Guidelines on measurement of well-being
Chapter 3 - Measurement frameworks Related to Well-Being

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Progress, sustainability, inclusion, well-being and more

- System of National accounts (SNA)
- System of Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Beyond GDP initiatives
System of National accounts (SNA)

1. **SNA Framework**
   Provides inputs for measuring economic well-being through the sequence of economic accounts and thematic/extended accounts.

2. **Advantages**
   Internationally agreed concepts, facilitates comparability, and widely available data.

3. **Limitations**
   Restricted to production boundary, focuses on costs rather than outcomes, and excludes non-economic factors.
## System of National accounts (SNA)
### Measures of income, consumption and wealth

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Extended and Thematic Accounts in SNA

- **Households’ Production of Services** - Measures unpaid household work, contributing to economic well-being.

- **Education and training** - Provides insights on human capital formation and expenditures.

- **Health care** - Offers detailed data on health care systems and financing.
# System of Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA)

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Global Framework
17 goals with 169 targets and 231 indicators for sustainable development.

Integrated Approach
Balances economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainability.

Progress Monitoring
SDGs and well-being measurement

1. **Similarities**
   
   Multi-dimensional approach, focus on sustainability and equality, move beyond economic measures.

2. **Differences**
   
   Global vs. national focus, defined targets vs. continuous improvement, varying definitions and data availability.

3. **Potential Synergies**
   
   SDG indicators can be integrated into national well-being frameworks, leveraging international comparability.
Beyond GDP initiatives

- GDP ≠ Measure of social progress
- Since the 1970s – initiatives for measuring progress
- SNA, SEEA, SDG, GPI, HDI
- The Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi report
- UN Beyond GDP initiative
- System of population and social statistics
Beyond GDP initiatives – Valuing what counts
UNSC FoC group on social and demographic statistics

- System of population and social statistics – agreed system of concepts, definitions and structures to measure demographic and social statistics.

- Framework for inclusive and sustainable well-being – statistical guidance for all aspects of well-being.
Linkages to Current Well-being Measurement

Current Well-being Focus Emphasis on current outcome indicators for individuals and households

**SNA Contributions**
Well-defined monetary indicators for income, consumption, and wealth

**SDG Integration**
Internationally agreed indicators adaptable to national contexts

**SEEA Contribution**
Indicators of natural capital and sustainability to support measurement of current well-being

**Beyond-GDP Harmonization**
Practical implementation and links to other fields of measurement of well-being an beyond GDP
Thank You