Overview of
The Implementation Guidance for
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Outline

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Introduction

- The 39&40th session the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) approved the 2008 SNA as the new international standard for economic accounting.
- Since mid-2008, the focus is shifting towards the dissemination, training and implementation phase of the SNA.
- Global Strategy: the UNSD/EUROSTAT meeting on the strategic implementation plan for the 2008 SNA in Luxembourg
Introduction

- At regional level, Strategy Documents by the African Group on SNA (AGNA)
- 7 cluster of activities
- Cluster of activity 1: developments of manuals and handbooks
  - Including this implementation Guide
Objective of the Guide

- To provide national statistical system (NSS) with
  - Road map
  - General Instruction
  - Methodological applications
  - Experiences and Country Practices
  - Assessment tools or “check lists”

- To streamline and design their country implementation plan
Component projects of the Implementation project

- According to statistical production process during benchmarking of SNA
  - Because a proper implementation of 2008 SNA (from 1968 SNA or 1993 SNA, cases of African countries) require new series of SNA with the new concepts
  - Due to the weakness of statistical infrastructure of NSS in Africa which require rehabilitation

- Large and complex statistical operations with three components project:
  - 1/The methodological application subprogramme
  - 2/The institutional framework subprogramme
  - 3/The IT subprogramme

NB: In advanced NSS, the main project will focus on practical methodology (sub programme 2)
The Methodological application sub programme

- this programme covers the review of the methodology works related to the main changes from the 1993 System,
- Priority topics for implementation, according to data sources and statistical capabilities of the country,
- Interpretation of the concepts into practical compilation of the country and developments of national proxy towards the concepts SNA.
The Institutional framework sub Programme

- Review of data sources, access policy, contents and processing
- Design the format & level of collaboration on the data sources between custodian of data NSO, Central Bank, Ministry of Finance and line ministries
- Outlining clearly responsibilities and monitoring and reporting role between custodian of data,
- Identify the lead agencies to carry out the activity on each specific topics, the issues of sharing information and access of information, to carry out joint surveys.
- Mainstreaming 2008 SNA in the NSDS
The IT sub-programme

- Design a computation strategy according to methodology developed by Sub Programme 1 and accessed data by Sub Programme 2
- Uploading data sources to SNA computation system
- Extrapolation of surveys and sample results into National coverage
- Translation of bridge tables into computerized program
- Compile the selected tables
Organization Structure

Global and regional Strategy (AGNA) recommend a formal structure for the implementation Project

The Programme Board
Programme Manager
Sub Programme groups
Organization Structure

- National Statistical Offices
- Central Bank
- Ministry of Finance
- Stakeholders/Donors
- Other users/producers

Central to these entities is:

- Statistical Coordination Committee
  Programme Board/ Sub Committee on Economic Statistics and SNA

Under the Programme Manager:

- Application Group
- Institutional Framework Group
- Computation Group
Organization Structure

- The Programme Board:
  - Mobilize resources
  - Advocacy and Implication of stakeholders

- The Programme manager:
  - continually evaluate the progress and achievements of the programme,
  - Guarantee the deadline and the quality of products
Resources the Programme

Challenges: human resources for the groups

- Experts on NA for Group 1: recall former and retired NA
- Representative of custodian of databases, legal experts for group 2
- IT experts for group 3: train students on IT, redeploy staff from IT to NA department
Financial Resources

- Training courses on 2008 SNA
- Launching workshops
- Documentation, study tours and missions
- Transportations
- Restitution workshops (methodologies on topics, bridge tables and final results)
Data and Information Resources

- Systematic Use of administrative sources
- Depend on national circumstances
  - Additional surveys
  - Buildings
  - Vehicles
  - SNA in local languages
  - Other
Execution and Evaluation of the implementation Project

- Groups & committees for design, planning and meetings
- Execution: each group member assigned to specific tasks
- To avoid unnecessary risks, failure of the project Manager will continuously evaluate the progress at all times,
- Potential problems identified immediately for adjustment
- Individual members, group to provide feedback, evaluation and progress report
Evaluation

- Quality assurance tools and milestone
- Monthly and quarterly reports on activities
- Evaluation reports and indicator of achievements:
  - Recruitments of staff for the working groups,
  - Availability/ expenditure of funds,
  - Workshops reports of the groups, mission reports
  - Documentation, methodology etc...

Examples of assessment tools at:
Communication policy

- The compilation of SNA is organized under networks of groups, committees and meetings,

- Communication within/between teams, groups and committees is a crucial requirement for success of the project
Questionnaire to countries

- Current, planned implementation project in countries? formal or informal organization? Rebasing benchmarking of SNA
- Firm intention of countries to adapt and test the guidance in pilot countries which will rebasing their SNA?
- Any methodology developed on topics of 2008 SNA?
- Best practices during 1993 SNA implementations?
- Other activities: documentations? National workshops on 2008 SNA? translation of SNA in African languages?
Questionnaire to organizations

- Kind of support for 2008 SNA in their work programmed:
  - Methodology and manuals (AFRISTAT, COMESA, EUROSTAT, OECD)
  - Planned workshops & Meetings
  - Technical assistance to countries?
Way Forward: Proposal of Finalization of the Guide

- Deadline: submit the final draft for consideration to the Statistical Commission for Africa III (January 2012)
- ECA: Next meeting of the SNA (May 2011)
- AGNA meeting (July 2011)
- Proposed review of the French version during AFRISTAT annual seminar on SNA (Bamako, September 2011)
Proposed Review, country practices, national methodology and editing of chapters

- French Version:
  - Coordinator: AFRISTAT (chapter 4) & Madagascar Chapter 3 / Cameroon - Military expenditure & Mauritius (chapter 1)

- English Version: coordinator/editing ECA
  - Zambia SIFIM
  - Botswana- Mineral exploration
  - South Africa- Imputed rent/R&D
  - Namibia - Informal sectors
  - South African Reserve Bank- Good send abroad for processing
  - Bank of Mauritius: Special Purposes Entities

- EUROSTAT to provide documents before March 2011

Reconciliation and translation of the two versions- September 2011 (ICP/AGNA meeting)

Dissemination of Final draft for comments (October)
Thank you