

Meeting of TT leads and ISWGNA

8 March 2023, 7:00 – 9:30 EST

Minutes

Participants:

Sarah Barahona (Chair), Jorrit Zwijnenburg and John Mitchell (OECD); Nicola Massarelli (Eurostat); Herman Smith, Benson Sim, and Edem Kludza (UNSD); Catherine Van Rompaey and Eric Metreau (World Bank); Erich Strassner, and Jennifer Ribarsky (IMF); Rami Peltola (UNECE); Pete Harper (Project manager); Sanjiv Mahajan (UK); Michael Connolly (Ireland); and Celestino Giron (ECB).

The ISWGNA and TT leads:

I. Status of progress of the SNA update project

1. Took note of the update on written and global consultations and testing; and that the list of lead reviewers for the SNA chapters is now nearly complete.
2. Welcomed the preliminary report on the outcome of the Global consultation on F.18 (*The Recording of Fungible Crypto Assets in Macroeconomic Statistics*) and requested a revised version of the report considering various comments such as providing more breakdowns of who responded and avoiding double-counting responses from the same institutions.
3. Took note that STATAFRIC is organising a series of meetings relating to the SNA update, and that the ISWGNA secretariat is in contact with the organisers to seek better coordination with the SNA update programme.

II. Outcome of the 54th session of the UNSC and relevant side events

4. Welcomed the report of the Commission and emphasised the importance of communicating the various aspects of the update programme to the statistical community.
5. Took note of the report of the three side events relevant to SNA during the 54th session of the UNSC which were a) the ISWGNA Management Group Meeting, b) the High-level Forum on Official Statistics: Statistical measures beyond GDP, and c) the Informal meeting of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians.

III. Project manager report

6. Welcomed the Project manager report and noted (a) that draft chapters will, in addition to the lead reviewers, also be made available to all AEG and ISWGNA members for review during the drafting phase; and (b) that good progress has been made on developing and prioritising proposals for early implementation guidance and manuals, and the PM will present the proposals to the next meeting along with commitments from ISWGNA members to lead the work.

IV. Joint AEG/BOPCOM and AEG meeting 27-29 and 30-31 March 2023

7. Took note of the outline of the draft agenda.
8. Requested participants to share comments and observations, if any, with the secretariat in writing.
9. Asked the Secretariat to explore with BOPCOM a more balanced allocation of topics and time regarding the agenda items.

V. Other matters

10. Welcomed the information on the call for papers for the next Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth to take place in England in August 2024 and encouraged participants to consider submitting proposals, noting that the deadline for abstracts is August 2023.
11. Next ISWGNA meeting – 03 May 2023.