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Group of Experts on National Accounts

Eighth Meeting  
Geneva, 25-28 April 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting is organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD
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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Review of the 1993 SNA.
4. Long time series when major changes occur.
5. Non-observed economy in national accounts.
6. Globalization and the Effect on National Accounts.
7. National accounts and employment data.
8. Regional aspects of national accounts.
9. Future work.
10. Other business.
11. Adoption of the report.

Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The meeting on National Accounts is convened jointly by UNECE, OECD and Eurostat pursuant to the decision that the Conference of European Statisticians took at its fifty-second plenary session in June 2004 (see documents CES/2004/6 and ECE/CES/66).

**TUESDAY, 25 APRIL**

**9:30-9:45**     Items 1 and 2

Item 3:        REVIEW OF THE 1993 SNA

**Organisers:** Carol Carson (SNA Update, Project Manager), Anne Harrison (SNA Update, Editor), OECD, IMF

9:45 – 10:30 Session 1: Overview

**9:45-9:55**     **Chair:** Adriaan Bloem

**9:55-10:10**    Presentation: Carol Carson

**10:10-10:30**   Discussion and comments

**10:30-11:00**   Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Non-financial assets

**11:00-11:10**   **Chair:** Charles Aspden

**11:10-11:25**   Presentation: country

**11:25-11:40**   Presentation: international organization

**11:40-12:30**   Discussion and comments

**12:30-14:30**   Lunch

14:30 – 15:45 Session 3: Government-public sector issues

**14:30-14:40**   **Chair:** Dieter Glatzel

**14:40-14:55**   Presentation: country

**14:55-15:10**   Presentation: international organization

**15:10-15:45** Discussion and comments

**15:45-16:15** Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 Session 4: Units and Classifications

**16:15-16:25** **Chair:** Barbro Hexeberg

**16:25-16:40** Presentation: international organization

**16:40-16:55** Presentation: country

**16:55-17:30** Discussion and comments

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

Item 3: REVIEW OF THE 1993 SNA (cont.)

9:30 – 10:45 Session 5: External sector issues

**9:30-9:40** **Chair:** Ivo Havinga

**9:40-9:55** Presentation: country

**9:55-10:10** Presentation: international organization

**10:10-10:45** Discussion and comments

**10:45-11:15** Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Session 6: Other topics and wrap-up discussion

**11:15-11:25** **Chair:** Carol Carson

**11:25-12:15** **Discussion and comments;** Available to answer questions: Anne Harrison

**12:15-12:30** **Conclusion**

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

Item 4: LONG TIME SERIES WHEN MAJOR CHANGES OCCUR

**Organiser:** UNECE

**Chair :** Philippe Stauffer, Swiss Federal Statistical Office

**14:30-14:40 Discussant:** Philippe Stauffer, Swiss Federal Statistical Office

**14:40-14:55** Long time series issues in the EU national accounts (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Ingo Kuhnert, Eurostat

**14:55-15:10** Recalculation of the Russian GDP series due to introduction of new classifications (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Rosstat, Russian Federation

**15:10-15:40 Discussion and comments**

**15:40-15:45 Discussant:** Summary and conclusions

**15:45-16:15** Coffee break

Item 5: NON-OBSERVED ECONOMY IN NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

**Organiser:** UNECE

**Chair:** Andrey Kosarev, Russian Federation

**16:15-16:25 Discussant:** Andrey Kosarev, Russian Federation

**16:25-16:35** Survey of National Practices in Estimating the NOE (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** UNECE

**16:35-16:45** The informal sector in the 1993 SNA, Rev.1 (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Carol Carson (SNA update, Project manager) and Ivo Havinga (UNSD)

**16:45-16:55** Illegal activities in the 1993 SNA (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Ivo Havinga, Gulab Singh, Herman Smith and Viet Vu (UNSD)

**16:55-17:25 Discussion and comments**

**17:25-17:30 Discussant:** Summary and conclusions

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

Item 6: GLOBALISATION AND THE EFFECT ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

**Organiser:** ONS, UK

**Chair:** Robin Lynch, ONS

**09:30-9:45** Introduction by **Chair:** Robin Lynch, ONS

9:45 – 11:00 Session 1

**09:45-10:00** Business registers (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Karen Wilson, Statistics Canada

**10:00-10:15** Practical issues (**Invited paper**) –  
**Author:** Piet Verbiest / Jan Berdowski, the Netherlands

**10:15-11:00** Discussion and comments

**11:00-11:20** Coffee break

11:20 – 12:30 Session 2

**11:20-11:40** Measuring globalisation (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Steve Landefeld, USA

**11:40-12:30** Discussion and comments

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

14:30 – 15:30 Session 3

**14:30-14:45** Toll Processing (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Dave Hobbs, UK

**14:45-15:00** Measurement of cross-border transactions (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Soli Peleg, Israel

**15:00-15:30** Discussion and comments

**15:30-15:50** Coffee break

15:50 – 17:00 Session 4

**15:50-16:05** Globalisation and updating the SNA (**Invited note**)

**Author:** Carol Carson, SNA Update project manager

**16:05-17:00 Panel of authors discussion, general discussion and close.**

Item 9: FUTURE WORK

**17:00-17:30** Delegates will be asked to discuss proposals for future joint work in national accounts. An Organising Committee will assist the secretariat in the preparation of draft proposals made on the basis of country suggestions and of the discussions. These draft proposals will then be submitted for delegates' approval the following day.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

Item 7: NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND EMPLOYMENT DATA

**Organiser:** Statistics Netherlands

**Chair:** Peter van de Ven, Statistics Netherlands

9:30 – 10:40 Session 1

**9:30-9:40** **Discussant:** (to be confirmed)

**9:40-9:55** Measuring employment in national accounts (**Invited paper**)

**Authors:** Arturo de la Fuente, Eurostat & Francois Lequiller, OECD

**9:55-10:10** Register data for national accounts (**Invited paper**)

**Author:** Ann Lisbet Brathaug, Statistics Norway

**10:10-10:40** **Discussion and comments**

**10:40-11:10** Coffee break

11:10 – 12:20 Session 2

**11:10-11:20** **Discussant:** (to be confirmed)

**11:20-11:35** Building SNA hours worked as input to productivity measures: the Canadian experience (**Invited paper**)

**Author:** Jean-Pierre Maynard, Andrée Girard and Marc Tanguay, Statistics Canada

**11:35-11:50** Practices of labor productivity measurement in Russia (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Rosstat, Russian Federation

**11:50-12:20** **Discussion and comments**

**12:20-12:30** **Discussant:** Summary and conclusions

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

Item 8: REGIONAL ASPECTS OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

**Organiser:** Statistics Canada

**Chair:** Michel Girard, Statistics Canada

14:30 – 16:00 Session 1

**14:30-14:45** **Discussant:** Michel Girard, Statistics Canada

**14:45-15:00** Regional Accounts in the CIS Countries (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Youri Ivanov, CIS Statistical Committee

**15:00-15:15** How to Improve the Quality of Regional Accounts Estimates (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Henk Nijmeijer, Statistics Netherlands

**Supporting papers:**

The Canadian Integrated Approach to Economic Surveys

**Author:** M. Brodeur, P. Koumanakos, J. Leduc, Éric Rancourt and Karen Wilson,  
Statistics Canada

Constructing Regional Input-Output Accounts: The recent Canadian Experience

**Authors:** M. Salem and Y. Siddiqi, Statistics Canada

**15:15-16:00** **Discussion and comments**

**16:00-16:20** Coffee break

16:20 – 17:15 Session 2

**16:20-16:25** **Discussant:** Michel Girard, Statistics Canada

**16:25-16:40** The Regional Accounts System of the EU (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Andreas Krüger, Eurostat

**16:40-17:05** **Discussion and comments**

**17:05-17:15** **Discussant:** Summary and conclusions

**17:15-17:30** Item 10: OTHER BUSINESS, and Item 11: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Participants will be asked to adopt a short draft report (2-3 pages) including the agenda, participation, main decisions of the meeting and the recommendations for future work discussed under item 9.

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

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