Experimental Estimates and Forthcoming UNSD activities

Special Session on Supply and Use Tables and Input-Output Tables
3-5 October 2022

United Nations Statistics Division
Towards the 2025 SNA

About the updating process

The Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWNGA), assisted by the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts (AEG), oversees the overall 2008 SNA update programme.

The Project Management page contains all documents (work programme, governance arrangements, progress reports of the project manager, reports to the UNSC, minutes of ISWNGA meetings, etc.) relevant to the management of the update project.

A three-pronged approach is envisaged for the update of the 2008 SNA:

A. Undertaking technical research in prioritized and other national accounts issues and experimentation and testing of selected recommendations.

To address the issues a series of Guidance Notes are being developed. This list is based on the consolidated SNA research agenda and an initial list of issues considered for updating the 2008 SNA which was identified in July 2020.

A novel key feature within the research component of the update of the 2008 SNA work programme is the explicit inclusion of an experimental estimation / early implementation component for some recommendations in the guidance notes.

Dedicated task teams were established to undertake the technical research and draft guidance notes.

B. Engaging in a broad consultation on the issues related to the thematic areas.

The Broad Consultation component of the SNA update constitutes several rounds of interactions with various groups of stakeholders such as compilers, policymakers, academics, and the private sector. Among the instruments used to broadcast the update and collect feedback are online Global Consultations on the guidance notes and Outreach activities through global and regional webinars and forums.

C. Ensuring overall consistency with other statistical standards in the system of economic statistics.

For overlapping issues in the research agendas identified for the SNA, BPM, GFS, MFA/IFS, STEF, ISIC and CPC etc., the Task Teams were established consisting of subject matter experts from relevant Committees of Experts and other groups.

As of March 2023, of specific note is the historically close collaboration of the work on the update of the SNA and the 2008 SNA and the efforts to align the two standards, as well as the engagement of the Government Finance Statistics Community in the update programme.
The impact of the new recommendations

The SNA update work is in full swing:

- Most of the research work has been conducted;
- Several Guidance Notes (GN) have been endorsed for publication;
- Other GNs are in the process to be cleared for global consultation (GC);

The recommendations can be categorized in terms of their impact on the NA concepts and definitions. Nonetheless, it is important to be aware of their potential impact on the current compilation practices, for instance:

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Guidance Note Life Cycle

1. **Guidance Note (GN) drafted by TT**
2. Global *consultation* including experimentation and testing
3. TT sends GN to the committees AEG/ISWNGA, BOPCOM, etc.
4. Divergence
   - Dispute resolution
5. Joint *Endorsement*
6. Decision by BOPCOM for BPM6 Update
7. Decision by UNSC for 2008 SNA update
8. Second round review [Only if significant changes]
9. Draft GNs reviewed by the committees AEG/ISWNGA, BOPCOM BPTT, etc. => **Clearance**
10. **Early Implementation** (next 2 years)

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**Notes:**
- TT: Technical Team
- AEG/ISWNGA: [Organization Name]
- BOPCOM: [Organizational Name]
- BPM6: [Program Name]

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**Statistics Division**
[1] Kick-off letter, followed by standard request letters with GNs subject to experimentation (Batches)

  - Specific Topic and GN
  - Specific Resources Committed (staff/time)
  - Intended data to be used/developed
  - Filled online BA form

  - BA - feasibility
  - AEG/ISWGNA/TTs
  - RC/UNSD seeks clearance (by email)

[4] Response letter (acceptance or rejection): from UNSD
  - Opening meeting proposal
  - Country commitments acknowledgement
  - Timeline proposal
  - Reasons for the rejection (if)

[5] Project definition
  - Launching meeting
  - Project plan - timeline
  - Expert search/selection/appointment

  - Implementation
  - Results
  - Feedback

[7] Database – analytical outputs
Role of UNSD

Overall coordinator for global consultations of guidance notes and experimentation and testing exercises

- Prepare online Verint questionnaires for global consultations and experimental estimates exercises, in consultation with the relevant task teams
- Circulate guidance notes for global consultation and invitation letters for experimental estimates exercises
- Process outcomes of global consultations and experimental estimates exercises
- Maintain global consultations website
- Organize outreach activities through global and regional webinars and forums, in collaboration with relevant partners
Consultations

Below is the list of consultations carried out on the 2008 SNA update issues. Detailed information and available comments for each consultation can be accessed by selecting the corresponding consultation from the list.

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## Forthcoming activities of UNSD

### 2022

- **Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress** (10-14 Oct 2022)
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} meeting of Measurement of Inflation of Owner-Occupied Housing in the CPI sprint (24 Oct 2022)
- **International Seminar on Data Stewardship and the Secure Sharing of Data** (2-3 Nov 2022)
- **Thirteenth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs** (7-9 Nov 2022)
- 7\textsuperscript{th} International Conference on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (7-11 Nov 2022)
- **Global Conference on Macroeconomic Statistics for the Future** (10-11 Nov 2022)
- **Workshop on Earth Observation for Ecosystem Accounting - EO4EA 2022** (28 Nov 2022-1 Dec 2022)

### 2023

- **54\textsuperscript{th} Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission** (28 Feb-3 Mar 2023)
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (1-5 May 2023)

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### Global Calendar of Statistical Events

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Questions?
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