Toward the UN Handbook on Supply and Use Tables

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Overview

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- Preparation process
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Background

The UN *Handbook on Supply and Use Tables* (title to be agreed) started as a revision of the previous UN publication:

Handbook on Input-Output Table Compilation and Analysis (1999)
Major drivers for the revision

The Handbook updates and expands the previous handbook in the following areas:

• Incorporate the revised recommendations of the new international standards for macro-economic accounting and classifications like the 2008 SNA, BPM-6 and ISIC Rev. 4

• Focus on practical compilation guidance rather than a more theoretical elaboration of the methodology

• Address issues related to the use of SUT for producing quarterly national accounts

• Extending the scope to include environmental dimension

• Address compilation issues of countries with a less developed statistical system
As has been the good practice, this revision is built on existing material.

In particular, the *Eurostat Manual of Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables 2008* served as a starting point for the revised UN Handbook.
Preparation process

In 2013 an **Editorial Board** – composed of experts in the field - was established UNSD to guide the drafting of the revision of the UN Handbook

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**Editor:** Mr. Sanjiv Mahajan, Office of National Statistics UK
1\textsuperscript{st} Editorial Board meeting

- Held on 26 September 2013
- Discussed progress and initial drafts of some chapters
- Discussed the handbook structure and specific issues that were raised during the initial drafting
- Agreed on the development of a (password protected) website hosted by UNSD to facilitate the discussion
- Agreed on a timeline and share of work
2nd Editorial Board meeting

- Held in New York 8-9 May 2014
- Attended by 12 EB Members, Editor and UNSD
- Objectives:
  - to review the available drafts (15 chapters)
  - to agree on specific changes
  - to agree on the next steps
Main decisions from the 2\textsuperscript{nd} EB Meeting

- Change the initial title “Handbook on IO tables” to include the words \textit{Supply and Use tables}
  - To reflect the prominent role of SUTs in the handbook

- Give more prominence to the physical SUTs of the SEEA-CF:
  - Integral part of the compilation and balancing of SUTs
  - Considerations on the linkages with the environment explicit throughout the various stages of the statistical production process
Main decisions from the 2nd EB Meeting

- Prepare a *primer/elementary text book* to SUTs (and IOTs) to provide an introduction and operational guide to the design, build and implementation phases of the compilation of SUTs (and their transformation in IOTs) to be used for e-learning courses on SUT compilation.
There was a discussion on whether or not the handbook could provide recommendations for a minimum dimension for the SUTs and IOTs

- This would be helpful to create a UN global database on SUTs and IOTs
- There was a general consensus that a minimum should be recommended for international reporting and comparison based on the SNA recommended minimum
## Way forward

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