

**Inception Webinar for the Arab Region Towards the 2025 SNA**  
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5 July 2021 –1:30 to 4:00 PM Beirut Time Online

Draft Agenda

<b>1:30</b>	Opening and Objectives of the Webinar: UNSD, Ivo Havinga, Assistant Director GCC Statistical Center (GCC-Stat), Nabeel Shams, Director General UNESCWA Juraj Riecan, Statistics, Information Society and Technology, Cluster Leader Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief Economic Statistics
	<b>Session 1. 2008 SNA update overview</b> This session will give an overview of the SNA update process, the governing bodies, the decision-making process, and the steps to get the new development into the 2025 SNA. Herman Smith, Chief of Section, UNSD
	1. Procedures - Endorsement
	2. Timeline
	3. ESCWA's contribution and plan for update
	4. Round the table – questions/comments
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Session 2. Task Teams and Guidance Notes</b> The research agenda is being developed by task teams of experts that have experience in the new topics and are writing guidance and practical implementation note, which are intended to become the heart of the SNA update. This session will give an updated report on topics of the guidance notes being developed and the status of the research agenda. Eric Roland Metreau, Senior Economist, World bank
	1. Research topics
	2. Status – GNs
	3. Global Consultations
	4. Regional Input: leading the Guidance Note on Islamic Finance and National Accounts (PCBS, Aminah Al Khaseeb, Office de Change, Morocco Mounir Rhandi, and ESCWA, Omar Hakouz.
	5. Round the table – questions/comments
	Break (5 minutes)
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Assessment and Experimental Estimates/Early Implementation</b> A novelty of the SNA update as compared to past exercises, is the inclusion of a baseline assessments and compilation of experimental estimates component. This exercise will be conducted in a number of volunteering countries. The objective of this sessions is to introduce participants with this new component and explain its scope. Michael Stanger, Inter-Regional Adviser on National Accounts, UNSD
	1. Initiative (10 min)
	2. Current implementation status (15 min)
	3. Regional Outreach: Countries, ESCWA, GCC-Stat, IMF (10 min)
	4. Round the table – questions/comments (10 minutes)
	5. Meeting wrap-up and way forward (10 minutes)
	6. On-line survey (5 minutes)