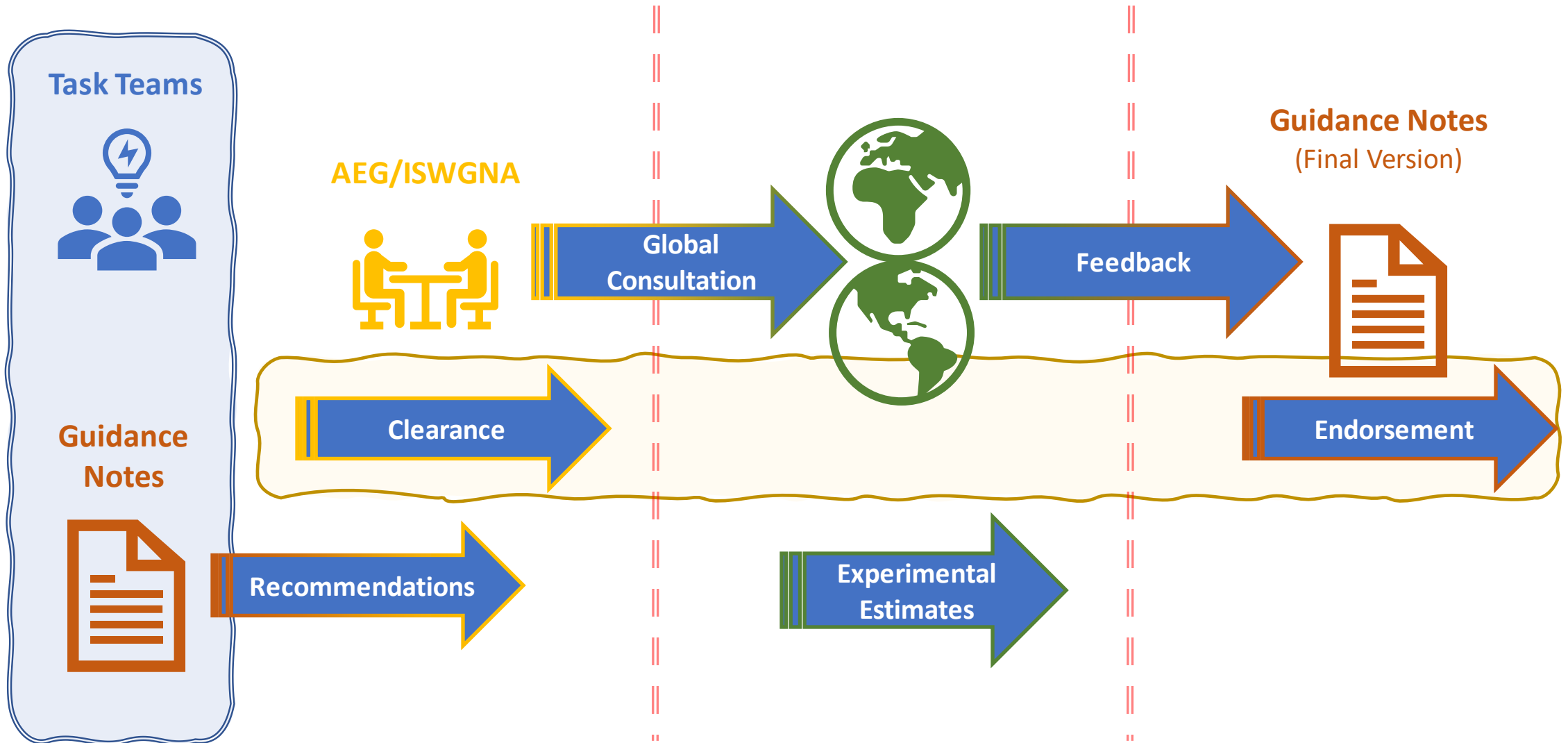


Guidance Notes and Experimental Estimates

**The Third Regional Thematic Webinar
on the System of National Accounts Update Programme
Addis Ababa, 6-9 June 2022**

United Nations Statistics Division

Guidance Notes - Cycle



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:

Type 1:	Proposes a change to the 2008 SNA boundaries
Type 2:	Proposes a change to the 2008 SNA Central Framework
Type 3:	Proposes supplementary tables (within boundaries)
Type 4:	Proposes extended/satellite accounts (beyond boundaries)

Task Team on
issues relating
Communication

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/default.asp>

National Accounts

About the National Accounts Section

The National Accounts Section of the United Nations Statistics Division:

- Contributes to the international coordinated development and updating of the **System of National Accounts (SNA)**; and undertakes methodological research on issues on the **research agenda** of the SNA in collaboration with the **Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA)**.
- Supports the **implementation programme of the SNA** by developing and updating supporting normative standards, training material and compilation guidance for the implementation of national accounts and supporting economic statistics and maintaining a **knowledge base on economic statistics**.
- Delivers a **statistical capacity building programme** for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics through a series of regional and interregional workshops and seminars in collaboration with the regional commissions and regional agencies and through a limited number of individual country technical assistance missions.
- Collects and disseminates **annual national accounts statistics** from countries and provides substantive service to the Committee on Contributions of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations on technical aspects of the elements of scale methodology for assessing the contributions to the United Nations by Member States.

Towards the 2025 SNA

The progress of the revision of the 2008 SNA

System of National Accounts (SNA)

Information on the SNA, 2008 SNA, 1993 SNA, historic versions of the SNA, etc.

ISWGNA

Information about ISWGNA activities, SNA implementation, AEG, Research agenda, etc.

Publications

List of available National Accounts Publications

Data

Information about the collection and dissemination of National Accounts data

Technical Cooperation

Information on workshops, seminars, meetings, etc.

Consultations on issues for the update of the 2008 SNA

CONSULTATIONS

National Accounts News

Updated 18 March 2021

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **International Data Exchange database** with comprehensive data on GDP and its key components, sectoral accounts, employment and population which are collected using SDMX protocols.

The Analysis of Main Aggregates, 2019 is now available for download [here](#). The data included in the publication is also available on the **AMA online database**.

SNA News and Notes (**Number 39/40**) is now available.

Guidance Notes and Global Consultation

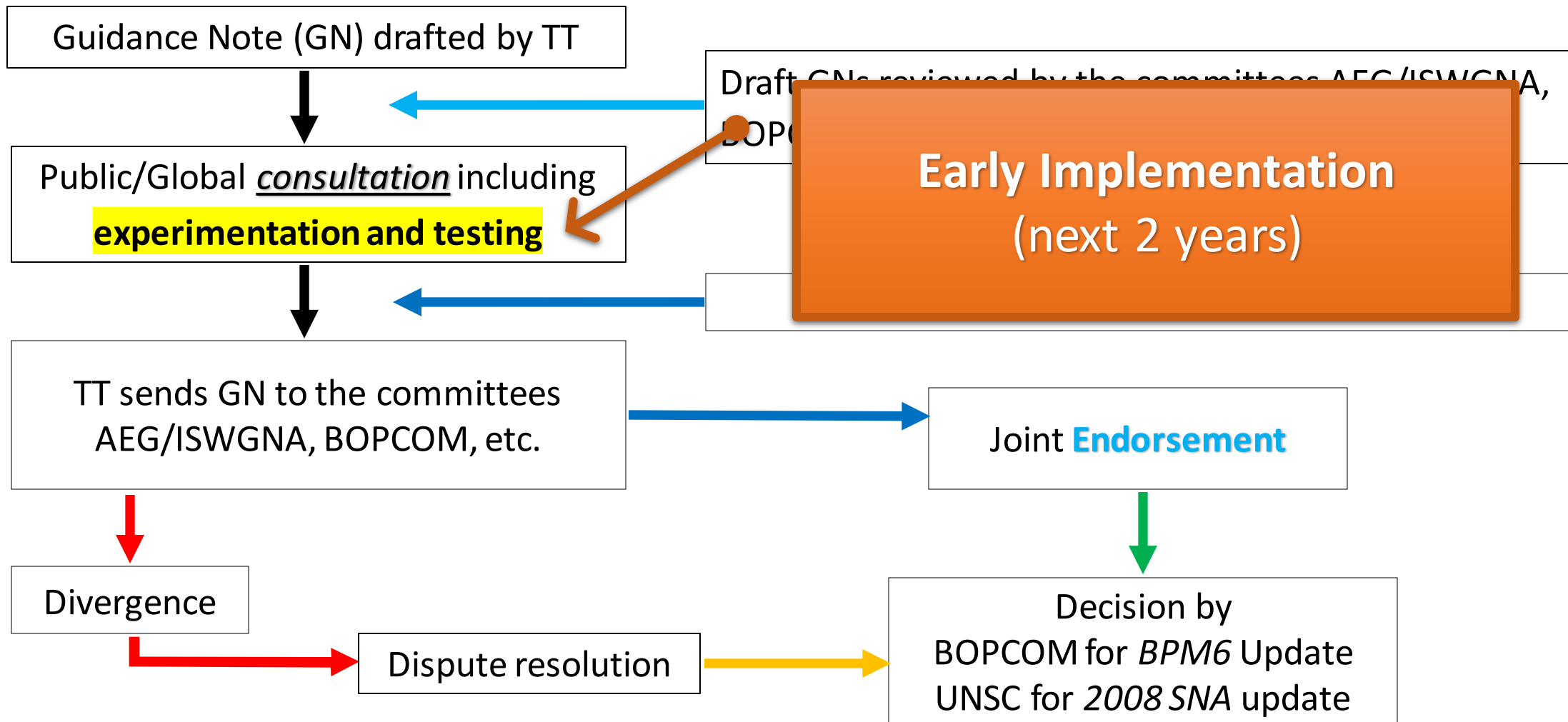
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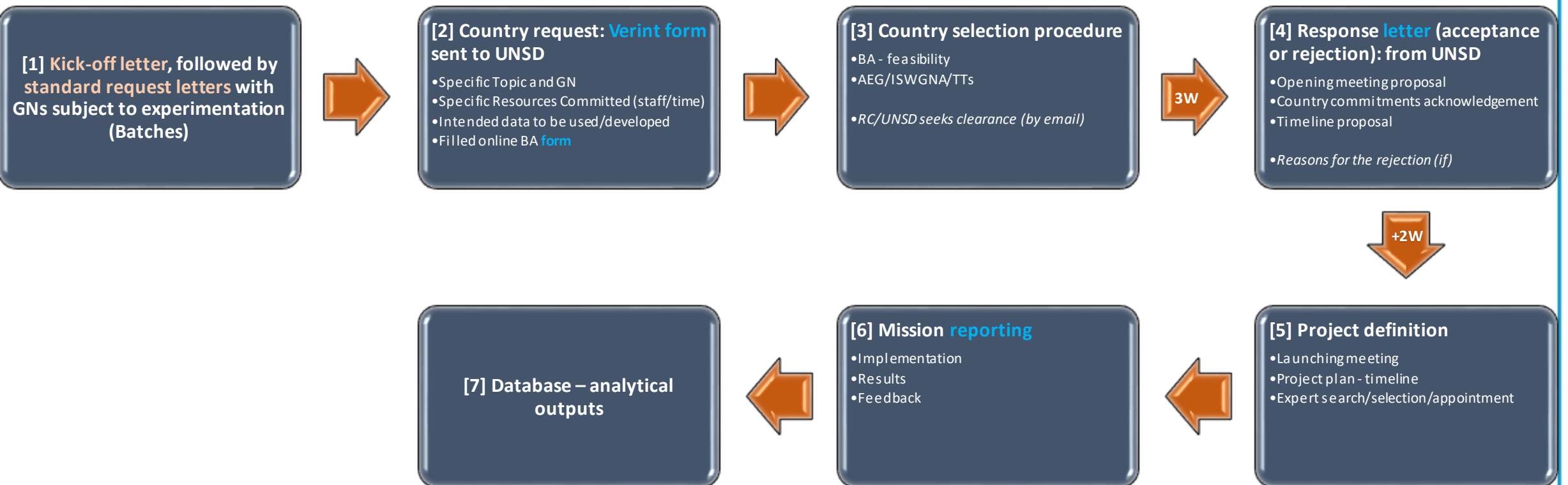
Below is the list of consultations carried out on the 2008 SNA update issues. Detailed information and available comments for each consultation can be accessed by selecting the corresponding consultation from the list.

Consultation	Posted	Status	Deadline	Report
WS.7 Treatment of Emission Permits	5/25/2022	Open	6/23/2022	No
DZ.9 Incorporating Digital Intermediation Platforms into the System of National Accounts	5/18/2022	Open	6/16/2022	No
DZ.7 Improving the Visibility of Artificial Intelligence in the National Accounts	5/18/2022	Open	6/16/2022	No
F.14 Treatment of Factoring Transactions	5/17/2022	Open	6/10/2022	No
F.13 Margins on Buying and Selling Transactions	5/17/2022	Open	6/10/2022	No
DZ.6 Recording of data in the National Accounts	4/14/2022	Closed	5/13/2022	No
DZ.3 Treatment of "free" Digital Products in the "core" National Accounts & DZ.4 Recording and Valuing "free" Digital Products in an SNA Satellite Account	4/14/2022	Closed	5/13/2022	No
WS.5 Health and Social Conditions	4/11/2022	Closed	5/2/2022	No
IE.1 Statistical Framework for the Informal Economy	2/3/2022	Closed	3/4/2022	Yes
F.18 The Recording of Crypto Assets in Macroeconomic Statistics	2/1/2022	Closed	2/25/2022	Yes
F.15 Debt Concessionality	2/1/2022	Closed	2/25/2022	Yes
G.7 Global Value Chains and Trade in Value Added	1/27/2022	Closed	2/25/2022	Yes
G.9 Payments for Nonproduced Knowledge-Based Capital (Marketing Assets)	1/10/2022	Closed	2/7/2022	Yes
G.5 Economic Ownership of Intellectual Property Products: Recording of Intra-MNE Transactions	1/10/2022	Closed	2/7/2022	Yes
F.7 Impact of Fintech on Macroeconomic Statistics	1/5/2022	Closed	2/4/2022	Yes

Guidance Note Life Cycle



Experimental Estimates – proposed flow



Harmonized templates

Experimental Estimates – Country request

The *starting point* of this exercise was the **kick-off letter** (mail) that UNSD sent in December 2021 to the heads of the statistics offices. This will be followed by a call for interest to participate as a volunteer to test/experiment in specific NA areas (by a **standard request letter**):

The **standard request letter** (that will accompany the notification to the NA areas) contains the following information requested from volunteers:

- Specific topic(s) and revealed Guidance Note(s) subject to experimentation
- Human recourses that will be devoted to the project (staff and time)
- Type and source of the data to be used in or developed for the estimates

The request from volunteer countries will be assessed based on a baseline assessment of metadata for the relevant countries

Structural information / Baseline assessment

Sample Form

The image displays four overlapping 'Metadata Entry Form' windows, each representing a different section of the baseline assessment process. The forms are arranged in a cascading manner, with the most prominent one in the foreground.

Metadata Entry Form (Top Layer):

- Country:** A dropdown menu.
- Load Data:** A green button.
- Close Form:** A blue button.
- Navigation Tabs:** National Accounts Compilation (selected), Source Data, Methods, Other Accounts.

Metadata Entry Form (Second Layer):

- Country:** A dropdown menu.
- Load Data:** A green button.
- Close Form:** A blue button.
- Navigation Tabs:** National Accounts Compilation, Source Data (selected), Methods, Other Accounts.

Metadata Entry Form (Third Layer):

- Country:** A dropdown menu.
- Load Data:** A green button.
- Close Form:** A blue button.
- Navigation Tabs:** National Accounts Compilation, Source Data, Methods (selected), Other Accounts.

Metadata Entry Form (Bottom Layer):

- Country:** A dropdown menu.
- Load Data:** A green button.
- Close Form:** A blue button.
- Navigation Tabs:** National Accounts Compilation, Source Data, Methods, Other Accounts (selected).
- Satellite Accounts:**
 - Tourism:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Agriculture:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

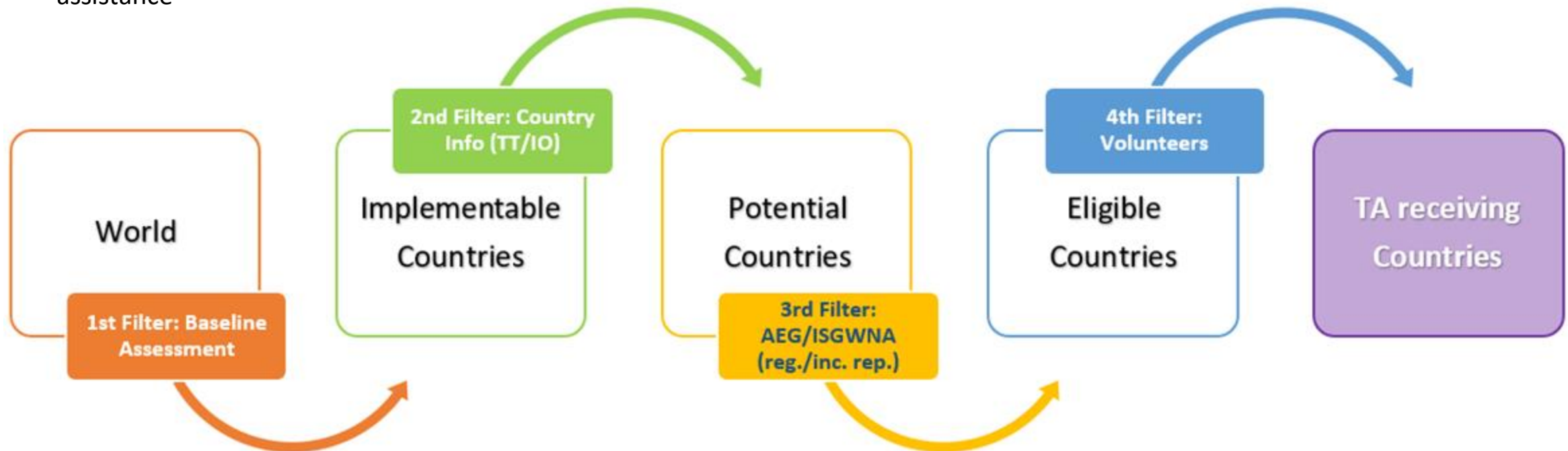
Experimental Estimates – Country selection

Principles

- Countries from diverse geographical and statistical development groups
- The baseline assessment, on the other hand is intended to be global
- Countries needing support will receive technical assistance

Selection Criteria

- Baseline assessment
- Input from Task Teams and I/R organizations
- Current countries' development plans
- Final list of potential countries endorsed by the AEG/ISWGNA



Experimental Estimates – Response to Countries

Official **response letter** informing the selection (or not), which contains the following information:

- Proposed agenda and date for the opening meeting with the team in charge of the project
- Acknowledgement of the time and staff requirements/committed to carry out the project
- Detailed outline and timeline proposal for the project (ideally between 6 and 9 months)
- If a request is not selected, the letter will clearly state the reasons (e.g., geographical overrepresentation), and may propose alternative arrangements

Experimental Estimates – Following steps

- ✓ Project definition: **Terms of Reference**
- ✓ **Project report** with the details of the project outcomes and process (feedback)
 - Future guidance
- ✓ Results reporting/sharing: centralized database – analytical **tables/reports**

Thank you!