicker information
- decreasing budgets
- demands to decrease the administrative burden

Context

United Nations Statistical Commission

- International Standards for Official Statistics
 - UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
 - National Quality Assurance Template
- Integrated Economic and Environment Statistics
 - 2008 System of National Accounts
 - 2012 System of Economic and Environmental Accounts
 - ISIC, Revision 4
 - 2012 Guidelines on Integrated Economic Statistics
 - 2010 IMTS
 - 2010 MSITS (aligned with Balance of Payments Manual, 6 ed.)
- Statistical Capacity Development programmes

Context

- Memorandum of Understanding UN, AfDB, World Bank, IMF (and other regional development banks) with four concrete areas of collaboration:
 - Actions to influence political discourse on global partnerships to improve data
 - Addressing difficult gaps in data production and accessibility
 - 2008 SNA, integrated household surveys, use of admin data, poverty PPPs (IMF supports SNA implementation)
 - Strengthening knowledge sharing on innovative approaches to data production and improving data accessibility
 - Funding of Statistical Development and Activities

Objectives

- Development of an integrated approach encompasses: policy-use perspective, institutional and regulatory aspects, and operational and infrastructural aspects.
- SNA and the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts (SEEA) as the overarching macroeconomic framework.
- Based on Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, country ownership based on national priorities, adopting results based management, and statistical capacity building.

Objectives

- A common statistical business architecture that governs the statistical production process over time and across countries;
- Coherent statistics: covering business and household statistics, short term statistics, national accounts and international trade statistics;
- Statistical production processes are cost effective, including their institutional arrangements and managements. Increased transparency.
- The integration of the data collection procedures reduce response burden on respondents.

Objectives

- The opportunity to seek collaboration in the development and application of common methods and IT tools for data processing, documentation and exchange.
- Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) to guide the development of work on integrated statistics.
- Fully aligned with Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM) and provides a basis for the implementation of the Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA).

GSBPM

- Describes and defines processes to produce official statistics.
- Provides standard framework and harmonized terminology to modernize statistical processes.
- Can be used for harmonizing statistical computing infrastructure.
- Can be used for integrating data and metadata standards.
- Provides framework for process quality assessment and improvement.

Schematic of GSBPM



Business and Information Architecture



Benefits of integrated system

- Greater consistency between the different statistics
- Consistency across countries
- Transparency and consistency in concepts and definitions
- Greater accuracy
- Reduction in the reporting burden
- Increased efficiency
- More relevant statistics
- Reduction of the "human factor"

- Scope: Domains for integrated economic & environmental statistics, including international trade
- Institutional arrangements Multi-use of data, use of administrative data, legal mandates, response burden
- Integrated statistical production process
 Corporate Business Architecture, Bureau of Standards
 Corporate services (SBR, collection, processing, methodology and process design, project management),
 Management of Development and Change

- Step 1: Assessment of the current state of the domain of economic and environmental statistics.
- <u>Step 2</u>: Design detailed integrated system of economic and environmental statistics; run Proof of Concept (PoC) tests.
- Step 3: Identify areas that produce quick results with relatively little cost and effort, with the aim to convince stakeholders that further investments are well spent.
- Step 4: Invest in special organizational unit for the collection and the editing of the micro data of large and complex organizations.

- <u>Step 5</u>: Use administrative data to minimize administrative burden and develop a coordinated system of sample for various surveys.
- Step 6: Standardization of processing of raw micro data to reduce cost.
- Step 7: Formulate a comprehensive program that clearly articulates benefits, costs, expected timeline, involved parties and chosen approaches.
- <u>Step 8</u>: Devise a communication strategy which focuses on both internal and external communication.

- <u>Step 9</u>: Forge **partnerships**; institutionalize them through MoUs.
- <u>Step 10</u>: Ensure good programme management structure with strong monitoring mechanisms.

