

MINUTES
ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE 30 OCTOBER, 2008

Participants

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OECD: C. Aspden

UNSD: I. Havinga, H. Smith, G. Singh, A. Becker (Minutes)

World Bank: B. Hexeberg

1993 SNA Update project: P. McCarthy (Chair, Project Manager), A. Harrison (Editor)

1. AEG meeting 12 – 14 November 2008

1.1. Papers for the meeting

The Project Manager reiterated that papers on the following topics need to be prepared for the AEG meeting:

- Pensions
- Codes
- Emission permits
- Insurance
- 2008 SNA and the financial crisis
- Issues from Volume 2

All papers, except the paper on the “2008 SNA and the financial crisis”, should be circulated by the concerned person/organisation to the ISWGNA for comments immediately. Comments on these papers should be submitted by cob Friday 31 October to enable the posting of these papers by Monday, 3 November on the website: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/aeg.asp>.

The Editor will circulate the list of issues to be included in the paper on the 2008 SNA and the financial crises to the ISWGNA by cob 30 October. The ISWGNA will provide additional issues, if any, to be added to the list by cob Friday, 31 October.

The ISWGNA agreed that additional papers related to the topics on the agenda for the AEG meeting will be posted on the website as background papers.

1.2. Agenda for the meeting

The ISWGNA agreed to a number of adjustments in the provisional agenda of the meeting. UNSD will circulate the revised provisional agenda to the ISWGNA by cob Friday 31 October. Subsequently, the revised agenda will be posted on the website.

The ISWGNA agreed that the anticipated adoption of BPM6 by BOPCOM should be reported to the AEG during the meeting.

1.3. Logistics

The World Bank reported that the AEG meeting will take place at the IMF. An information note will be send to the AEG members early next week.

The IMF volunteered to take on the responsibility of the preparation of the minutes for the meeting. The ISWGNA agreed that a summary of the AEG meeting should be distributed to the High-Level Forum for development of the SNA, which will meet on 17 – 18 November 2008.

The ISWGNA agreed that Peter Harper could participate in the AEG discussion on Emission permits via telephone. The IMF will explore the technical feasibility and make the necessary arrangements.

The ISWGNA reiterated that no substitutes of AEG member or observers will be allowed to attend the meeting.

2. ISWGNA meeting 10 – 11 November 2008

The ISWGNA agreed to the proposal by the Editor to arrange a meeting with financial experts on the morning of 11 November to discuss issues of the current financial crises and how the 2008 SNA deals with these issues.

3. Consolidation of outstanding chapter comments for the AEG meeting

The ISWGNA agreed to the following distribution of responsibilities for the consolidation and assessment of country comments for the outstanding draft chapters of Volume 2:

Chapter	Comments deadline	Responsible organization
21: Measuring corporate activity	7 November 2008	IMF
24: The households sector	31 October 2008	World Bank
28: Input-output and other matrix-based analyses	1 November 2008	OECD
29: Satellite accounts and other extensions	7 November 2008	UNSD

4. Next meeting

The ISWGNA will meet on 10 -11 November 2008 in Washington, DC.

5. To-do-List

Action	By when	Responsible	Status
Draft chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 to ISWGNA for review in 7 days	late Sep	Editor	Only A3 and A4 outstanding
Posting of chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4	3 Oct	Editor/UNSD	Only A3 and A4 outstanding
Conclusion of the world-wide review on Volume 2	31 October		
Summary of comments from world-wide review on chapters 21, 24, 28, 29, A3 and A4 submitted to the Editor	7 Nov	ISWGNA	
Draft 2008 Implementation plan	7 Nov	UNSD/ISWGNA	
ISWGNA meeting to discuss comments on chapters 21, 24, 28, 29 and AEG meeting	10/11 November	ISWGNA	
Prepare papers for AEG			
Prepare material for HLG			
AEG meeting	12-14 Nov		
HLG meeting	17-18 Nov		
Revised Volume 2 for submission to the UNSC in 2009 to ISWGNA for comments	Mid-December	Editor	
Revised volume 2 posted for UNSC	Late December		

Items marked as 'Done' in this to-do list will be omitted in the following to-do list.

6. Schedules for national accounts meetings

Type	When	Where
ISWGNA meeting	10 and 11 November	Washington, DC
AEG meeting	12-14 November	Washington, DC
High Level Forum on NA	17-18 November	Washington, DC
Eurostat NA meeting	20-21 November	Luxembourg
ISWGNA meeting (tentatively)	15-16 December	NY or Washington, DC