

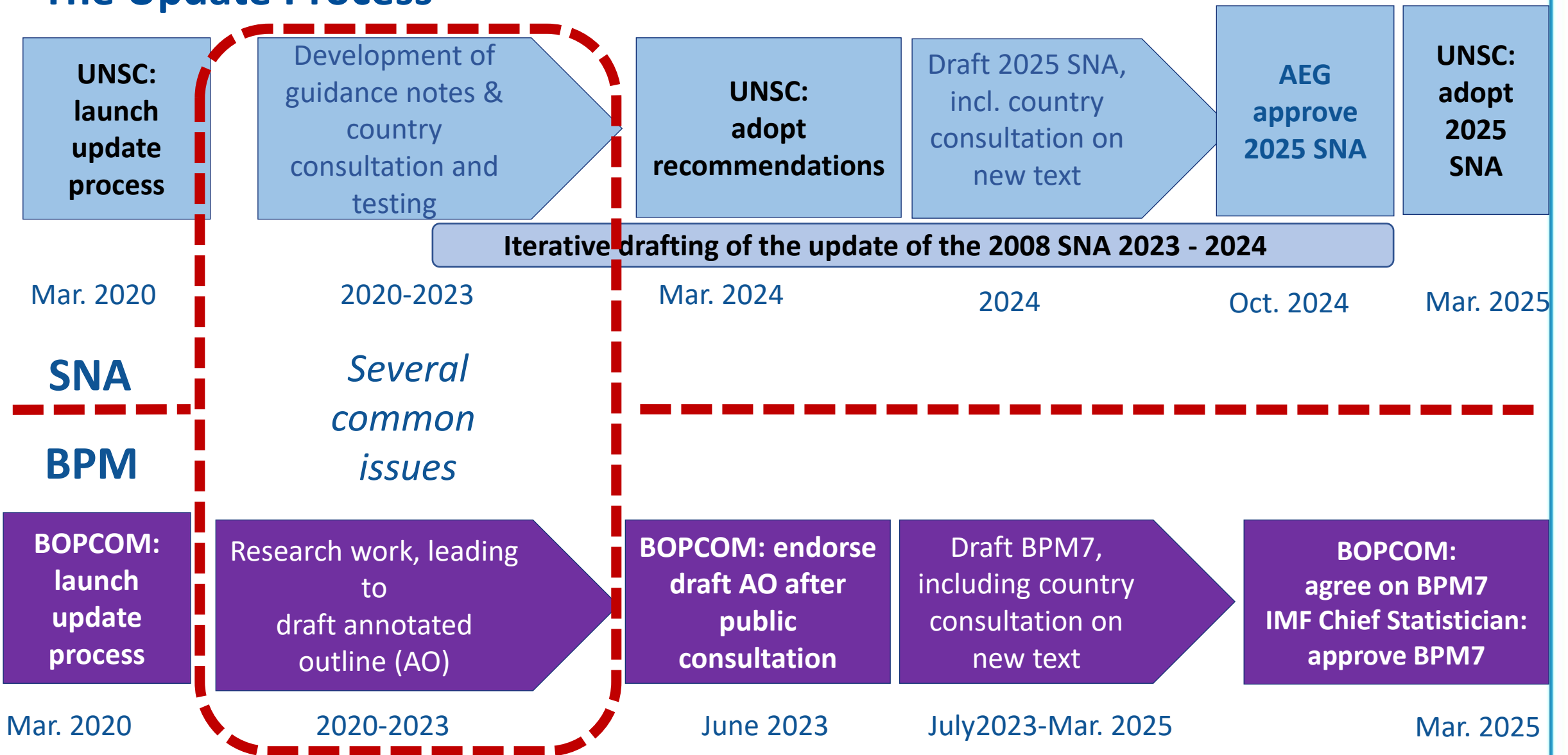
Towards the 2025 SNA

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The Update Process



SNA update website

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/towards2025.asp>



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About the updating process

The [Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts \(ISWGNA\)](#), assisted by the [Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts \(AEG\)](#), oversees the overall 2008 SNA update programme.

The [Project Management](#) page contains all documents (workprogramme, governance arrangements, progress reports of the project manager, reports to the UNSC, minutes of ISWGNA meetings, etc.) relevant to the management of the update project.

The [2025 SNA Chapters](#) page contains the Annotated Outlines, draft chapters and final chapters of the 2025 SNA.

A three-pronged approach is envisaged for the update of the 2008 SNA:

A. Undertaking technical research in prioritized and other national accounts issues and experimentation and testing of selected recommendations.

To address the issues a series of [Guidance Notes](#) are being developed. This list is based on the consolidated SNA research agenda and an [initial list of issues](#) considered for updating the 2008 SNA which was identified in July 2020.

A novel key feature within the research component of the update of the 2008 SNA work programme is the explicit inclusion of an [experimental estimation / early implementation](#) component for some recommendations in the guidance notes.

Dedicated task teams were established to undertake the technical research and draft guidance notes.

B. Engaging in a broad consultation on the issues related to the thematic areas.

The Broad Consultation component of the SNA update constitutes several rounds of interactions with various groups of stakeholders such as compilers, policymakers, academia, and the private sector. Among the instruments used to broadcast the update and collect feedback are online [Global Consultations](#) on the guidance notes and [Outreach](#) activities through global and regional webinars and forums.

C. Ensuring overall consistency with other statistical standards in the system of economic statistics.

For overlapping issues in the research agendas identified for the SNA, BPM, GFS, MFSM, SEEA, ISIC and CPC etc., the Task Teams were established consisting of subject matter experts from relevant Committees of Experts and other groups.

As of March 2022, of specific note is the historically close collaboration of the work on the [update of the BPM6](#) and the 2008 SNA and the efforts to align the two standards, as well as the engagement of the [Government Finance Statistics Community](#) in the update programme.

List of Task Teams



Digitalization Task Team



Wellbeing and Sustainability Task Team



Joint Globalization Task Team



Joint Communication Task Team



Joint Financial and Payment Systems Task Team



Joint Informal Economy Task Team



Joint Islamic Finance Task Team



BPM Balance of Payments Task Team



BPM Current Account Task Team



BPM Direct Investment Task Team



BPM update website

<https://www.imf.org/en/Data/Statistics/BPM>

UPDATE OF THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION MANUAL (BPM6)

Compendium of Research Issues

Task Teams (BOPCOM)

[Balance of Payments Task Team \(BPTT\) ▶](#)

[Current Account Task Team \(CATT\) ▶](#)

[Direct Investment Task Team \(DITT\) ▶](#)

Joint Task Teams (BOPCOM/ISWGNA)

[Financial and Payments Systems Task Team \(FITT\) ▶](#)

[Joint Globalization Task Team \(GZTT\) ▶](#)

[Informal Economy Task Team \(IETT\) ▶](#)

[Islamic Finance Task Team \(IFTT\) ▶](#)

Approved Guidance Notes

Additional Resources

[IMF's Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics ▶](#)



Update of the sixth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (*BPM6*)

The IMF Statistics Department has launched the update of the sixth edition of the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6)* targeting to publish an updated version of the Manual (*BPM7*) by March 2025. The *BPM6* update is being coordinated with the update of the *System of National Accounts 2008 (2008 SNA)*, which was officially launched by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) also with a target release date of March 2025.

Key elements of the *BPM6 Update process and the timetable* were endorsed by the IMF's Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics (BOPCOM) at its *Thirty-Third Meeting in March 2020*.

The two phases of the update process are:

- **Phase I** (March 2020–March 2022): finalization of the detailed research on the issues identified in the *Compendium of Research Issues* and discuss how they would impact the new version of the Manual (*BPM7*) and
- **Phase II** (April 2022–March 2025): finalization of the Annotated Outline and drafting of the chapters/appendixes of the *BPM7*, and extensive consultations about the proposed changes;

Task Teams (TTs)/joint TTs have been established to advise BOPCOM and the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) on research issues relevant to the *BPM6* and the *2008 SNA Update*.



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Status of the 2008 SNA update

Research phase completed

Outstanding issues related to consistency and feasibility

Drafting phase of the chapters commenced recently

Global consultation on Chapter 2 closed on 9 October 2023

Early implementation

Phase one: To determine feasibility of recommendations – completed

Phase two: To support countries with implementing the new recommendations – 2024-2025

Development of compilation guidance

Outreach

Several outreach webinars on the update project in collaboration with RCs

Webinars focussing on the recommendations are planned late 2023 – 2024

Preparing the 2025 SNA

- Drafting of the chapters for the 2025 SNA already started
 - The initial focus are on chapters that are new or substantially revised, building on the AOs
 - ‘Joint’ BPM/SNA chapters are also developed early on
 - Chapters where there are only minimal changes will not be circulated at this stage
- In mid 2024 the complete draft of the 2025 SNA will be circulated for global consultation
- The AEG/ISWGNA will ‘sign off’ on the updated SNA around October 2024 in anticipation of approval by UNSC in early 2025

The consolidated list of changes and clarifications

- A **consolidated list of changes and clarifications** has been developed for global consultation – Consultation closed on 28 September 2023
- The objective of the consultation is the **coherency** and **consistency** of the recommendations
 - Each individual recommendation has already gone through a process of global consultation
 - For the most part, there was overwhelming support for the recommendations
 - In the limited number of cases where divergent views were expressed the AEG tended to favour the majority while ensuring conceptual soundness and consistency with SNA principles

The consolidated list of changes and clarifications

Recommendations for:

- Conceptual changes
- Additional tables/data items
- Clarification/guidance

Overview of proposed changes

TABLE 2 Update of the 2008 SNA – Recommendations that impact on the measurement of important national accounts aggregates and/or require the compilation of additional statistics

	Conceptual change					Additional data item/table				Clarification	Guidance	No change
	Impact on GDP	Impact on NDP	Impact on GG	Impact on net worth	Other	Breakdown	Economic table	Supplementary item/table	Extended table/account			
A. Generic issues												
A.4	IE.1 Statistical framework for the informal economy											
B. Further specifications of statistical units and revisions in institutional sectoring												
B.1	WS.2 Distributions of household income, consumption and wealth											
B.1	G.2 Treatment of MNE and intra-MNE flows											
B.1	G.4 Treatment of Special Purpose Entities and residency											
B.1	F.7 Impact of Fintech on macroeconomic statistics											
B.2	X.18 Statistical units											
B.3	G.4 Treatment of Special Purpose Entities and residency											
C. Further specifications of the scope of transactions including the production boundary												
C.1	D2.9 Incorporating digital intermediary platforms into the SNA											
C.3	A1.2 Treatment of rent											
C.3	X.55 Further alignment of the sum-of-costs approach											
C.4	X.3 Treatment of the output of central banks											
C.6	F.15 Debt Concessionalism											
C.7	F.2 Asymmetric treatment of reinvested earnings											
C.7	D.17 Identifying superdividends and establishing the borderline between dividends and withdrawal of equity in the context of direct investment											
C.8	A1.2 Treatment of items for the "Recording of Data", "Marking Assets" and "Biological Resources"											
C.9	F.12 Covering hybrid insurance and personal products											
D. Extensions and further specifications of the concepts of non-financial assets, capital formation and consumption of fixed capital/depletion, including changes related to other transactions in goods and services												
D.1	D2.6 Recording of data in the national accounts											
D.1	G.9 Payments for "knowledge-based capital" (marketing assets)											
D.2	F.18 The recording of crypto assets in macroeconomic statistics											
D.4	W5.6 Economic ownership and depletion of natural resources											
D.4	WS.11 Treatment of renewable energy resources as assets											
D.5	WS.8 Accounting for biological resources											
D.10	DZ.7 Improving the visibility of artificial intelligence in the national accounts											
D.10	WS.12 Environmental classifications											
E. Further refinement of the treatment and definition of financial corporations, financial instruments and financial assets												
E.1	F.1 More disaggregated institutional sector and financial instruments breakdowns											
E.2	F.18 The recording of crypto assets in macroeconomic statistics											
E.3	F.8 Valuation of debt securities at both market and nominal value											
E.5	B.12 Treatment of intangible assets in institutional sectoring that is in the form of unlisted shares or nonnegotiable equity											
E.6	X.16 Accounting for pensions: supplementary table on household retirement resources											
E.7	F.4 Financial derivatives by type											
E.8	X.59 Clarification note on treatment of securities (and gold bullion) under reverse transactions											
E.9	WS.9 Recording of provisions											
E.10	WS.12 Environmental classifications											
G. Broadening the framework of national accounts to capture wellbeing and sustainability												
G	WS.3 Unpaid household service work											
G	WS.4 Labour, education and human capital											
G	WS.5 Indicators of health care in the SNA											
H. Other issues												
H.3	DZ.4 Recording and valuing "free" products in an SNA satellite account											
H.3	DZ.5 Increasing the visibility of digitalisation in economic statistics through the development of digital supply-use tables											

TABLE 3 Update of the 2008 SNA – Other recommendations for clarification or additional guidance

		Clarification			Guidance	No change
A. Generic issues						
A.1	CM.4 Use of net measures in the presentation of the National Accounts					
A.2	A1.1 Valuation principles and methodologies					
A.2	X.24 Refocusing 2008 SNA Chapter 20 (Chapter 17 in the 2025 SNA) on capital services and the national accounts					
A.3	IF.1 Islamic finance in the National Accounts and External Sector Statistics – new chapter					
A.4	X.32 Establishing clearer links to ICLS resolutions – Informal economy					
A.5	X.53 Include text on significant differences between the SNA and IPSAS/IAS					
B. Further specifications of statistical units and revisions in institutional sectoring						
B.1	G.7 Global value chains and trade in value-added					
B.3	B.3 Centralised Currency Unions					
B.3	X.4 The delineation of head offices and holding companies in the national accounts					
B.3	X.39 Output of off-shore banks					
B.3	X.54 Draft an issues note on when, and when not, to consider trusts and other types of funds as separate institutional units					
C. Further specifications of the scope of transactions including the production boundary						
C.1	D2.8 Cloud computing					
C.2	G.7 Global value chains and trade in value-added					
C.2	C.4 Merchanting and factory-less producers: clarifying negative exports in merchanting, and merchanting of services					
C.4	F.14 Treatment of factoring transactions					
C.4	X.10 FISIM					
C.5	X.44 Recording of deferred or waived rental payments					
C.5	X.45 Recording of deferred delivery of and payments for goods and services					
C.5	X.46 Recording of deferred interest payments					
C.6	IF.1 Islamic finance in the National Accounts and External Sector Statistics – measurement of interest					
C.6	X.6 The statistical treatment of negative interest					
C.7	D.16 Treatment of retained earnings					
C.10	X.5 Recording of flows between a defined benefit pension fund and its sponsor					
C.10	X.8 Confirmation of adjustments to the measurement of non-life insurance					
C.10	X.12 Accounting for pensions: treatment of holding gains and losses					
C.10	X.35 Improve consistency in the use of terminology for insurance					
C.10	X.41 Recording of refunded premiums at surrender of insurance policies					
C.11	C.7 Treatment of travel packages, health-related travel, and taxes and fees on passengers' tickets					
C.11	C.8 Recording penalties and fines					
D. Extensions and further specifications of the concepts of non-financial assets, capital formation and consumption of fixed capital/depletion, including changes related to other transactions in goods and services						
D.3	DZ.10 Non-fungible tokens (NFTs)					
D.4	WS.10 Valuation of mineral and energy resources					
D.6	WS.7 Treatment of emission trading schemes					
D.7	G.5 Economic ownership of intellectual property products – recording of intra-MNE transactions					
D.8	X.52 Recording of work in IPSP/IAS					
D.8	X.52 Include text on partitioning of costs of ownership transfers for different types of assets					
D.8	X.56 Add clarification on the treatment of costs of ownership transfers for different types of assets					
D.8	X.57 Add clarification on the distinction between maintenance and capital repairs for intangible assets					
D.8	X.58 Issues note on a possible alternative treatment of the transfer of leased assets at the end of the lease period					
D.9	CM.4 Use of Net measures in the presentation of the National Accounts – use of geometric depreciation					
D.9	X.2 Service fees of military system					
D.9	X.9 Capital services of assets not contributing to production					
D.11	G.1 Valuation of imports and exports of goods					
E. Further refinement of the treatment and definition of financial corporations, financial instruments and financial assets						
E.4	F.9 Valuation of loans (fair value)					
E.5	F.16 Subscription Rights					
E.6	X.14 Accounting for pensions: recognition of pension entitlements relating to social security schemes					
E.7	F.5 Treatment of credit default swaps					
E.7	F.10 Treatment of cash collateral					
E.8	F.3 Reverse transactions					
E.8	F.10 Treatment of cash collateral					
E.8	D.18 Cash pooling in direct investment					
E.8	X.37 Recording of central bank swap arrangements					
E.9	X.14 Accounting for pensions: recognition of pension entitlements – contingent liabilities					
F. Further specifications of the scope of transactions concerning government and public sector						
F.1	WS.7 Treatment of emission trading schemes					
F.2	X.11 The recording of stability fees					
F.3	WS.14 Distinction between tax and service transaction and other borderline cases					
F.4	D.8 Public-private partnerships					
F.5	D.5 Eliminating the imputation for an entity owned or controlled by general government that is used for fiscal purposes					
F.6	B.8 Recording elsewhere by investment programs					
F.6	B.9 Treatment of external assets and related income declared under tax amnesty					
F.6	X.43 Government support to businesses and households					
G. Broadening the framework of national accounts to capture wellbeing and sustainability						
G	WS.1 A broader SNA framework for wellbeing and sustainability					
G	X.32 Establishing clearer links to ICLS resolutions – labour accounts					
H. Other issues						
H.1	DZ.1 Price and volume measurement of goods and services affected by digitalisation					
H.1	X.10 FISIM – price and volume measurement					
H.1	X.21 Adding text on productivity measurement to 2025 SNA Chapter 18					
H.1	X.22 Adding a section, in the 2025 SNA Chapter 18, on the volume and price measurement of specific products					
H.1	X.27 Adding text on the treatment of the volume of nonnegotiable equity					
H.2	X.42 Accounting under conditions of high inflation					
H.3	X.43 Treatment of "free" products in the "core" national accounts					
H.4	G.7 Global value chains and trade in value-added					
H.4	X.51 Add text on nationality concept					
H.5	CM.2 Terminology and branding of the Economic Accounting statistical standards					
H.6	CM.3 A Taxonomy for communicating Economic Statistics, measures, products and product updates					
H.7	CM.3 An Assessment Framework to measure alignment with the Economic Accounting statistical standards					

Glossary of macroeconomic terms and definitions

- The SNA and BPM editorial teams have reviewed a 'first cut' that was prepared by the CMTT and resolved almost all issues
- A note on issues outstanding was discussed at the July 2023 joint AEG/BOPCOM meeting
- Subsequently, the MFS, GFS and SEEA communities reviewed the terms relevant to their domains its substance and correctness of definitions, not style and editing
- During September, the AEG and BOPCOM was formally consulted on the full glossary, focussing on a few high-level questions (eg scope of the glossary, missing elements etc)
- The results of this consultation will be discussed with the AEG at its October 2023 meeting (this will also be discussed by BOPCOM)

Implementation guidance

- The Eurostat/IMF task team Recording of Data in the National Accounts held its second meeting on 21 September
- The IMF task team for Payments for Nonproduced Knowledge-Based Capital (Marketing Assets) held its first meeting on 27 September
- The OECD Expert Group on Natural Capital will have its first meeting on 10-11 October
- IMF work on developing guidance on measuring crypto assets –

Progress by the TTs will be reported at upcoming AEG meeting

Thank you

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