

Technical challenges and opportunities for the international exchange of national accounts data

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Abstract

The United Nations Statistical Commission and the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), the latter comprising a wide range of international organisations with a statistics function, have supported the Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX) and encourage the comprehensive SDMX implementation including for data following the System of National Accounts.

This very welcome development has a huge potential for a real-time exchange of national accounts data across countries and international organisations and minimises at the same time transmission errors. It will also increase the consistency among databases of the international organisations.

The paper describes objectives of the SDMX implementation regarding the international exchange of national accounts data as far as they can be imagined today. It also addresses the significant organisational challenges that will derive from a global cooperation among countries and international organisations and suggests next steps to be taken in order to ensure the success of this key project in the field of official statistics.

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