

# **Update of the 2008 SNA - Consolidated List of Recommendations**

## **Global consultation**

### **Cover Note**

As the update of the 2008 SNA is proceeding in parallel with the update of the Sixth Edition of the IMF's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6), a significant number of recommendations also have implications for balance of payments statistics. These recommendations have been agreed with the IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics. This will ensure harmonisation between the 2025 SNA and BPM7, as the updated versions of the two manuals will be labelled.

The recommendations for changing and clarifying the 2008 SNA have been arrived at after extensive technical research and broad consultation, including global consultation on each of the recommendations. For the most part, the consultations demonstrated overwhelming support for the recommendations; however, in a limited number of cases, divergent views were expressed. In these latter cases, the AEG on National Accounts tended to favour the views of the majority while ensuring the conceptual soundness of the recommendations and their consistency with established SNA principles. For a number of issues there is an agreement to develop practical guidance for national accounts compilers.

The full set of consolidated recommendations is now being put forward for global consultation. The purpose of this consultation is to ensure that the recommendations are clear, straightforward, unambiguous and consistent. Consistency is taken to mean that:

- There is consistency among the recommendations.
- There is consistency between the recommendations and the existing text in the 2008 SNA that will be retained in the 2025 SNA.
- There is consistency between the recommendations and other statistical standards for macroeconomic statistics such as ISIC, CPC and BPM.

This global consultation has been envisaged since the outset of the update process as a necessary step to ensure the internal integrity of the 2025 SNA and its alignment with other statistical standards for macroeconomic statistics.

Because this global consultation follows on from the extensive work and consultation undertaken in arriving at these recommendations, please focus your comments and suggestions on any recommendations where you have concerns about clarity and consistency, and not on recommendations with which you may disagree on other grounds.

The results of this global consultation will be considered by the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts (AEG) and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on the National Accounts (ISWGNA). The consolidated list will be updated as necessary and then submitted by the ISWGNA to the United National Statistical Commission for endorsement at its Fifty-fifth Session, to be held on 27 February – 1 March 2024.

Furthermore, to support the global consultation, a webinar, presented by the 2008 SNA Update Team, explaining the main recommendations will be held on 25 August 2023, between 8am and 10am New York time. Please click on the following [link](#) to register for the workshop.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this review.

### **Instructions**

For each question, please provide the answer by checking the relevant checkbox(es) and by typing in the framed textboxes, which will automatically expand to fit the text. A printable version of the questionnaire is available for your convenience.

**Your response by 15 September 2023 will be highly appreciated.**

If you have any questions, please contact [sna@un.org](mailto:sna@un.org).

Sincerely,  
SNA Secretariat

Please provide your information below:

Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Name\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

(End of Page 1 )

---

**Q1A.** Are the recommendations clear, straightforward, and unambiguous?

- Yes
- No

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (Q1A = No)

**Q1B.** If no, please state the recommendation(s) regarding which you have concern and provide a brief explanation of your concern.

---

---

---

**Q2A.** Are the recommendations consistent?

- Yes
- No

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (Q2A = No)

**Q2B.** If no, please state the recommendation(s) regarding which you have concern and provide a brief explanation of your concern.

---

---

---

**Q3A.** Do you have any other concerns about the recommendations?

- Yes
- No

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (Q3A = Yes)

**Q3B.** If no, please state the recommendation(s) regarding which you have concern and provide a brief explanation of your concern.

---

---

---

**Q4.** In order to maximize transparency, we would like to publish responses to global consultations. Do you give consent that your response to this questionnaire can be published?

- Yes
- No

(End of Page 2 )

---