



**Economic and Social  
Council**

Distr.  
GENERAL

ECE/CES/GE.20/2006/1/Rev.1  
8 March 2006

ENGLISH ONLY

---

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**STATISTICAL COMMISSION**

**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS**

Group of Experts on National Accounts

Eighth Meeting  
Geneva, 25-28 April 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting is organised jointly with Eurostat and OECD
---

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 taken by the Conference of European Statisticians 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 (Project Manager, SNA Update), Anne Harrison (Editor, SNA Update), OECD, IMF

9:45 – 10:30 Session 1: Overview

9:45-9:55      **Chair:** Barbro Hexeberg, World Bank

9:55-10:10      Presentation: Carol Carson, Project Manager, SNA Update

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, OECD

11:10-11:25      Assets Owned by Non-market Producers (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Steve Landefeld, United States

11:25-11:40      Leases and Licenses (Presentation)  
**Author:** Charles Aspden, OECD

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, Eurostat

14:40-14:50 Recording of Pension Liabilities in the New SNA (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Francois Lequiller, OECD

14:5-15:00 Treatment of Pension Funds in Australia  
**Author:** Karl Obst, ABS

15:00-15:10 Tax Revenue, Tax Credits and Valuations (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Adriaan Bloem, IMF

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:** Adriaan Bloem, IMF

16:25-16:40 SPVs and Other Units Topics (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Peter van de Ven, Netherlands

16:40-16:55 ISIC-NACE (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Alice Zoppè, Eurostat

16:55-17:30 Discussion and comments

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

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

9:30 – 10:45 Session 5: Financial issues

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

9:40-9:55 Guarantees (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Reimund Mink, ECB

9:55-10:10 Insurance (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Francois Lequiller, OECD

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, Project Manager, SNA Update

11:25-12:15 Discussion and comments; Available to answer questions: Anne Harrison, Editor, SNA Update

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:** Irina Masakova, Russian Federation

15:10-15:40 Discussion and comments on the invited and supporting papers

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 Non-observed Economy (**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)

**Supporting papers:**

The Practice of Ukraine in Measuring Non-observed Economy

**Author:** Viktor Holovko and Irina Nikitina, State Statistics Committee of Ukraine

16:55-17:25 Discussion and comments on the invited and supporting papers

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 on the invited and supporting papers

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 on the invited and supporting papers

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 on the invited and supporting papers

15:30-15:50 Coffee break

15:50 – 17:00 Session 4

15:50-16:05 Globalisation and Updating the SNA: a Progress Report to the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts (**Invited note**)  
**Author:** Carol Carson, Project manager, SNA Update

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 on the invited and supporting papers

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 on the invited and supporting papers
- 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
- 15:15-15:30    The Regional Accounts System of the EU (**Invited paper**)  
                    **Author:** Andreas Krüger, Eurostat

**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

Gross Regional Product Estimation in Ukraine

**Author:** Viktor Holovko and Irina Nikitina, State Statistics Committee of Ukraine

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Discussion and comments on the invited and supporting papers

17:00-17:10 Discussant: **Summary and conclusions**

17:10-17:30 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.

\* \* \* \* \*