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**SUMMARY OF SNA RELATED ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE
ISWGNA**

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Summary of SNA related activities of member organizations of the ISWGNA
(List of acronyms used in this table is shown at the end of this table)

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A. International Organizations

1. EUROSTAT	(a)	(a)
	Training of European Statisticians (TES) courses on ESA95	Examination of the allocation of FISIM under ESA 95
	(b)	(b)
	National accounts working party three times a year	Development of methodologies to produce environmental accounts
	(c)	(c)
	Workshop on PPPs for West Balkan countries, Geneva, Switzerland, November 2001 together with OECD, EFTA and UNECE	Examination of Member States' methods used to compile accounts under ESA95; compilation of inventories (1999-2000)
		(d)
	Task force on measurement and treatment of computer software in national accounts	
	(e)	(e)
	Task force on accuracy assessment for national accounts statistics	
	(f)	(f)
	Measurement of government deficit and debt	
	(g)	(g)
	Cooperation with pre-accession countries on the implementation of ESA95	
2. IMF	(a)	
	National Accounts course on concepts and practical implementation of the 1993 SNA: Singapore Training Institute, Price	

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Statistics, 6 April – 4 May 2001;
Regional Training Program with
Arab Monetary Fund, national
accounts 6 – 18 October 2001; -IMF
Institute, national accounts,
Washington, six weeks 29 October –
7 December 2001; Singapore
Training Institute, quarterly national
accounts, 2 weeks, September 2002;
IMF Institute, national accounts,
Washington, 4 weeks
October/November 2002

(b)

Seminar on Quarterly National
Accounts (irregular intervals)

(c)

Price statistics course on consumer,
producer, and trade prices, with their
links to national accounts:

St. Kitts, 26 February – 9 March
2001; Singapore Training Institute,
11 - 22 June 2001;

(d)

Regular courses on balance-of-
payments, government finance and
monetary statistics that include
sections on national accounts and the
links between these specialized
statistical systems and national
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3. OECD	<p>(a) OECD annual meetings on national accounts (Paris, 26-29 Sept. 2000; 9-12 October 2001)</p> <p>(b) OECD/Eurostat Expert Meeting on Statistics of International Trade in Services (Paris, 11-12 December 2001)</p> <p>(c) OECD/World Bank Seminar on Methods and Application of Purchasing Power Parities (Washington, January/February 2001)</p> <p>(d) Extended London Group Meeting for review of complete draft of SEEA 2000 (Voorburg, February 2001, organized by Statistics Netherlands on behalf of London Group)</p> <p>(e) Joint OECD/ECE/Eurostat meeting on national accounts (Geneva, 24-26 April 2002)</p>	<p>(a) Continued research to elaborate possible methodologies for treating effects of environmental depletion and degradation within the framework of the 1993 SNA.</p> <p>(b) Research work on the non-observed economy.</p>

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4. UNSD	<p style="text-align: center;">(a)</p> UN Expert group meeting to review the Manual of Statistics of International Trade in Services, 10-12 July 2000)	<p style="text-align: center;">(a)</p> Joint project with John Hopkins University to study non-profit institutions
	<p style="text-align: center;">(b)</p> UN Technical Sub-Group on Classifications meetings (Luxembourg, New York, Ottawa in 2000 and 2001)	<p style="text-align: center;">(b)</p> Ongoing work on further development of integrated environmental and economic accounting
	<p style="text-align: center;">(c)</p> UN Expert Group Meeting on international economic and social classifications (New York, June 2001)	<p style="text-align: center;">(c)</p> Ongoing work on further development and update of kind of economic activity and product classifications (ISIC and CPC)
	<p style="text-align: center;">(d)</p> UN Expert group meeting to review the Handbook on Non-Profit Institutions (New York, July 2001)	
	<p style="text-align: center;">(e)</p> Workshops in cooperation with UNECA, UNESCAP and UNESCWA on implementation of the 1993 SNA (2000 and 2001)	
	<p style="text-align: center;">(f)</p> Workshops in cooperation with UNECA and UNESCAP on implementation of economic classifications of activities and products (2000 and 2001)	

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5. World Bank	(a)	(a)
	World Bank/OECD Seminar on Methods and Application of Purchasing Power Parities (Washington D.C. January/February 2001)	Measurement of poverty using purchasing power parities compiled for specific income levels
	(b)	(b)
	Seminar/expert meeting on the international comparison programme (3 days + 2 days experts group meeting (Washington D.C. January/February 2001)	Projects on ICP compilation including: (i) development of survey framework; (ii) research on linking of regional PPP estimates to generate globally consistent PPP estimates; (iii) recommendations on use of expenditure weights when detailed expenditure data in the SNA are lacking; (iv) research on comparison resistance services, e.g. health and education; (v) Integration of ICP with national statistical programme; (vi) integration of ICP and ICOP, the expenditure and the production approaches of PPPs; and (vii) PPPs for the poor.
		(c)
		Development of software of price collection for CPI and ICP.

B. Regional Commissions

6. UNECA	(a)
	Joint UNECA/UNSD workshops on implementation of the 1993 SNA with special emphasis on the Household Sector Accounts (Addis Ababa, 20-24 November 2000)

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	(b) Joint UNECA/UNSD workshop on classifications (Addis Ababa, 27 Nov. -1 Dec. 2000)	
7. UNECE	(a) Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat meetings of national accounts (Geneva, 26-28 April 2000; and April 2002)	(a) On-going work on estimation of capital stock in transition economies; case studies examining methods currently used; develop improved methods of estimation
	(b) Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Consultation on European Comparison Programme (ECP) (Geneva, November 2001 and October 2002)	(b) Continued support for the European Comparison Project within the ICP project of the UN
	(c) Joint UNECE/OECD/CIS-STAT Workshop on National Accounts for CIS Countries (Moscow, May 2003)	(c) Survey of National Practices in Estimating Hidden and Informal Activities for National accounts
8. UNECLAC	(a) International Courses on National Accounts by CEMLA sponsored by: Central Bank of Nicaragua (17 Febr.-11 March 2000); INEGI (Mexican Statistical Institute) 22 May, 2 June and 9-20 October 2000; Bolivian Statistical Institute 8-18 Aug. 2000; Dominican Rep. Central Bank , 27 April-14 May 2000; Central Bank of Cuba, 4-12 July 2000; Central Bank of Bolivia, 6 – 18 Aug.2000; Central	(a) Sixth survey on Progress in the implementation of the SNA 1993 (September- November 2000)

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	<p>Bank of Aruba, 11-29 Sept. 2000; IMF-Mexico, 13 November, 3 December 2000; course of Balance of Payments hosted by INEGI, 22 May-2 June 2000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(b)</p> <p>First Seminar on Quarterly Accounts of Andean Community, hosted by the Bolivian Statistical Institute, 27- 29 September 2000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(c)</p> <p>Joint UNECLAC/UNSD Workshops on International Trade Statistics for Latin America and Central America countries held in Santiago, 2-5 May 2000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(d)</p> <p>Subregional Workshops on ICP (Mercosur countries plus Chile and Bolivia) hosted by: INDEC Argentina, 5-7 April 2000; Bank of Paraguay, 9-13 October 2000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(e)</p> <p>Joint UNECLAC/IBGE Workshop on Quarterly National Accounts hosted by IBGE (Brazilian Statistical Institute) (Rio, 20-24 November 2000)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(a)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(b)</p> <p>First survey on basic statistics production for National Accounts of the Statistical National Offices (January 2000)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(c)</p> <p>Preparation and dissemination of “Guidelines for the Systematic progress towards the harmonization of the consumer prices indexes in the Latin America and the Caribbean countries”.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(d)</p> <p>A survey of Environment Statistics for countries in Latin America (August- September 2000)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(a)</p>
9. UNESCAP	Series of in-country training workshops in Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam (November 1999)	Continued support for the International Comparison Programme Phase VI in the Asia-Pacific region, for the reference year 1999 in cooperation with the World Bank and OECD.

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10. UNESCWA

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Workshop on the Links between the
Balance of Payments and the 1993
SNA (27-29 June 2000)

(b)

Joint UNESCWA/UNSD Workshop
on Implementation of the 1993 SNA
(Beirut, 2000)

List of Acronyms

CIS -	Commonwealth of Independent States
CEC –	Commission for the European Communities
EEA -	European Economic Area
ESA -	Economic System of Integrated Economic Accounts
EU -	European Union
Eurostat -	Statistical Office of the European Communities
FISIM -	Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured
GDP -	Gross Domestic Product
ICP -	International Comparison Programme
IMF -	International Monetary Fund
ILO -	International Labour Organization
ISWGNA-	Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts
OECD -	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
UNCTAD-	United Nations Center for Trade and Development
UNECA -	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNECE -	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNECLAC -	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
UNESCAP -	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCWA -	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
UNSD -	United Nations Statistics Division
WTO-	World Tourism Organization