

Introduction to updating process

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Mandate for SNA update

- UNSC charged ISWGNA with responsibility for the update of the SNA in February 2003.
- UNSC approved the work programme on February 2004.
- Work began in early 2003, e.g. the first meeting of Canberra II was April 2003.

Goals

- Principal goals of the ISWGNA:
 - Product that meets the needs of NSOs and users
 - Efficient update process - release of updated SNA in 2008
 - Maximum involvement by all interested parties throughout the process
 - Transparent management process
 - Perfect consistency with BPM and maximum consistency with GFSM

Updating process

- A very important tool for achieving these goals is the UNSD website, which includes:
 - The work programme
 - A list of the issues with short description
 - Issue papers already considered by AEG
 - Issue papers awaiting discussion
 - Minutes of AEG and ISWGNA meetings
 - Comments on issue papers

Coordination and management

- The UNSD website has a link to the IMF website for issues dealt with by the BOP Committee, the TFHPSA and the IMF task force.
- Appointment of Carol Carlson as project manager and Anne Harrison as editor was announced at the end of October 2004.
- A number of NSOs and ISOs have committed themselves to providing funds, but more is needed.
- Total project cost: US\$1.8 mil, total funds raised: US\$1.2 mil.

Coordination and management

- ISWGNA exists at two levels:
 - ISWGNA: Management Group
 - ISWGNA: National Accountants
- Until the present, the ISWGNA:NA has undertaken the nitty gritty tasks of managing the update, and has been overseen by the ISWGNA:MG.
- ISWGNA has been meeting every three months through 2004

Coordination and management

- To achieve the principal goals of the update, the following steps have been taken:
 - Issue papers and AEG recommendations placed on the UNSD website.
 - NSOs, CBs and ISOs consulted about recommendations and asked for comments. Comments considered at following AEG meeting.
 - Issue papers presented at regional meetings - before AEG meetings, if possible.
 - Invitation to make suggestions to improve the clarity of the SNA.

Coordination and management

- Steps taken to ensure consistency with BPM and maximise consistency with GFSM
 - Members of ISWGNA and other task forces attend task force meetings.
 - Overlapping issues identified.
 - All issues considered by the AEG *plus* progress reports by BP Committee and TFHPSA.
 - Task forces working co-operatively.
 - Active roles for project manager and editor.

Welcome to the first consultation
workshop on SNA update