

Annex B. Agenda of the 7-8 June 2018 RG-TiVA Meeting

Item 1. Welcome and introduction

- Introduction and recap of main developments since March 2017 – *Nadim Ahmad (OECD Statistics and Data Directorate)*

Item 2. Progress updates by the various regional and global TiVA initiatives

- OECD Inter-Country Input-Output (ICIO) database and TiVA indicators: 2018 Update – *Colin Webb and Nick Johnstone (OECD Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate)*
- APEC TiVA – *Bill Powers and Lin Jones (USITC)*
- Eurostat FIGARO – *José Rueda Cantuche (European Commission JRC)*
- North America TiVA – *Erich Strassner (US BEA) and Bill Powers (US ITC)*
- IO Table for Latin America: Assembly and update – *José Duran Lima (ECLAC)*
- WIOD: Progress update and a new measure of production fragmentation – *Gaaitzen de Vries (University of Groningen)*

Item 3. Methodological issues (1): estimating SUTs in absence of national data

The creation of SUTs in the absence of national data for the required years is one of the first challenges encountered in the construction of global IOs, as is the estimation of more detailed information (notably import flow matrices, and the margin matrices required to move from purchases to basic prices and vice versa). This session aims to review options and methods, both currently used and planned going forward, in order to identify and agree on common approach(es) that can be included in the Regional-global TiVA Handbook.

- Estimation of SUTs using information from adjacent years: experiences of the APEC TiVA initiative and US BEA – *Thomas Howells, US BEA*
- Good practices for the estimation of import use matrices – *Isabelle Remond-Tiedrez, Eurostat*
- Challenges to achieve consistency / coherency for a given country included in different multi-country TiVA initiatives – *Rodolfo Ostolaza, INEGI Mexico*
- Estimation of margin matrices and conversion of global SUTs from purchasers' to basic prices – *Fabienne Fortanier, OECD Statistics and Data Directorate*

Item 4. Methodological issues (2): SNA 2008 – SNA 1993 conversions

The 2008 SNA introduced important changes to the compilation of National Accounts and SUTs, the most important ones of which, in the context of analysing GVCs, are those related to processing and merchanting transactions. The 2017 meeting of the group concluded that the re-integration of the gross flows of goods related to manufacturing services on inputs owned by others (i.e. treating these flows as if on an SNA93 basis) would better meet the needs of users (in particular those interested in GVC analysis, as well as for those interested in the environmental implications of GVCs), at least as complements to measures based on a full alignment with the 2008 SNA. This session takes stock of data sources available to-date, as well as methodologies to make adjustments to either the merchandise trade data (to align to SNA 2008) or National Accounts trade data (to SNA 1993).

- Merchanting and processing in FIGARO – *José Rueda Cantuche, EC JRC*
- Estimating gross trade in goods flows related to processing and merchanting in the production of now-cast TiVA indicators – *Fabienne Fortanier, OECD Statistics and Data Directorate*
- Round-table on the treatment of merchanting and processing flows in different TiVA initiatives

Item 5. Methodological issues (3): Balancing international trade

A transparent and shared approach to balancing trade is vital to ensure that the results of the different TiVA initiatives are consistent, and can be clearly communicated to users (as data are different from nationally reported figures). Both manual adjustment for known causes of asymmetries – such as those related to re-exports – and the final mechanical balancing technique are discussed.

- Methods and challenges in balancing trade data within SNA constraints – *Norihiko Yamano and Joaquim Guilhoto (OECD Science, Technology and Industry Directorate)*
- Update on manual adjustments to merchandise trade data in NA TiVA – *Rodolfo Ostolaza, INEGI*
- Reconciling trade statistics for the APEC TiVA initiative – *Lin Jones, US ITC*
- Progress update on the OECD balanced merchandise trade statistics and OECD-WTO balanced trade in services statistics – *Fabienne Fortanier, OECD*
- The QDR (Quasi – Domestic – Re-exports) approach in FIGARO – *Pedro Martins Ferreira, Eurostat*
- A joint approach to mechanical balancing – *Pedro Martins Ferreira, Eurostat & Fabienne Fortanier, OECD*

Item 6. Conclusions and next steps