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**Webinar on 2008 SNA Implementation**

**22-23 February 2023**

**Concept Note**

**I. Background**

The System of National Accounts is a statistical framework that provides a comprehensive, consistent and flexible set of macroeconomic accounts that can be used by governments, businesses, and international organizations for policy making, analysis and research purposes.

The SNA is intended for use by all countries, having been designed to accommodate the needs of countries at different stages of economic development. It also provides an overarching framework for standards in other domains of economic statistics, facilitating the integration of these statistical systems to achieve consistency with the national accounts.

The 2008 SNA is an update of the earlier version 1993 SNA; does not recommend fundamental or comprehensive changes; it is meant to be implemented in a flexible manner. New features of the 2008 SNA include the treatment and classification of assets; the financial sector; globalization and related issues; the general government and public sector; and the informal sector.

Since 2009, ESCAP member countries have started implementing the 2008 SNA. Currently, various countries are introducing various aspects of the 2008 SNA gradually. Major challenges faced in the implementation could be listed as a) political support and commitment, b) data limitations, c) backcasting and d) communicating the 2008 SNA and technical expertise within statistical regions.

These webinar series will focus on the current status of the implementation, challenges affecting the implementation and country practices to these challenges.

## **II. Target audience and learning outcomes**

The target audience are statisticians with knowledge and experience in the collection, compilation and dissemination of national accounts statistics in Asia and the Pacific countries.

The main learning outcomes of the series of webinars are:

1. Introduce the current status of global and regional implementation of the 2008 SNA
2. Recognize the challenges in the implementation
3. Share country practices on the implementation
4. Provide a general overview of the SNA 2025 update

## **III. Structure and dates of webinars**

Two webinars will be organized in two consecutive days. Each webinar will last for two hours; it will begin with substantive presentations of the topics by experts followed by discussion sessions. The webinars will be conducted in English. Participants have an opportunity to interact with the presenters orally.

### **Webinar 1 (22 February): The 2008 SNA Implementation**

Presenter: SIAP, Asian Development Bank (ADB), ESCAP region NSOs representatives

Description: This session will focus the current status of the global and regional implementation of the 2008 SNA and major challenges in the implementation.

Time (UTC)	Agenda
7:00-7:15	Welcome remarks (Organizer: SIAP)
7:15-8:00	Current status of the global and regional implementation of the 2008 SNA and Q&A (Mahinthan J. Mariasingham, ADB; Pinar Ucar, SIAP)
8:00-8:10	Stretch Break
8:10-9:00	Main challenges in implementation Country experience (Türkiye) Country experience (Malaysia) Q&A (Presenters; Pinar Ucar, SIAP)

## **Webinar 2 (23 February): Country practices**

Presenters: SIAP, ESCAP region NSOs representatives

Description: This session will focus on the country experiences who have been implemented 2008 SNA and the ones who are in the stage of implementing. Second part of the session will provide general overview of the SNA 2025 update.

Time (UTC)	Agenda
7:00-8:00	Country Experience in Implementation (Hong Kong) Country Experience in Implementation (Indonesia) Country experience in Implementation (Armenia) Q&A (Presenters; Pinar Ucar, SIAP)
8:00-8:10	Stretch Break
8:10-9:00	Towards the 2025 SNA - Q&A (Pinar Ucar, SIAP)