

Meeting of the ISWGNA and Task Team leads

01 June 2023, 9:00 – 11:30 EDT

Minutes

Participants (15)

Sarah Barahona (Chair), Jorrit Zwijnenburg and John Mitchell (OECD); John Verrinder (Eurostat); Herman Smith and Edem Kludza (UNSD); Catherine Van Rompaey and Eric Metreau (World Bank); Erich Strassner and Jennifer Ribarsky (IMF); Celestino Giron (ECB); Sanjiv Mahajan (UK); Michael Conolly (Ireland); Amina Khasib (Palestine); Pete Harper (Project manager); and Peter Van De Ven (Lead editor); and Tihomira Dimova and Rami Peltola (ECE).

1. Status of progress of the SNA update project

1.1 . Combined with Item 2.

2. Project manager and Lead editor report

2.1. Welcomed the report which covered the status of outstanding guidance notes, glossary of terms, preparation for chapters drafting and early implementation; and noted that the Masterlog of changes will be used to develop the consolidated list of recommendation which is expected to be subject to global consultation during August and September 2023. The report is available at: [Update to June 23 ISWGNA meeting](#).

2.2. Requested the Project manager to prepare a document on the early implementation planning to facilitate external communication and resources mobilization for developing countries

2.3. Took note that all AEG, ISWGNA and where relevant BOPCOM members will be given the opportunity to comment on the content of draft chapters before they are submitted for global consultation.

2.4. Agreed that Eurostat, ECB and OECD should be consulted on the early draft of Issues Note A.13 (social security and employment-related schemes and constructive liabilities), and their comments incorporated before a draft is produced for the July AEG.

2.5. Emphasized that the instructions for global consultation on the draft chapters should clarify the context and nature of the consultation i.e., regarding the timing and restricting comments to the content to avoid opening discussions on the recommendations themselves.

2.6. Took note that the glossary will be an item for information not for global consultation.

2.7 Took note that, given the centrality of Chapter 2 in the updated SNA, the global consultation for this chapter should involve users as well as national statistical offices.

3. Lead editor report

3.1. Combined with Item 2.

4. AEG meeting 10-13 July 2023

4.1. Took note of the proposed AEG agenda items and requested the secretariat to circulate the draft agenda for written consultation.

4.2 Took note that the order of items in the AEG agenda should take account of the links between Guidance Note WS.7 (emissions trading schemes), Issues Note C.2 (treatment of services derived from the atmosphere) and Issues Note AI.2 (treatment of rent).

4.3. Agreed that Eurostat, ECB and OECD should be consulted on the early draft of Issue Note C.2, and their comments incorporated before a draft is produced for the July AEG.

5. UN Network of Economic statisticians

5.1. Noted the feedback of Members who attended the meeting of the Network (on 1 June 2023) and decided that no further action is required from ISWGNA.

5.2. Reiterated the need to remain engaged with the Network activities to maintain awareness on all new developments concerning the work of the Network in relation to National Accounts.

6. CPC Classification of Data, AI and Cloud Computing services

6.1. Took note of the letter sent on behalf of the ISWGNA (signed by Paul Schreyer) to CPC task team and the positive feedback received that the issues will be taken into consideration as the task team finalizes the classification.

6.2. Requested Eurostat to follow up with the remaining issues that would benefit from this collaboration but were not covered in the letter.

7. Other matters

i. International workshop on digital economic statistics, in collaboration with China NBS 2nd half of 2023.

7.1. Noted the proposed UNSD/China NBS in-person workshop and requested the Digitalization Task team to provide necessary support for the workshop.

ii. Next ISWGNA TT leads meeting

7.2. 5 July 2023 7:00 EDT