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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 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      Overview of the SNA Update (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** 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      Returns to Government Owned Assets (**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 After the February 2006 AEG, What about Recording Pension Liabilities in the New SNA? (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Francois Lequiller, OECD
- 14:50-15:00 Defined Benefit Pension Schemes in the SNA – Australian View (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Tony Johnson and Tulsi Ram, ABS  
**Presented by** Karl Obst, ABS
- 15:00-15:10 Tax Revenue, Uncollectible Taxes, Tax Credits (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Adriaan Bloem, IMF
- 15:10-15:50 Discussion and comments
- 15:50-16:15 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 The Revision of ISIC-NACE and Related Classifications (**Presentation**)  
**Author:** Alice Zoppè, Eurostat  
**Presented by** Ivo Havinga, UNSD
- 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:** ECB  
**Presented by** Nuno Silva, ECB
- 9:55-10:10 New Estimation of Non-Life Insurance Services in SNA 93, Rev.1 (**Invited paper**)  
**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

15:45-16:05 Coffee break

Item 5: NON-OBSERVED ECONOMY IN NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

**Organiser:** UNECE

**Chair:** Andrey Kosarev, Russian Federation

16:05-16:10 **Discussant:** Andrey Kosarev, Russian Federation

16:10-16:20 The Informal Sector in the 1993 SNA, Rev.1 (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Carol Carson (SNA update, Project manager) and Ivo Havinga (UNSD)

16:20-16:30 Illegal Activities in the 1993 SNA (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Ivo Havinga, Gulab Singh, Herman Smith and Viet Vu (UNSD)

16:30 –16:55 Discussion and comments.

17:00-17:10 Non-observed Economy in National Accounts (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** UNECE

**Supporting papers:**

Measurement of Non-observed Economy in Ukraine

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

17:10-17:25 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 The Business Register as a Basis for Dealing with Measurement Issues Related to Globalization (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Karen Wilson, Statistics Canada

10:00-10:15 Globalisation and the Effect on National Accounts: Practical Issues (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Nico van Stokrom, Frank Bongers, Leslie Nootenboom and Wim Tebbens, 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 The Importance of, and Pitfalls in, Measuring Globalization (**Invited paper**)  
**Author:** Steve Landefeld and Obie G. Whitchard, BEA

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 Goods for Processing: a Pragmatic Approach (**Invited paper**)

**Author:** Dave Hobbs, UK

14:45-15:00 Problems of Measurement and Analysis in the National Accounts under Rapidly Growing Globalization (**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:** Bent Thage, Statistics Denmark

9:40-9:55 Measuring Employment in National Accounts (**Invited paper**)

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

9:55-10:10 Registers as a Source of Labour Market Data in the Norwegian National

Accounts (**Invited paper**)

**Author:** Ann Lisbet Brathaug and Tor Skoglund, 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:** Bent Thage, Statistics Denmark

11:20-11:35 Producing Hours Worked for the SNA in Order to Measure Productivity: the Canadian Experience (**Invited paper**)

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

11:35-11:50 Use Employment Statistics in the National Accounts of the Russian Federation (**Invited paper**)

**Author:** Alexander Surinov and Irina Masakova, 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 Integrated Approach to Economic Surveys in Canada

**Authors:** M. Brodeur, P. Koumanakos, J. Leduc, Éric Rancourt, Karen Wilson

and Arthur Berger, Statistics Canada  
Canada's Recent Experience in Constructing Regional Economic Accounts  
**Authors:** M. Salem and Y. Siddiqi, Statistics Canada  
Practice in Implementation of Regional Accounts in Ukraine  
**Authors:** 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.

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