



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Statistical Division

Presentation 7

2008 SNA Implementation Strategy

Radoslav Istatkov
UNECE Statistical Division
Baku, 24-26 September 2008

Background



- ❖ **Increasing importance of NA:**
 - Design and assess policies
 - International comparisons of growth and development

- ❖ **Recent developments of international standards for economic statistics:**
 - Adoption of 2008 SNA
 - Updated standards – BPM6, ISIC Rev.4, CPC Ver.2
 - System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)



Implementation strategy

- ❖ **Mandated to ISWGNA:**
 - **Report to UN Statistical Commission – December 2007**
- ❖ **Luxembourg Recommendations (LRs)**
 - **Eurostat/UNSD Conference on International Outreach and Coordination in National Accounts for Sustainable Development and Growth - May 2008**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 3



2008 SNA implementation plan

- ❖ **Regional implementation plans**
- ❖ **Global implementation programme – to be prepared by ISWGNA based on regional plans**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 4



Overall objectives

- ❖ to facilitate the implementation and outreach of the international standards on national accounts and economic statistics in developing countries, while ensuring that national, regional and international actions are sustainable and efficient;
- ❖ to improve the quality, production and dissemination at the country level in a sustainable manner.

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 5



Specific objectives

- ❖ international coordination among development partners
- ❖ regional programmes, guidelines and procedures for coordination, monitoring and reporting on performance
- ❖ national statistical capacity for national accounts and related basic statistics
- ❖ advocacy of the use of national accounts and statistics in general for policy purposes

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 6



Three guiding principles

1. Strategic planning
2. Coordination, monitoring and reporting
3. Statistical system improvement

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 7



1. Strategic planning

- ❖ **Key instrument to enhance political and financial support for investment in statistics**
- ❖ **Help to determine current strengths and weaknesses of statistical capacity**
- ❖ **Advocacy at national level**
- ❖ **Best practices of strategic planning framework readily available**
- ❖ **Alignment with other related international frameworks – BPM, SEEA, ISIC, CPC**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 8

2. Coordination, monitoring and reporting



- ❖ **Lessons learned from 1993 SNA implementation – insufficient institutional capacity and lack of international cooperation**
- ❖ **Defined actions of all stakeholders at national, regional and global level and ensured execution against benchmarks**
- ❖ **Regional Commissions to play a pivotal role – implementation plans will vary by region**
- ❖ **Global governance – ICP is a possible model for structure**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 9

3. Statistical system improvement



- ❖ **Better results expected by strengthening statistical systems at each level**
- ❖ **Common international, regional and national programme for the implementation of 2008 SNA**
- ❖ **Tools and instruments:**
 - **Meetings, seminars, workshops**
 - **Technical cooperation**
 - **Manuals, handbooks, software tools**
 - **Academic and statistical training in NA**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 10



3. Statistical system improvement (cont'd)

- ❖ **Tools and instruments (cont'd):**
 - **Sponsoring research**
 - **Advocacy**
 - **Translation into 5 UN official languages**
- ❖ **SNA Knowledge Platform**
- ❖ **“Centres of Competences”**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 11



Current actions

- ❖ **Regional implementation plans based on LRs:**
 - **Coordinated by the UN Regional Commissions**
 - **Participation of countries – to ensure that country specific issues are reflected**
- ❖ **Proposed structure:**
 - **Background**
 - **Objectives and actions**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 12

Regional implementation plans



1. Background:

- **Legislative mandate**
- **Existing statistical frameworks**
- **Uses and users of NA and related basic statistics**
- **Assessment – NA aggregates and basic statistics**
- **Past technical assistance received**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 13

Regional implementation plans (cont.)



2. Objectives and actions:

- **Objectives and key deliverables**
- **Coordination and governance**
- **Activities planned**
- **Monitoring and reporting**
- **Suggestions for potential “Centres of Competence”**

14 October 2008

- UNECE Statistical Division

Slide 14



Further steps

- ❖ **Finalisation of regional implementation plans – Regional Commissions**
- ❖ **Global implementation programme – ISWGNA, for consideration and approval by 40-th UNSC in February 2009**