

Consultation with Experts

Questions from Countries

Sub-regional training workshop on changes
in SNA 2008 affecting GDP Compilation

Changes in 2008 SNA

- Estimation of consumption of fixed capital
- Financial services
 - Overview of the changes in estimation of insurance services according to the 2008 SNA
 - How can we compute the output of private pension funds?

Owner-occupied dwellings

- If a household rents a dwelling from another household, which is the owner, should we consider the actual rent value (if we have such an estimate) or an imputed cost of services using the user cost method?

Military expenditures

- If defence expenditures are shown in the state budget as defence expenditures only, how can we distinguish the part aimed for capitalization?

Non-observed economy

- Which methods are used to estimate the hidden part of the corporation's activity (in addition to the Italian method)?
- How is the NOE reflected in the generation of income?
- How do we calculate the output of money lenders given the poor data on this?

Prices

- For our country raw materials for construction changed in a short time. It is reflected in PPI or CPI—how do we reflect the changes in this activity?

Source data

- What are the basic statistics the different participating countries use in order to estimate industrial output?
- Methodology to identify active small enterprises: e.g. How can we identify whether the business is active or inactive if there is only one person working (as a guard) but the enterprise has funds?

Dissemination

- Our quarterly accounts were constructed on the annual basis. Not all the industries are estimated on a discrete basis. Can we publish these data?
- When rebasing time series, previously calculated, should we publish the changed figures?

Other issues

- How do we estimate stocks in trade? Stocks increase and CPI increases but stocks in trade become obsolete and they are sold at lower prices. Are these holding loss if sold at clearance?
- We have not conducted any survey on trade in Afghanistan—we just have an indirect method to estimate GVA which consists of share of agriculture, mining, industry, import/export, etc.? Are there other methods recommended?
- How can estimate output measures of retail/wholesale in absence of good data?
- Estimation of GDP (e) in constant prices

Included in the materials

- Adjustments for changes in inventories
- Volume measures
- Questionnaire for holding companies