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Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD  
Meeting on National Accounts  
(Geneva, 26-28 April 2000)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on 26 April 2000 at 10 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. What is required for 1993 SNA implementation?
4. FISIM - examine results of experimental calculations
5. Price and volume measures
6. Measurement of capital stock
7. Changes in inventories
8. Information items
9. Future work
10. Other business
11. Adoption of the report

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Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The meeting on National Accounts is convened jointly by ECE, OECD and Eurostat pursuant to the decision that the Conference of European Statisticians took at its forty-seventh plenary session, in June 1999 (see report of the session ECE/CES/56 and its programme element 3.1).

**WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL**

**10:00-10:20** Items 1 and 2

Item 3: WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR 1993 SNA IMPLEMENTATION?

**SESSION 1**

**10:20-10:40 Discussant:** Mr. Kishori Lal, Statistics Canada

**10:40-11:00 Invited paper 1:** When can a country claim it has implemented SNA 1993?

**Author:** Mr. Paul McCarthy, OECD

**11:00-11:20 Invited paper 2:** What is required for 1993 SNA implementation?

**Author:** Mr. Robyn Lynch, Office for National Statistics (ONS), United Kingdom

**11:20-11:40 Coffee break**

**11:40-12:00 Invited paper 3:** Implementation of the 1993 SNA in the CIS countries

**Author:** Mr. Juri Ivanov, CIS Statistical Committee

**Supporting papers:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico (Compilation of institutional sector accounts)

**12:00-13:00 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers**

**13:00-15:00 Lunch**

**SESSION 2**

**15:00-15:20 Invited paper 4:** Compilation of Balance Sheets

**Author:** (To be decided)

**15:20-15:40 Discussions and comments on the invited paper**

Item 4: FISIM - EXAMINE RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTAL CALCULATIONS

**SESSION 3**

**15:40-16:00 Discussant:** Mr.Wolfgang Eichmann, Statistisches Bundesamt, Germany

**16:00-16:20 Invited paper 5:** Summary of Eurostat results on allocation of FISIM  
**Author:** Eurostat

**16:20-16:40 Coffee break**

**16:40-17:00 Invited paper 6:** Results of experimental calculations in Belgium  
**Author:** Ms. P.Sneijers, Institut National de Statistique, Belgium

**17:00-17:20 Invited paper 7:** Allocation of FISIM - results for the years:  
1995-1998  
**Author:** Mrs. Marleen Verbruggen, Statistics Netherlands

**Supporting papers:** Germany (Availability of data for allocating FISIM on the basis of EU harmonised gain and loss accounts for credit institutions, author: Mr.Wolfgang Eichmann) and Israel (Conceptual and empirical problems in allocation of FISIM, authors: Mr. Pablo Mandler and Mr. Ezra Hadar)

**17:20-18:00 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers**

**THURSDAY 27 APRIL**

Item 5: PRICE AND VOLUME MEASURES

**SESSION 4**

**09:30-09:50 Discussant:** (To be decided)

**09:50-10:10 Invited paper 8:** Chainlinking  
**Author:** Mrs. Anna Brueton, Office for National Statistics (ONS),  
United Kingdom

**10:10-10:30 Invited paper 9:** Relevance and construction of chained indices

**Author:** Mr. Jean-Pierre Berthier, Institut National de la  
Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (INSEE), France

**10:30-10:50 Invited paper 10:** Supply and use tables in constant prices

**Author:** Mrs. Liv Simpson, Statistics Norway

**Supporting paper:** Ukraine

**10:50-11:10 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers**

**11:10-11:30 Coffee break**

Item 6: MEASUREMENT OF CAPITAL STOCK

**SESSION 5**

**11:30-11:50 Discussant:** Mr. Peter Van de Ven, Statistics Netherlands

**11:50-12:30 Invited paper 11:** Measurement of Capital Stock

**Author:** Mr. Derek Blades, OECD

**12:30-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-14:50 Invited paper 12:** New Survey of Fixed Assets

**Author:** Mr. Paul West, Office for National Statistics (ONS),  
United Kingdom

**14:50-15:10 Invited paper 13:** Measurement of capital stock in the Belgian  
national accounts

**Author:** Mr. Tim Hermans, Belgium

**15:10-15:50 Discussions and comments on invited papers**

**15:50-16:10 Coffee break**

**SESSION 6**

**16:10-16:20 Discussant:** Mr. Peter Van de Ven

**16:20-16:40 Invited paper 14:** Depreciation in the US income and product account

**Author:** (To be confirmed)

**16:40-16:50 Invited paper 15:** Return on Capital

**Author:** Mr. Jukka Jalava, Statistics Finland

**Supporting papers:** Cyprus, Finland, Hungary, the Netherlands

**16:50-17:30 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers**

**FRIDAY 28 APRIL**

Item 7: CHANGES IN INVENTORIES

**SESSION 7**

**09:30-09:50 Discussant:** Mr. Esben Dalgaard, Statistics Denmark

**9:50-10:10 Invited paper 16:** Measuring holding gains in inventories

**Author:** Mr. Paul McCarthy, OECD

**10:10-10:30 Invited paper 17:** Changes in inventories and holding gains

**Author:** Swiss Federal Statistical Office

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00-11:20 Invited paper 18:** Current price value of changes in inventories of output: sub-annual and annual totals

**Author:** Mr. Kishori Lal, Statistics Canada

**Supporting papers:** Israel (Measuring changes in inventories under high inflation, authors: Mr. Soli Peleg and Mr. Daniel Finzi) and Ukraine

**11:20-12:30 Discussions and comments on invited and supporting papers**

**12:30-14:30 Lunch**

Item 8: INFORMATION ITEMS

**SESSION 8**

Information will be provided on the following events and activities:

**14:30-14:45** Presentation by IMF on developments in Data Dissemination Standards for national accounts

**Presentation:** IMF

**14:45-15:00 Comments and questions**

**15:00-15:10** Handbook on Non-Observed Economy

**Presentation:** OECD

**15:10-15:20** Handbook on Non-Profit Institutions

**Presentation:** UN Statistical Division

**15:20-15:30 Questions and comments on the two Handbooks**

**15:30-15:40** Financial Derivatives, an update of the 1993 SNA

**Presentation:** IMF

**15:40-15:50** Electronic Discussion Group (EDG) on asset transfer cost

**Presentation:** OECD

**15:50-16:00** EDG on treatment of interest under conditions of high inflation

**Presentation:** (To be decided)

**16:00-16:10** Accrual recording of interest is there a need for a change in the 1993 SNA?

**Presentation:** IMF

**16:10-16:20** Integrated presentation of the work of the Conference of European Statisticians

**Presentation:** ECE secretariat

Item 9: FUTURE WORK

Participants will be asked if they have any proposals for future joint ECE/OECD/Eurostat work on national accounts. The secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of country suggestions and of the discussions as the meeting proceeds for the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians.

**16:20-16:30** Item 10: OTHER BUSINESS

**16.30-16:50 Coffee break**

**16:50-17:30** Item 11: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

A short report (2-3 pages) with the agenda, participation, main decisions of the meeting and the meetings recommendations for future work will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed for

adoption. A longer report with summary of discussions will be distributed to all participants after the meeting.

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