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## INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAMME

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3rd Regional Seminar on the SNA Update Programme (Online)

6-9 June 2022, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

# Outline

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# Purpose of the Seminar

- The purpose of the seminar is to provide a forum for all African countries to be engaged and participate directly in the global SNA update programme by discussing and commenting on the guidance notes (GNs) and participating in the assessment and experimental estimates (AEE).



# Objectives of the Seminar

- To provide an update on the progress of the work to update the SNA and present the proposed outline of the 2025 SNA.
- To develop a good understanding of the GNs in each of the priority areas and thematic topics: Communication, Financial and Payments Systems, Globalization, Well-being and sustainability, and Islamic finance.
- To collect comments, suggestions, and recommendations for changes to GNs based on country and continent-specific experience and challenges; and
- To identify pilot countries based on interest and feasibility for the testing and experimental implementation component of the SNA update process.



# Programme (1 of 4)

Time		Session	Topics	Speaker
Day 1, Mon, 6 June	2:00-2:30	Opening	- Opening and Welcome Remarks (UNSD)	UNSD/ECA
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			- Discussion and Adoption of the Agenda/Programme	
	2:30-3:00	Overview	Progress of the 2008 SNA update programme	Mr. Pete Harper, Project manager, 2008 SNA update programme
	3:00-3:30		The proposed outline of the 2025 SNA	Mr. Peter Van de Ven, Lead Editor, 2008 SNA update programme
	3:30-3:45		Discussion, Q&A	Project manager/Editor
	3:45-4:15	Break		
	4:15-4:45	SNA: Communication	CM.1 An Assessment Framework to Measure Alignment with the Economic Accounting Statistical Standards	Mr. Charles Sessede, AfDB
	4:45-5:00		Discussion, Q&A	

# Programme (2 of 4)

Time		Session	Topics	Speaker
Day 2, Tues, 7 June	2:00-2:30	SNA: Communication	CM.3 A Taxonomy for Communicating Economic Statistics Releases, Products and Product Updates	Mr. Sanjiv Mahajan, UK ONS
	2:30-2:45		Discussion, Q&A	
	2:45-3:15	SNA: Islamic Finance	IF.1 Islamic finance in the System of National Accounts and External Sector Statistics	Ms. Amina Khasib and Mr. Mounir Rhandi, co-chairs of Islamic finance task team
	3:15-3:30		Discussion, Q&A	
	3:30-4:00	Break		
	4:00-4:30	SNA: Globalization	G.7 Global Value Chains and Trade in Value Added	Mr. Michael Connolly, CSO Ireland
	4:30-5:00		Discussion, Q&A	

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Time		Session	Topics	Speaker
Day 3, Wed, 8 June	2:00-2:30	Field Work	Introduction to Experimental Estimates	Mr. Soon Seng Benson Sim, UNSD
	2:30-2:45		Discussion, Q&A	
	2:45-3:15	SNA: Well-being and Sustainability	WS.8 Accounting for the Economic Ownership and Depletion of Natural Resources	Mr. Mark de Haan, IMF
	3:15-3:30		Discussion, Q&A	
	3:30-4:00	Break		
	4:00-4:30	SNA: Financial and Payments Systems	F.7 Impact of FINTECH and Other Financial Innovations (this is also relevant for the ISIC 4 revision)	Ms. Evrim Bese Goksu, IMF
	4:30-5:00		Discussion, Q&A	

# Programme (4 of 4)

Time		Session	Topics	Speaker
Day 4, Thurs, 9 June	2:00-4:45 (incl. 30 mins break (3:15-3:45 p.m.)	Field Work	Supporting the Participation of Countries in the Testing and Experimental Implementation	
			-- INSEE-France	Ms. Sophie Bourrel
			-- ONS-UK	Mr. Steve Drew
			-- IMF	TBD
			-- AfDB	Mr. Symphorien Ndang Tabo
			-- AUC	Mr. Maxime Bonkougou
	4:45-5:00	Closing	Closing Session	UNSD/ECA



# 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-SNAupdates2022>
- On-line registration to participate in the meeting can be made by using the hyperlink provided below:  
<https://indico.un.org/event/1001443/registrations/8015/>



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