

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 23: Non-profit institutions in the System**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

General comment	The chapter is clear and reads well as it currently stands. However, there are a few minor areas where the exposition may be slightly improved.
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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 23.1-23.11)

General comment	This section reads well, but there are two minor areas where it may be improved.
23.3	This paragraph seems to contradict another portion of the SNA when it states “(t)he only essential criterion (for classification) is . . . that the NPI may not be a source of income, profit or financial gain to its owners.” According to SNA §4.83, any surpluses generated from these institutions also cannot be appropriated by other institutional units. SNA § 4.83 also seems to imply that some sort of articles of association are needed for it to qualify as an institutional unit.
23.9	Even though this paragraph is clear, it might be strengthened by directly linking the other types of NPIs to the particular sectors in which they belong or by referring to other sections of the SNA for further guidance.

* Insert rows in this Word table for each paragraph on which you wish to comment.

B. The units included in the NPI satellite account (paragraphs 23.12-23.29)

General comment	This section reads well, but there are two minor areas where it may be improved.
23.20-28	A common question that arises when discussing the classification of NPIs relates to the classification of homeowners’ or renters’ associations. It is quite common for groups to band together as a practical means to share the costs of domestic services. In some countries, the number of such organizations can be quite large. Adding a paragraph for these types of organizations would seem helpful
23.29	The text could be improved with a few general statements about the usefulness of the different types of classification systems. While the normal classification to be used would be ISIC, many users of NPI data are mainly interested in data organized by purpose—a point that is not immediately apparent from the text.

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C. Accounts for NPIs in the satellite account (paragraphs 23.30-23.36)

General comment	This section reads well.

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D. Other SNA considerations concerning NPIs (paragraphs 23.37-23.44)

General comment	This section reads well.

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Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Is the scope and purpose of the satellite account clear?
2. Are the three alternative valuations of output of NPIs in the satellite account clear?
3. Are there any other issues that should be added to section D?

Specific comments:

Specific comments	The first two questions seem to be clearly addressed; the last question seems to be appropriately addressed. It is clear that readers can always turn to the Nonprofit Handbook for further guidance.
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