Communication TT: Review of Framework to Measure Alignment to Standards

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Outline

- Background
- Goal
- Activities
- Possible Developments
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• Alignment with international standards provides important signals to users:
  ➢ informs the quality of each country’s data and cross-country comparisons
  ➢ informs that subsequent major revisions are expected when an economy remains distant from the international standards

• Currently, outside the European Union alignment with international standards is a binary, self-proposed definition (i.e., each country declares if it is compliant or non-compliant).
  ➢ need to develop an internationally adopted and accepted framework to measure alignment to the international standards
  ➢ objective is to develop an aggregated measure that can be used by countries for self assessment

Source: https://www.oxford-review.com/
Review of Framework to Measure Alignment: Background
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Goal

Objective: create clear measures on the degree of implementation and alignment with the international standards (e.g., charts, tables, quantitative indicators), considering the evolution of macroeconomic accounts since the last round of updates.

- the priority recommendations differ according to national conditions
- the implementation of the latest version of the standards is not by itself a measure of accuracy

The Task Team is expected to:

- build on the tools adopted by the UNSC, BOPCOM, and GFSAC for monitoring the implementation of statistical standards
- examples: 2008 SNA implementation milestones, required data set, and compliance questionnaire, as well as other available frameworks such as the IMF data dissemination frameworks (GDDS/SDDS) and the Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF)
Review of Framework to Measure Alignment: Activities

**Framework**
The Task Team will propose a framework to communicate the alignment of countries with international standards, considering the initiatives that already exist (e.g., MRDS, SDDS and DQAF).

**Measure Alignment**
The Task Team will define how to measure alignment to the latest international standards.

**Measures of Alignment**
The Task Team will propose clear and transparent measures of alignment with international standards (e.g., charts, tables, quantitative indicators).
Review of Framework to Measure Alignment: Possible Development

Dashboard

- Grid developed around the **key components** of a given macroeconomic accounting framework (e.g., concepts and definitions, accounting rules)
  - to be used by statistical agencies and international organizations
- Each category is broken down into **sub-categories** that encompass the main features of the system
- Countries conduct **self-assessment** using the dashboard
  - indicate level of alignment (fully, partially, not aligned, or not applicable) with each sub-category.

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Aggregate Measure - Uses

- Cross country-comparisons
  - having a standard alignment framework allows for more accurate cross-country comparisons

- Potential future revisions
  - the alignment framework can be used to communicate with users about the impact of the proposed changes to the SNA or the impact of other benchmark revisions

Cross-country comparisons

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Review of Framework to Measure Alignment: Deliverables and Timeline

Expected deliverables:
- Guidance note

- **August 2020**
  Report of activities for AEG, BOPCOM, and GFSAC

- **November 2020**
  Report of activities for ISWGNA report to UNSC

- **2021**
  Finalization of draft guidance note
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Thank you!

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