

The 2008 SNA update

Assessment and Experimental Estimates

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Recalling again: the three-pronged approach

Technical research

- [Sub/Joint] **T**ask **T**eams
- Specific timeline and outputs
- Draft **guidance notes**:
 - ❑ clarification, interpretation or change;
 - ❑ central system, supplementary tables, or satellite accounts;

Broad consultation

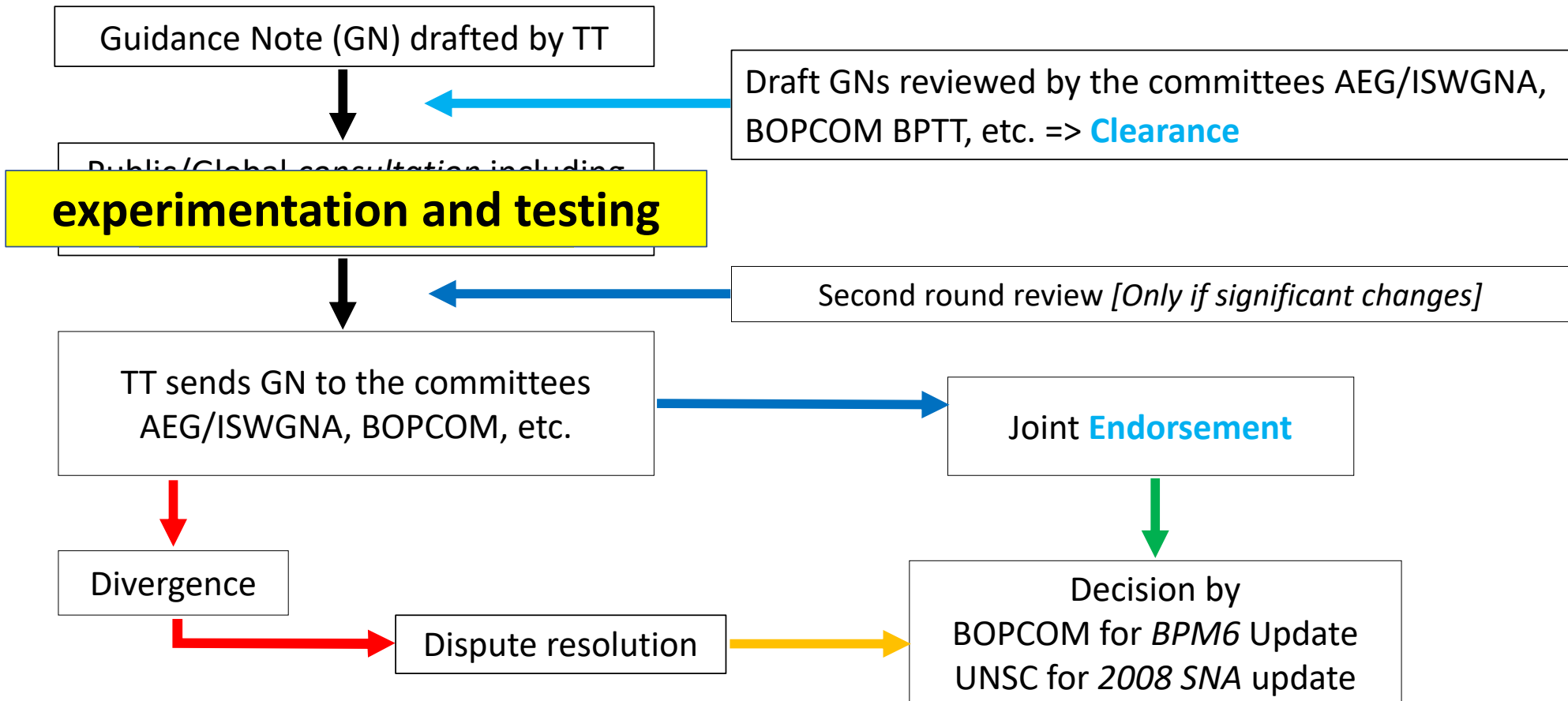
- **Involve broad set of users** in the discussion, including policymakers, academia and private sector representatives
- **Regular regional and global consultancies**;
- Global user conferences on economic statistics

Ensuring overall consistency

- Collaborate with experts in: classifications, BPM, GFSM, MFSM, SEEA, labor, prices, agriculture, and business and trade statistics, etc.

experimentation and testing

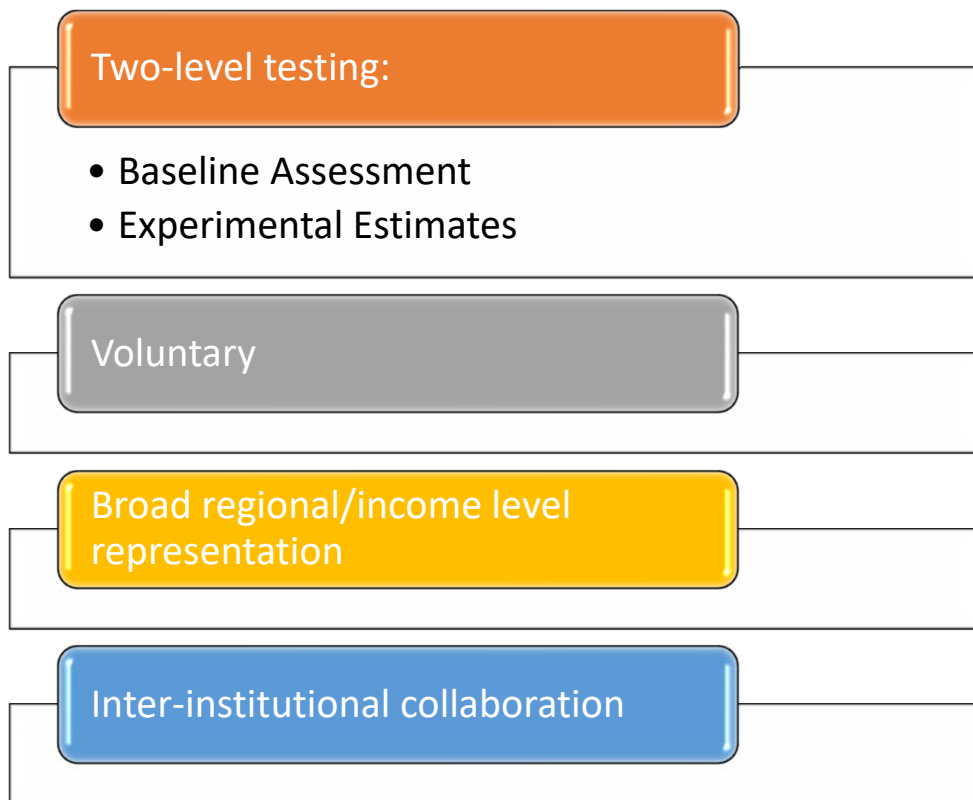
Also: the Guidance Note Life Cycle



The Assessment and Experimental Estimates Component (AEE)

- The EEA and its activities are **built around the research** and consultations streams of the SNA update programme
- The TTs and the GNs are the backbone of these activities and thus require a detailed planning
 - ✓ Finalization of GNs and Global Consultation launch
 - ✓ Round of Webinars
 - ✓ Desk work, centralized data gathering
 - => Bassline assessment
 - ✓ Date commitments – Planning ahead
 - ✓ Experimental estimate – reporting

Principles



Country selection:

- Baseline assessment (as global as possible);
- TT and international and regional bodies advice on potential countries where experimentation can be deployed
- Countries' workplans

⇒ ***A final list of potential countries matched with a preselected set of implementable GN***

✓ **AEG/ISWGNA for their selection and endorsement**

Assessment and Experimental Estimates Component

- Baseline assessment
 - ✓ Structural information
 - ✓ Specific information
- Experimental Estimates / Early Implementation, assessment of the recommendations and user consultation
- Reporting/gathering results (central repository)

Assessment
tool/criteria

All these component will
provide feedback to the
GNs and ultimately to the
SNA update

Close monitoring and
country commitment is
required

Baseline Assessment

1. Information gathering, harmonization, and sharing
 - Structural information: collective effort, data sharing (data template)
 - Specific information: global consultation, webinars (collection form)

2. Assessment
 - Criteria
 - Tool } Under development – Derived from the BNs
- Information sharing => pool of candidate countries for EE

Requirements

Selection of recommendations from the Guidance Notes need to be assessed.

TT proposes, AEG endorses

Baseline assessment:

- Global consultation - Survey based consultation;
- Desk assessment based on existing metadata

Experimental estimation and user consultation assessment

- Implementation guidelines to be developed
- Reporting and analysis

Country eligibility / Information sharing / Timeline

[Next Slide] / Centralized Repository / Jun.2021–Jul.23

- Some GNs build on well-established practices and *may not need to be piloted* any further
- The guidance notes and their recommendations should be categorized with regards to *their impact on the SNA* “central framework”, e.g.:

Type 1:	Proposes a change to the 2008 boundaries
Type 2:	Proposes a change to the 2008 core accounts
Type 3:	Proposes supplementary tables (within boundaries)
Type 4:	Proposes extended/satellite accounts (outside boundaries)

Timeline

- Regional Workshops could start in Q2/Q3 - 2021
- Consolidation of TA activities to facilitate coordination
- GNs planning is key to achieve the objectives of the AEE component within the timeframe
- Inter-institutional collaboration is a requisite for an optimal deployment of the AEE component
- Information sharing / feedback

The AEE component has a 2-year window:

From June 2021 to March 2023



Planning:

GN finalization – reporting / follow-up	GN clearance – AEG meetings (dates/calendar)	GN implementation (AEE)
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Next steps - (Not necessarily consecutive)

AEE lifecycle

- Tentative planning based on the GN completion
- GN subject to Assessment and Experimentation

Regional Webinars

- Dates and topics (Regionally relevant)
- Country workplans – collection and reporting

Baseline assessment

- Global consultation
 - Survey
 - Metadata
- Analytical report

Country Selection and Experimental Estimates

- Baseline assessment analysis
- Advice (TT and R&IO) mechanism – Country work plans
- Proposed country list–Endorsement–Experimental Estimates

Central Repository

- Status follow-up
- Reporting and analysis
- Responsibility

Structural information / Baseline Assessment

Example
Template

Last benchmark compilation		SNA Standard	
Next planned benchmark compilation			

GDP	Current			Price availability	Weights
	Volume	Last available			
Production		[ref. period]		CPI	[ref. period]
Expenditure		[ref. period]		PPI	[ref. period]
Income		[ref. period]		XMPI	[ref. period]
SUT		[ref. year]		Services PPI	[ref. period]

Volume estimate method	Base/ref year	

	Industry	Product	Government	HFCE	GFCF	CPI	PPI
Classifications							
# of components (compilation detail)							
# of components (dissemination detail)							

Integrated Economic Accounts	Total Economy	Non-financial Corporations	Financial Corporations	Government	Households	RoW
	Production account (GDP)					
Generation of income account						
Allocation of primary income account (GNI)						
Secondary dist. of income account (GDI)						
Use of disposable income account (Saving)						
Capital account						
Financial account						
Balance Sheets						
<i>If irregularly, last estimate</i>	[ref. year]	[ref. year]	[ref. year]	[ref. year]	[ref. year]	[ref. year]

Regular sources	Frequency
Establishment survey	
Household Survey	
Labour statistics	
Tax data	
International trade	
Economic Indicators	
Admin. Sources (list)	

Benchmark/Structural sources	Last	Next
Population Census		
Household I/E-Budget Survey		
Agricultural Census		
Industrial Census		
Business register		
Other		

Outreach

1. Inception regional webinars (possibly 2 by region – language)
 - Broadcast the status of SNA update process
 - Present the expected calendar of activities – promote the global consultation
 - Inform countries about the experimental estimates component
 - Gather information on countries' developmental plans on NA
2. Thematic webinars
 - Ideally cluster topics to be covered by theme, implementation tools, or regional interest
 - Explore potential candidate for the EE
 - Foster the consultation and gather user and compilers' feedback
 - Complement the collection of specific data for the baseline assessment (GC's forms)

Questions for consideration*:

- Do you have development plans that may be used to include some of the new issues to be implemented?
- Would you consider volunteering to be part of the early implementation of some GNs recommendations as experimental estimates?
 - If so, which one(s)?
 - Would your authorities support this developments

* these questions are meant to gain an understanding on the potential ability to engage in the AEE component and do NOT constitute a commitment

Thank you