

Concept Note

Introduction to the 2025 System of National Accounts (2025 SNA)

07 – 11 September 2026

I. Background

Adopted by the 56th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the 2025 System of National Accounts (2025 SNA) serves as the internationally recognized standard for compiling measures of economic activity. The basic theoretical framework of the 2008 SNA is retained in the updated framework. The 2025 SNA gives more prominence to certain aspects of the economy, such as globalization, digitalization, informality, and emerging financial issues. The updated framework also provides a broader perspective in relation to the complex interplay among economic, social, and environmental factors.

The [2025 SNA](#) and accompanying [guidance notes](#) provide clarifications and elaborations on specific issues. These are complemented by published compilation guides and handbooks, with further guidance currently under development to support implementation. International organizations are called to design training courses, both in-person and online, to assist countries in understanding the conceptual changes and clarifications, and in identifying priorities.

This in-person workshop builds on outreach missions of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts and Advisory Expert Group members and regional commissions to increase awareness of the developments in the 2025 SNA. The regional workshop aims to serve as a regional platform for knowledge exchange in Asia and Pacific to learn about the developments in the national accounts framework, and planned approaches of peer countries to implement the 2025 SNA. This activity is a collaboration among the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), Asian Development Bank, and the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Data and Statistics.

II. Objectives

The overall objective of the workshop is to introduce the main changes to the 2008 SNA and implications of such changes to the statistical systems in Asia. Specifically, it will:

1. Describe the implications of such changes to measures of GDP,
2. Analyze potential data sources, compilation challenges and appropriate practical approaches,
3. Assess country preparedness for 2025 SNA implementation, and
4. Share approaches or initiatives in introducing major changes to the 2008 SNA.

III. Structure and dates of the workshop

The workshop will be held on 7-11 September 2026 in Daejeon, Republic of Korea. The sessions will be conducted in English without interpretation. It will consist of lectures on concepts and definitions, illustrative examples of good practices from country-participants, and workshop exercises.

Date (ROK time)	Topic
September 07	Introduction to the 2025 SNA
08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:30	Opening ceremony
09:30 – 10:00	Health break
10:00 – 11:30	Session 1: Overview of main changes to the 2008 System of National Accounts
11:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	Session 2: Improvements in the consistency of application of the sum-of-cost method
15:30 – 15:45	Health break
15:45 – 16:45	Country practice on the implementation of the 2025 SNA
16:45 – 17:00	Open forum
September 08	Changes and recommendations in relation to the measurement of specific services
09:00 – 10:30	Session 3: Measurement of financial activities
10:30 – 10:45	Health break
10:45 – 12:00	Workshop exercise
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Session 4: Household production of electricity and heat
15:00 – 15:15	Health break
15:15 – 17:00	Workshop exercise
September 09	Cultural exchange
09:00 – 17:00	
September 10	Clarification in recording digital activities
09:00 – 10:30	Session 5: Information content of electronic data
10:30 – 10:45	Health break
10:45 – 11:15	Country practice on measuring the value of data as an asset
11:15 – 12:00	Workshop exercise
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Session 6: Development of digital supply and use tables
15:00 – 15:15	Health break
15:15 – 15:45	Country practice on compiling digital SUTs
15:45 – 17:00	Workshop exercise

Date (ROK time)	Topic
September 11	Globalization in the 2025 SNA
09:00 – 10:30	Session 7: Typology of global production and manufacturing arrangements
10:30 – 10:45	Health break
10:45 – 11:30	Session 8: Macroeconomic indicators and supplementary information to monitor the impact of globalization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Value Chain indicators - Principal indicators for business and trade statistics
11:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:45	Workshop exercise
15:45 – 16:00	Health break
16:00 – 17:00	Closing ceremony

IV. Target countries

The workshop is designed for statisticians with knowledge and experience in the collection, compilation, and dissemination of national accounts statistics. Participants from the following countries will be invited, namely, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Viet Nam.