



ISWGNA/TT Leads Meeting 2 August 2023

SNA 2008 Project Update

# Status of outstanding GNs

- WS.1 A Broader SNA Framework for Wellbeing and Sustainability — endorsed at the July 2023 AEG meeting subject to a few minor updates
- WS.3 Unpaid Household Service Work — testing results have been processed and the GN has been updated; to be circulated to AEG in July for final endorsement via written procedure
- WS.6 Accounting for the Economic Ownership and Depletion of Natural Resource — endorsed at the July 2023 AEG meeting following discussion of the outcome of SEEA/GFS consultation
- WS.7 Treatment of Emission Trading Schemes — the BPM/SNA editorial teams (in consultation with the GN drafting team) will prepare a note elaborating on the merits, recording and practical implications of Option 4 and circulate it to the AEG and BOPCOM for written consultation and final approval by the end of August 2023 .
  - A workshop will be organized to discuss implementation issues and provide practical guidance, after which its outcomes will be reported to the AEG and BOPCOM.

# Status of outstanding GNs (continued)

- CM.2 Terminology and Branding of the Economic Accounting Statistical Standards— endorsed at the July 2023 joint AEG/BOPCOM subject to a few minor changes – the SNA/BPM editorial teams will follow-up on a few issues and report back to AEG/BOPCOM for information any proposals for changes
- CM.3 A Taxonomy for Communicating Economic Statistics Releases, Products and Product Updates— being updated to reflect the results of user testing and will be circulated to AEG and BOPCOM for final endorsement
- G.9 Marketing Assets — being updated following the March joint AEG/BOPCOM meeting and will be circulated to the AEG and BOPCOM for final endorsement
- AI.2 Treatment of Rent — GN to be updated to reflect decisions taken at the July 2023 AEG meeting and then circulated to AEG for final endorsement via written procedure
- The last AEG meeting (and joint AEG/BOPCOM) meeting was very successful in making progress on the outstanding GNs. A lot of effort was put into preparing the materials for the meeting in a short-time frame and thanks goes to all who were involved in this

# Status of outstanding action items

- A.8 Consistency in the application of the sum-of-costs approach – recommendations in the Issues Note endorsed at July AEG meeting following discussion of results of global consultation
  - Need to assess potential implication of the changes on key macroeconomic indicators and to develop practical guidance to facilitate the implementation of recommendations and ensure internationally comparable results
- A.9 Consistency in measuring the output of central banks – Option B3 (*Recording of the actual payments as current transfers to the central bank, while collective services (equal to total output) are allocated to the central bank*) endorsed at July AEG meeting following discussion of results of global consultation
- A.13 Address the current ambiguities and inconsistencies regarding the recording of social security and employment-related schemes, and the current guidance for constructive liabilities – recommendations in Issues Note generally endorsed at July 2023 AEG meeting
  - Some ‘fine tuning’ of the words may be required, which will be discussed with key stakeholders
  - GFS views on the treatment of provident funds will be obtained
- C.2 Treatment of (services derived from) the atmosphere -- Issues Note was discussed at July 2023 AEG meeting – no further action needed at this time, will be placed on the post 2025 SNA research agenda

# Progress on drafting chapters

- Chapter 2 – National accounts and measures of well-being and sustainability – will shortly go to global consultation
- Chapter 16 – Labour – initial version currently being drafted
- Chapter 22 – Digitalization – being updated following review by key stakeholders; next step is review by nominated reviewers (and any other interested AEG/BOPCOM members)
- Chapter 23 -- Globalization – initial version currently being drafted (the IMF BPM update team is taking the lead on this chapter)
- Chapter 25 -- Selected issues on financial instruments – has been following review by key stakeholders; next step is review by nominated reviewers (and any other interested AEG members)
- Chapter 26 – Islamic Finance – initial version has been drafted and reviewed by PdV/PH; next step is review by the IMF and IFTT
- Chapter 29 – Financial corporations – initial version currently being drafted
- Chapter 34 – Measuring well-being – initial version has been drafted and reviewed by PdV/PH; next step will be review by key stakeholders
- Chapter 38 – Thematic and extended accounts – initial version almost finalised

Global consultation on the new and substantially revised chapters will commence in September 2023 and go through to January 2024

# Glossary

- The SNA and BPM editorial teams have reviewed the 'first cut' that was prepared by the CMTT and resolved almost all issues
- A note on issues outstanding was discussed at the joint AEG/BOPCOM meeting and resolution was reached on all points
- The MFS, GFS and SEEA communities are currently reviewing the terms relevant to their domains
  - They have been asked to focus on substance and correctness of definitions, not style and editing
- In August/September, the AEG and BOPCOM will be formally consulted on the full glossary
  - The consultation will focus on a few high-level questions (eg scope of the glossary, missing elements etc); a detailed discussion of individual terms and definitions will be avoided
    - A note will be developed by the editorial teams to support this
- The results of this consultation will be discussed with the AEG at its October 2023 meeting (we will also need to discuss these results with BOPCOM)

# Early implementation

- The Eurostat/IMF task team Recording of Data in the National Accounts is arranging its second (September) and third (November) meetings
- Terms of reference for the IMF task team for Payments for Nonproduced Knowledge-Based Capital (Marketing Assets) have been developed – countries and ISWGNA members will be invited to join the TT in the next few weeks
  - The kick-off meeting is expected to be held late September/early October
- Terms of reference for the OECD Expert Group on Natural Capital have been developed and the process of inviting countries and ISWGNA members to join is underway
  - The kick-off meeting is expected to be held in early October
- The document on the early implementation planning, both for external communication and to be used to seek resources to assist developing countries, still needs to be completed

# Consolidated list of recommendations

- The drafting of the document for global consultation is well-advanced, following on from the discussion of the master-log of changes (from which the list is drawn) at the July AEG meeting
- Global consultation will commence in mid-August
- A cover note for the global consultation, including the consultation questions, has been drafted and circulated to ISWGNA members for comment
- Results of the global consultation will be discussed at the October AEG meeting
- An updated version will be submitted by the ISWGNA to the UNSC for its consideration at its meeting 27 February - 1 March 2024



# Outreach

- For the remainder of 2023, outreach will focus on the consolidated list of recommendations
  - It is proposed that PdV/PH will conduct a global virtual seminar, which would be primarily for information, at the end of August/early September – the UNSD will organise this
  - It is proposed to prepare a note summarising the consolidated list of recommendations for the SNA News and Notes
  - During September – December 2023, a series of virtual seminars will be organised with the UN Regional Commissions to discuss the implications and potential impacts of the recommendations
  - We will coordinate these efforts with those of the IMF BPM team who are conducting similar seminars through their regional channels
- During 2024 and into 2025, the focus of outreach will turn toward looking into issues associated with the implementation of the 2025 SNA
  - It is anticipated that the regional commissions will be key players in this

# Next AEG Meeting 16 -18 October Paris, hosted by the OECD

## Possible agenda items

- Discussion of outcome of global consultation on consolidated list of recommendations
- Discussion of outcome of AEG/BOPCOM consultation on glossary
- Discussion of outcome of global consultation on draft chapters
  - Chapter 2 National accounts and measures of well-being and sustainability
  - Chapter 22 Digitalization
  - Chapter 25 Selected issues on financial instruments
- Approval for global consultation on draft chapters, possibly including
  - Chapter 5 Residence, institutional units and sectors
  - Chapter 16 Labour
  - Chapter 21 Communicating the accounts
  - Chapter 23 Globalization
  - Chapter 26 Islamic Finance
  - Chapter 29 Financial corporations
  - Chapter 34 Measuring well-being
  - Chapter 38 Thematic and extended accounts
  - Chapter 39 Informal activities
- Issues Note on production of electricity for own final use
- Project manager/lead editors report
- Progress reports on early implementation activities
- Discussion on issues associated with the implementation of the 2025 SNA, including outreach
- Progress on compilers hub/digital manuals
- Anything else ???????

