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INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAMME

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Regional Seminar on the System of National Accounts(SNA) Update
Programme (Online)

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Outline

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Purpose of the Seminar

- The purpose of this Seminar is to provide a forum for countries to directly participate in the SNA update programme and process.
- This inception/information session is held now.
- The second and third thematic sessions will be organized in September/October 2021 and November/December 2021.
- Also work together with Pan-African Institutions (i.e. AfDB and AUC) and RECs, and Afristat to organize additional sessions.
- They will be organized according to the survey responses, and to present the recommendations contained in the methodological guidance notes, the scope of their impact as well as the strategy for their implementation.



Objectives of the Seminar

- Inform compilers about the progress with the SNA and BPM update programme.
- Introduce the conceptual/compilation topics to foster informed participation in the global consultation on the Guidance Notes.
- Collect and verify information of the baseline assessment (about the countries' statistical capacity to implement the new recommendations).
- Elicit views on the user demand on the new recommendations.
- Explore potential volunteers for the early implementation of the new recommendations.
- Collect information about the countries' implementation plans.



Programme: Topics

- **2008 SNA update overview**
 - Procedures
 - Endorsement
 - Timeline
- **Task Teams and Guidance Notes**
 - Research topics
 - Status - GNs
 - Global consultations
- **Assessment and Experimental Estimates/Early Implementation**
 - Initiative
 - Current implementation status
 - Outreach
- **Meeting wrap-up and way forward**
 - On-line survey Moodle



Programme: Schedule

Time	Session	Category	Speaker
14:30-14:50	Session 1	2008 SNA update overview	Herman Smith - UNSD
14:50-15:05		Round the table – questions/comments	All participants
15:05-15:35	Break (30 minutes)		
15:35-15:55	Session 2	Task Teams and Guidance Notes	Eric Metreau – World Bank
15:55-16:10		Round the table – questions/comments	All participants
16:10-16:30	Session 3	Assessment and Experimental Estimates/Early Implementation	Michael Stanger – UNSD
16:30-16:45		Round the table – questions/comments	All participants
16:45-17:00	Session 4	On-line survey Moodle	Michael Stanger – UNSD / All participants

Organization of the Seminar

- The Seminar is conducted in English and French with professional simultaneous interpretation services
- All presentation slides are in both English and French and to be found in the seminar website: <https://ecastats.uneca.org/khub/en-us/RS-SNAWebinar-2021>
- An evaluation questionnaire (Google form):
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYbHa3TQAQKF33ySAvj3dZiuJxILY4xbazNenjts_eC_3lZA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- On-line survey Moodle:
<https://learning.officialstatistics.org/login/index.php#section-0>



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