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and Inception Webinar for the Arab Region Towards the 2025 SNA  
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Summary

The fourth Technical Advisory Group on Economic Statistics (TAGES) meeting was held online, 6-7 July 2021. It was attended by 128 participants from 10 member States and experts from international and regional organizations. Participants reviewed the outcome of the Inception Webinar for the Arab Region Towards the update of the 2025 System of National Accounts (SNA) held back to back on the 5th of July. The chair of the group from PCBS and the ESCWA secretariat updated the group on the follow-up of the implementation of previous recommendations, and on the problems encountered in compiling economic statistics in member countries during the COVID pandemic, as well as the regional priorities recommended by TAGES in its previous meeting and further highlighting priority issues with regard to regional economic statistics programmes; providing guidance on methodological and technical issues related to the development and periodic revision of the programmes; enhancing the coordination and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels; and producing and disseminating economic indicators for use in implementing the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda).

The meeting addressed several emerging and priority topics such as the informal economy in the national accounts and the guidelines by the IMF and ILO, digitization and the digital economy through supply and use tables presented by the OECD, measuring digital trade in general and in National Accounts presented by ESCWA, UNCTAD and WTO, regional accounts by UNSD and ESCWA, and briefings from countries members of the UN global groups on big data and Business and Trade Statistics, and from ESCWA on the modern methods of collecting price statistics, as well as climate change and disasters-related statistics and environment accounts for informing the sustainable development goals.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. ESCWA established the Technical Advisory group for Economic Statistics (TAGES) on the recommendation of the ESCWA Statistical Committee at its eleventh session in 2015. After three meetings of the Group that brought about many recommendations, joint work and knowledge sharing, UNESCWA organized its fourth Technical Advisory group for Economic Statistics (TAGES) 6 and 7 July 2021 Online in cooperation with UNSD and GCC-Stat and with a wide participation of 128 delegates and independent experts, representing 16 ESCWA member Countries, and 10 organizations. Its tasks include following up on the implementation of previous recommendations and further highlighting priority issues with regard to regional economic statistics programmes; providing guidance to the ESCWA secretariat on methodological and technical issues related to the development and periodic revision of such programmes; helping to enhance coordination and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels; and producing and disseminating economic indicators for use in implementing the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
2. Preceding the Fourth meeting of TAGES, an **Inception Webinar for the Arab Region Towards the 2025 SNA was organized on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 on-line**, to present to the TAGES members and to a larger audience the new developments into the update of the System of National Accounts for the year 2025. UNSD and partners in the update gave an updated report on topics of the guidance notes being developed and the status of the research agenda. Regarding the regional input, the co-chairs leading the joint task team on Islamic Finance and National Accounts with secretariate support from ESCWA and UNSD, and a large number of experts and originations from around the World, presented the progress on the Guidance Note preparation and how the process was undertaken what are the main results of the meetings of the sub-task teams. UNSD also presented the inclusion of a baseline assessments and compilation of experimental estimates component to be conducted in a number of volunteering countries.
3. The fourth meeting of the TAGES aims to review the discussions that took place during the Inception Webinar towards modernizing the System of National Accounts (SNA) as well as present the activities and work programs, adopted methodologies and problems encountered in applications in countries within a set of regional priorities recommended by the Advisory Group in its previous meeting. The meeting will address several emerging and priority topics such as the informal economy in the national accounts, digitization and the digital economy through supply and use tables, digitization and e-commerce, and foreign trade data exchange. The discussions will also include the various modern methods of collecting economic statistics (price statistics and statistical business register), sustainability and the sustainable development goals, as well as statistics on climate change and disasters, and environment accounts.

## II. Recommendations

4. The TAGES meeting concluded with a set of recommendations below following presentations and discussion during 5 thematic sessions and a concluding session:
  - i. To realign the programme of TAGES agreed upon during the 2020 meeting including recommendations and priority areas to focus on the emerging needs in economic statistics due to the pandemic and the 2025 SNA update
  - ii. To consider as immediate priorities the themes resulting from the polling questions during the Inception Webinar on the SNA update (Annex 2) and during the TAGES Sessions and that came as follows: a) Informal/Non-Observed (NO) Economy, b) Digitalization (Digital SUT), c) Islamic

- Finance in National Accounts, to be addressed during 2021 and 2022, and to address the following:
- d) Digital Trade, e) Well-being and Sustainability including income distribution and environmental-economic accounting at a later stage in 2022-2023
  - iii. To establish task teams that can treat the priority themes with terms of reference and work plan with ESCWA as Secretariat (Annex III)
  - iv. To invite countries to volunteer in the task teams to share their experience and advance the work on thematic areas in the region pending their interest and readiness to participate (survey-Annex IV)
  - v. To invite countries to review the Guidance notes on the SNA update when they become available such as the concept note on Informal Economy prepared by the Task Team (IETT) to study the possibility of implementation of the updated guidance notes depending on the situation in countries
  - vi. To invite countries to volunteer for the Experimental Estimates of the guidance notes on the SNA update depending on their interest and experience to allow for treatments before issuing the new SNA
  - vii. To request ESCWA to build capacity in NO/Informal Economy and National Accounts in the Arab Region in partnership with the IMF, GCC-Stat, ILO and coordinate on the organization of the METAC/CEF workshop on NE and National Accounts in November 2021
  - viii. To request ESCWA to build capacity on digital Supply and Use Tables in National Accounts in the Arab Region and to organize a workshop with OECD, UNSD, and regional partners.
  - ix. To request ESCWA to build capacity in measuring Digital Trade with WTO and UNCTAD and UNSD
  - x. To build capacity on Income Distribution and Regional Accounts and Environmental accounts and invite countries that have experience to transfer knowledge to interested countries.
  - xi. To explore the use of alternative data sources in all the areas considered as priorities such as remote sensing, webscraping, scanners and other sources.

### **III. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

#### **A. First session**

5. The first session was chaired by Ms Wafa Aboul Hosn, Economic Statistics section chief at ESCWA, and TAGES chair, Saleh AlKafri, head of economic Statistics in PCBS. They presented briefly the outcome of the [Inception Webinar for the Arab Region Towards the update of the 2025 System of National Accounts \(SNA\)](#) held back to back on the 5th of July. The chair of the group from PCBS and the ESCWA secretariat updated the group on the follow-up on the implementation of previous recommendations, and on the problems encountered in compiling economic statistics in the countries during COVID pandemic, as well as the regional priorities recommended by TAGES in its previous meeting and further highlighting priority issues with regard to regional economic statistics programmes; This was followed by proposal for the election of a Committee chair inviting countries to nominate their representative and doing a poll to select candidate with the highest vote.

#### **B. Second session**

6. The second session chaired by ESCWA, Ms Wafa Aboul Hosn, Economic Statistics section chief at ESCWA, who briefed on the methodological work and technical assistance ESCWA has been providing on the Supply and Use Tables. The session also included presentations on the digital economy and National Accounts as well as a brief from the members of the Global Working Group.

7. ESCWA presented the methodological material on Supply and Use Table's Regional-Guidelines for Arab Countries with case studies from Morocco and Palestine. ESCWA also shared the support it has provided through technical assistance on the compilation of SUT and the available IT tools that suit countries's needs in cooperation with the METAC/IMF.
8. GCC-Stat then took the floor to present the advances reached in GCC countries in compiling supply and use tables. The presentation depicted the various commitments that have been achieved and others that are underway concerning the implementation of 2008 SNA recommendations and the National Accounts Working Program for GCC countries (2021-2025) related to SUT. GCC stat also delved deeper into the progress reached in implementing and updating internationally recommended procedure for data series such as benchmarking, revision, chain indexing, and seasonal adjustment.
9. A presentation on the framework for Digital Supply and Use tables was then delivered by OECD. The presentation focused on the need for supply and use tables for the digital economy as the current framework is not able to capture their transactions and value added. The framework for digital supply and use was then introduced along with a deep dive into the transactions, products, industries, digital trade and the outputs of the digital SUTs. OECD also introduced some information on the practical implementation of this framework through the utilization of a digital toolkit, working closely with national statistical offices in augmenting their current SUTs to include the digital economy, as well as leveraging household surveys to collect such data and modelling techniques to estimate these figures. The session ended with a brief on some future steps needed for the compilation of the digital SUTs.
10. Following this session, members of different global working groups took the floor to brief participants on progress in various areas. The UAE's role in the UN Global Platform Regional Hubs working group and Oman's membership in the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics. ESCWA suggested that the UAE regional Hub submits joint proposals from Arab or Gulf countries on use of big data such as credit cards providers or mobile call records to be used in regional economic data flows for example on remittances, digital trade, etc.. Palestine provided then a brief on the UN Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics and the seven different task teams it includes. The presentation listed the various outputs, manuals, toolkits and assessment and models related to business and trade statistics expected to be delivered in 2021. The brief stressed on the importance of active country participation as well as the collaboration and cooperation among relevant international and regional organizations to shape the priorities and advance the work.
11. Mr. Majed Skaini of ESCWA presented the initiatives undertaken by ESCWA in the use of new data sources and methods for capturing data such as web scraping to collect price data from multiple sources and to keep track of any changes, and scanner data that can be used for several purposes such as PPPs, detailed average prices and advanced economic analysis.

#### **A. Third session: Non-Observed Economy in National Accounts**

12. This session was chaired by Mr. Saleh AlKafri, head of economic Statistics in PCBS who opened the floor for IMF senior Economist Mr. Paul Austin to speak about the non-Observed Economy in National Accounts. The presentation reviewed policy interests in measuring the informal economy as well as conceptual variants regarding the informal economic and the non-observed economy. Furthermore, the IMF policy paper on measuring the informal economy was introduced along with the mandate of the task team created for the informal economy which are set to produce guidance notes regarding statistical definitions and scopes of, cross border flows, digitization by October

2021 and a presentational framework for the informal economy by February 2022. The IMF then presented METAC's work with the informal economy which focused on technical assistance provided to member countries.

13. The second presentation of the session on the non-observed economy was conducted by the ILO and focused on the standards for statistics on informality. The presentation discussed the need to align the statistical framework of informality to the latest statistical developments and provided some findings regarding on country practices and experiences the informal sector and informal employment and their measurement. The ILO then delved into the status of the revision process in order to better align, define and measure the different areas of statistical informality and the statistical framework it will require.
14. Mr. Omar Hakouz of ESCWA then took the floor to discuss informal activities in Arab countries. The presentation conceptual differences between the non-observed economy and the informal sector and identified in detail which areas of the non-observed economy are being covered and measured in ESCWA member countries and others which are not. Mr. Hakouz highlight the problems and issues with measurement and coverage of these areas and provided solutions that could assist in mitigating these difficulties through using all three approaches in GDP measurement; expenditure, income and production approach, as well as employing administrative data and supply and use tables for more accurate results.

#### **C. Fourth session: Digital Trade measurement, e-commerce, External Trade data sharing**

15. This session was chaired by Mohamad Alawa, ESCWA Regional Advisor on Technology for Development. It focused on the digital trade definition, referring to the relationship between the growth of digital trade and the cross-border data flow, the impact of some new technologies on digital commerce (e.g. blockchains, artificial intelligence, and EDI data exchange; the impact of the pandemic on the growth of digital trade, and the status of the Arab region in digital trade.
16. Mr. Majed Hamoudeh, team leader of External Trade Statistics at ESCWA, presented the regional perspective on measuring digital trade. He highlighted the impact of the pandemic on trade in general (including retail sales); the e-commerce measurement challenges (including random numbers - difficulty in building realistic policies), the legal and legislative aspects of e-commerce (electronic transactions - trade regulation), a glimpse into WTI's digital trade guide. He concluded with the roles of different actors in measuring digital trade and ESCWA's role in supporting Arab statistical agencies in the field of digital commerce.
17. Ms. Barbara Adrian, senior statistician from WTO, presented the digital trade conceptual framework: and its components, the definitions of digital trade, the boundaries and scope, which transactions are included, and which are excluded. She gave examples on the transactions on the Digital Intermediation Platforms (DIPs), the classification challenges and the differences between different types of transactions.
18. Mr. Ahmed Alfred, from GCC-Stat presented a brief on the status of ecommerce in the Gulf countries with an introduction on the basic concepts of e-commerce, the growth in GCC countries, especially during last year, with the impact of the pandemic.
19. Ms. Scarlett Fondeur from UNCTAD presented an comprehensive overview of UNCTAD's Digital Economy Statistics Guide, the standard form for the use of ICT in business, and UNCTAD activities in digital commerce and the digital economy.

20. Discussion: questions were raised on the impact of taxes on digital brokerage platforms, the possibility of generating revenue from digital games, the importance of identifying the sources of data necessary for digital trade and the novelty of the subject of digital trade and the small number of countries that have measured international digital trade.
21. The intervention of Ms. Rania Abu Ghaboush from PCBS highlighted the methodology for developing the questionnaire design and methodology for surveying ICT use in business in Palestine. She also presented the proposed plan to implement the survey in 2022.
22. Mr Viet Vu, expert at GCC-Stat presented the advantages in compiling SUT in general and in the Gulf countries. He then went over some compilation status in the Gulf countries.
23. *In conclusion of this session, the following recommendations were made:*
  - *The need to strengthen cooperation between national digital trade authorities (e.g. ministries of communications, telecommunications regulators, banks and customs)*
  - *Supporting statistical agencies in Arab countries technically in identifying the sources of data needed for digital trade and presenting best practices to benefit from them*
  - *Encouraging Arab countries to share experiences related to measuring digital trade and the use of ICT in business*
  - *The possibility of taking advantage of the big data platform that has been developed in the UAE by all Arab countries to negotiate on behalf of the region with corporations with Head Quarters in UAE, and that own data sources on digital trade.*

#### **D. Fifth session: Regional Accounts and SEEA, Climate Change and Disaster-Related Statistics.**

24. In the session on regional accounts, Mr. Michael Stanger from UNSD presented the uses, approaches and challenges faced in the compilation of regional accounts in general. He went over the needs for regional accounts, the different approaches and the three methods for regional accounts compilation (bottom-up, top-down and mixed methods). Mr. Stanger also discussed the most encountered challenges such as Allocation of cross-regional economic transactions, non-observed economy, statistical discrepancies, Concepts Accuracy/Data availability (e.g., VA), Population and demographic statistics availability, Allocation of taxes, Distribution of FISIM, Survey representativity, Price and Volume dimensions, and Compilation frequency.
25. Then Mr. Omar Hakouz made a presentation on the different challenges faced in the compilation of regional accounts in the Arab region by different compilation approaches (production, expenditure and income approaches). He also discussed the different challenges by nature and size of each country and the availability of data sources, and suggested the use of administrative sources more than surveys, mentioning the challenges in developing surveys and sampling that serve the purpose of regional representativity.
26. Finally, Mr. Mohamad Rabya discussed the regional account compilation in Morocco over 12 regions and presented the 6 goals of the regional account compilation providing example of the work on each of them. He mentioned that the methodology is customized to fit the Moroccan situation and the details can be provided to the participants.
27. *The main recommendation that was brought from session five in light of the difficulties and lack of countries experiences in compiling the regional accounts was the creation of a task team to share experiences, best practices and lessons learned, to write useful recommendations on how to overcome challenges, and to work on evaluating the available data and what can be achieved.*

28. On the part of the session on SEEA, Climate Change and disaster-related statistics, Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn gave a presentation where she listed the different activities ESCWA conducted and the training material translated to Arabic under the framework of SEEA. Regarding climate change, she mentioned the existence of 30 suggested indicators and mentioned the global consultation that took place. Regarding disaster-related statistics, Ms. Aboul Hosn stated that ESCWA is consolidating efforts to work together with statistical offices which have the different required data. She mentioned the availability of different data sources such as NSOs, other administrative sources for environmental data, general government finance statistics on expenditure on environment and disaster reduction, and maps of infrastructure. The presentation also mentioned data sources from other regional and global offices and mentioned the formation of inter-agency groups which held their first meeting and international forum which was hosted by ECE and stated that the next forum will take place in Beirut and will be hosted by ESCWA. Ms. Aboul Hosn stressed that there should be cooperation between the NSOs and the different sources and highlighted the importance of data consolidation in a single database, preferably by NSOs. Finally, she discussed Big Data and complementary sources, stating that it is very important to use GIS and remote sensing data which is available publicly and for free.
29. Mr. Julian Chow from UNSD also made a presentation on SEEA. He provided an update on the SEEA and capacity development. He introduced the Mandate of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNEEA), listed the 4 working groups and their main achievements. Mr. Chow provided a general overview on the SNA and SEEA: Systems of integrated information and the SEEA implementation, and provided an update on the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting. He shared the SEEA-related decisions of the UNSC in its 52nd session in 2021 and provided a summary of the decisions. Mr. Chow then summarized the SNA update and discussed the SEEA Central Framework update, especially that related to classification. He then briefly discussed what SEEA and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework is doing.
30. Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn also mentioned that different countries are requesting technical guidance in this area and mentioned the availability of different training material which countries can start taking before the technical guidance.

## **IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

### **A. Date and venue**

31. ESCWA, in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division, and GCC-Stat organized the Technical Advisory group for Economic Statistics (TAGES). The meeting was held online on 6 and 7 July 2021 with two sessions a day, morning session from 9:30 to 12:00 and an after-noon session from 1:30 to 4:00.
32. An Inception Webinar for the Arab Region Towards the 2025 SNA was organized on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division, and GCC-Stat to present to the TAGES members and a larger audience the new developments into the update of the System of National Accounts for the year 2025.

### **B. Opening**

33. The seminar organizers, ESCWA, UNSD and GCC-Stat delivered welcoming statements. Mr. Juraj Riečan, Director of the ESCWA Statistics Division, welcomed participants and thanked the co-organizers and all participating agencies. He stressed the importance of sectoral statistics, tradition to meet annually to discuss the challenges and progress in economic statistics Core framework 2008

SNA ambition to address emerging topics, short term economic indicators main collector of data on Trade increase availability at 6 digits level Increased availability in other areas such as transport, energy and industry statistics. Regional inception webinar digital economy, non-observed economy which is very significant in the region.

34. Mr. Havinga made a statement on behalf of the United Nations Statistics Division. He referred Thanking ESCWA for the invitation close collaboration one economic statistics reflected in the organization f the webinar on the implementation on SNA Important in economic and Population it is that we are called upon for recovery from COVID We move forward started update on may economic standards takes this work forward who is responsible brings senior managers to think about the implementation of the SNA, BOP, update and revision manuals on trade statistics in merchandise and in services and, also the international classification of industries and products by 2025. International and regional discussion so ESCWA and GCC stat can take it forward Take priorities of countries and the webinar showed that priorities can be set to keep the expertise and guide the work an sed access to administrative need experimentation and testing it is To bring the resources together. He was pleased that the programme among regional agencies and the international organizations that are maturity of the programme congratulate ESCWA in having all the agencies width and breadth of the programme, all different areas need sufficient resources and technical expertise central in that is the role fo regional commissions well resourced and countries make resources available To continue working with ESCWA's team
35. Konrad Pesendorfer, Director, General Authority of Statistics (GASTAT), Saudi Arabia, delivered a keynote speech on the Status of Economic Statistics in Saudi Arabia during and post-pandemic and how GASTAT succeeded to produce economic statistics in a crisis mode taking into account user needs and long term changes on statistics after the pandemic. He noted 3 main issues: the disruption of the data collection from the field that delayed the Census and the Labor force survey, the challenges of the changes in the methodologies and ensuring the business continuity. He also briefed on the economic impact of pandemic on Saudi Arabia, driven by energy sector, sharp decrease in GDP in the oil sector, but rebound in the non-oil and the overall GDP growth. Finally he shared his thoughts on how is statistical life will be different post-pandemic.

### **C. Attendance**

36. The meeting was attended by 128 delegates and independent experts, representing 16 ESCWA member Countries, and 10 organizations

Links on YouTube Day 1 6 July <https://youtu.be/IdL2C2g8xII>; Day2 TAGES 7<sup>th</sup> July <https://youtu.be/7eipL3mnCtY>

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## Annex II Survey results

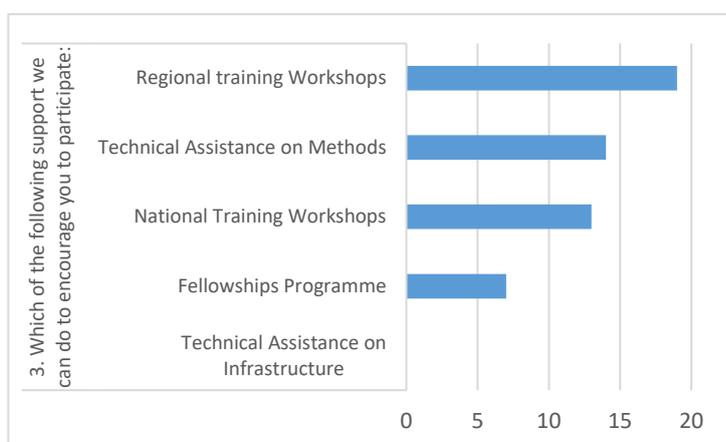
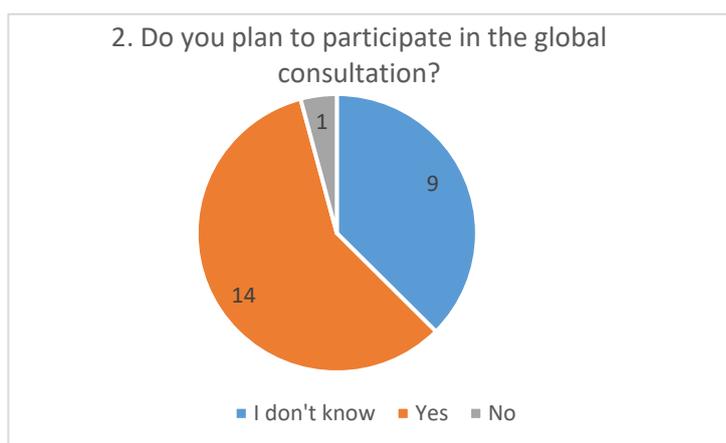
### Survey results of the polling questions during the Inception Webinar on the SNA Update

#### Session 1 . Overview of the SNA update

Q1.1. What would be the main priority or most relevant issues for your country?

Q1.2. Do you plan to participate in the global consultation?

Q1.3. Which of the following support we can do to encourage you to participate:

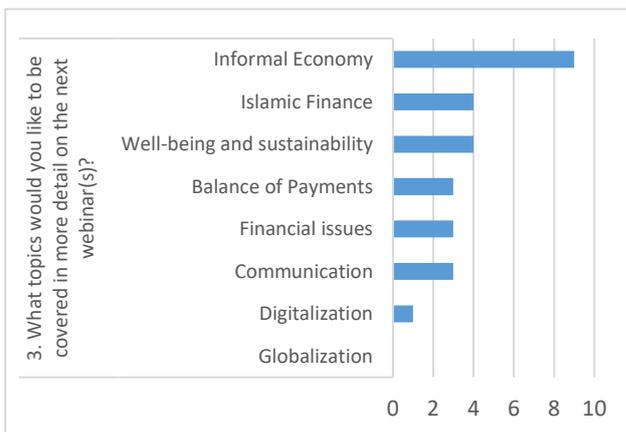
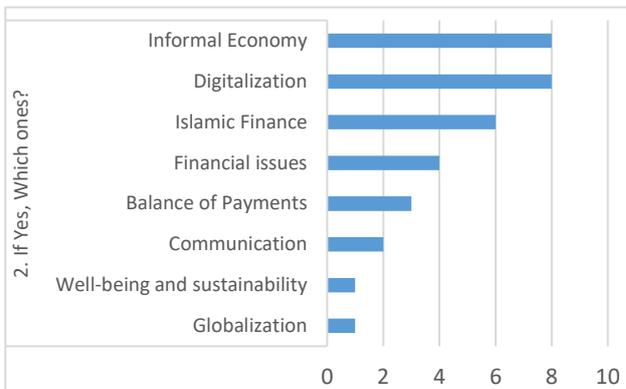
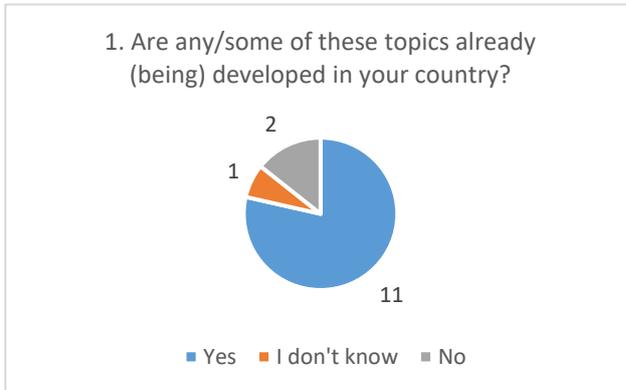


**Session 2. Task Teams and Guidance Notes**

Q2.1. Are any/some of these topics already (being) developed in your country?

Q2.1.1. If Yes, Which ones?

Q2.2. What topics would you like to be covered in more detail on the next webinar(s)?



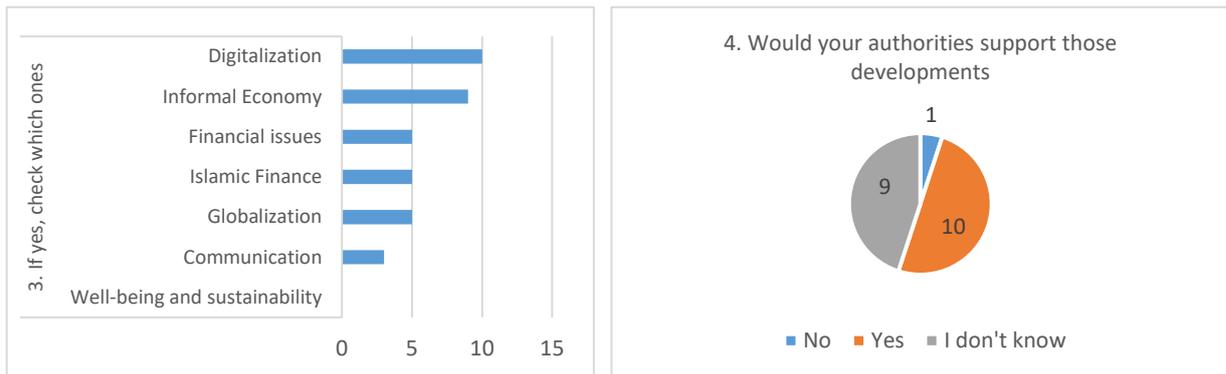
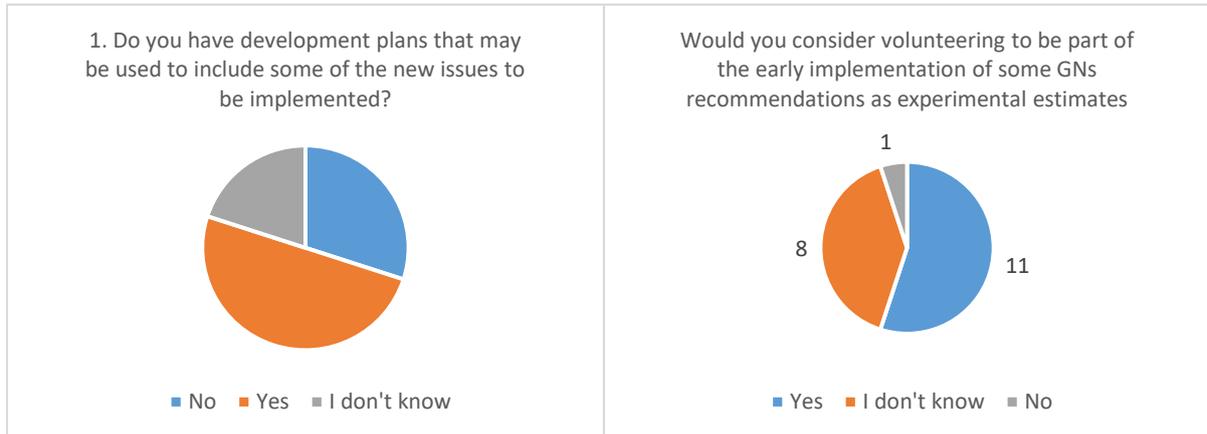
### Session 3. Assessment and Experimental Estimates

Q3.1. Do you have development plans that may be used to include some of the new issues to be implemented?

Q3.2. Would you consider volunteering to be part of the early implementation of some GNs recommendations as experimental estimates?

Q3.2.1. If yes, check which ones

Q3.3. Would your authorities support those developments



## Annex III

## مجالات الأولويات وفرق العمل والتوقيت- Areas of priorities, Task Teams and Timeline

Country name:					اسم الدولة:
Agency:					الجهة:
The themes that came as priorities in the polling questions during the Inception Webinar on the SNA update and during the TAGES Sessions:	Time Frame	Interested or not in Joining Task Team Yes/No	Focal Point from Country for the Task Team ( expert in the field, Name Function and Contact details)	Focal Point for the Task Team from ESCWA and other organizations	المواضيع التي جاءت كأولويات في أسئلة الاقتراع خلال الندوة الإلكترونية حول تحديث نظام الحسابات القومية وأثناء جلسات TAGES
	الإطار الزمني	الدولة مهتمة بالانضمام إلى الفريق نعم / لا	مسؤول الاتصال من الدولة لفريق العمل (خبير في الموضوع، الاسم والوظيفة وتفاصيل الاتصال)	مسؤول الاتصال للفريق من الإسكوا والمنظمات الأخرى	
1. Informal/NO Economy	2021-22				1. الاقتصاد غير الرسمي/غير المنظور
2. Digitalization (Digital SUT)	2021-22				2. الرقمنة (جداول العرض والاستخدام الرقمية)
3. Islamic Finance and National Accounts	2021-22				3. التمويل الإسلامي والحسابات القومية
4. Digital Trade	2022-23				4. التجارة الرقمية
5. Well-being and Sustainability: Income distribution * and Regional Accounts **(result of the polling question on areas to be covered in next webinars and upon request from UAE)	2022-23				5. الرفاه والاستدامة: توزيع الدخل * والحسابات الجهوية (نتيجة سؤال الاقتراع حول المجالات التي سيتم تغطيتها في الندوات القادمة - وحسب طلب الإمارات العربية المتحدة)
6. Well-being and Sustainability: The System of Environmental Economic Accounting	2022-23				6. الرفاه والاستدامة: المحاسبة البيئية الاقتصادية
Explore the use of alternative data sources in all the areas such as remote sensing, webscraping, scanners and other sources.	2021-2023				استكشاف استخدام مصادر البيانات البديلة في جميع المجالات مثل الاستشعار عن بعد، وتجريف الويب، والمساحات الضوئية وغيرها

## Annex IV

### طريقة العمل لفرق مهام Work Modality for TAGES Task Teams

Establishing Task teams to work on 3-5 priority issues identified during the meeting and the webinar for 1-2 years will be accomplished according to the below modality:	إنشاء فرق عمل للعمل على 3-5 قضايا ذات أولوية تم تحديدها أثناء الاجتماع والندوة التأسيسية لمدة 1-2 سنوات
1. ESCWA and TAGES Chair will propose within 2 months of the 4 <sup>th</sup> TAGES meeting on 6-7 July 2021, Terms of Reference for the task teams with a work plan, clear outputs, frequency of meetings and reporting on progress, etc. TAGES.	1. الاسكوا سوف تقترح مع رئيس اللجنة ي غضون شهرين من اجتماع اللجنة الرابع في 6-7 يوليو 2021 (TAGES) الشروط المرجعية لكل فريق عمل مع خطة العمل والمخرجات ودورية الاجتماعات وعداد تقرير عن التقدم المحرز إلى اللجنة
2. ESCWA will invite countries to become members of the proposed Task Teams (4 to 5 members) with lead country, ESCWA as secretariat, and in collaboration with GCC-Stat, UNSD, IMF/METAC and other organizations.	2. سوف تدعو الاسكوا الدول الأعضاء لتصبح أعضاء في فرق العمل المقترحة (4 إلى 5 أعضاء). مع دولة تقود العمل والاسكوا كسكرتارية، بالتعاون مع مركز الإحصاء لدول مجلس التعاون الخليجي وصندوق النقد الدولي/METAC والمنظمات الأخرى
3. To coordinate with other TT or groups, or international organization, or other National Statistical Systems	3. التنسيق مع فرق العمل أو المجموعات الأخرى، أو المنظمات الدولية، أو الأنظمة الإحصائية الأخرى.

**Annex V**  
**Evaluation of the Meeting**

	Strongly agree/Agree	Neutral/Don't know
<b><i>Meeting content / Presentations</i></b>		
The overall quality of the meeting met my expectations	93%	7%
The meeting objective (s) was/were achieved	79%	21%
The meeting combined different presentation methods and examples from the region	86%	14%
<b><i>The Digital Economy and National Accounts</i></b>		
The session was well-facilitated, and purpose and concepts clearly explained	100%	0%
The session engaged my interest and addressed my needs	100%	0%
The content of the material was well prepared and included examples	86%	14%
The presentation style/moderation of the session was interactive and engaging	100%	0%
<b><i>Non-Observed Economy in National Accounts</i></b>		
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The presentation style/moderation of the session was interactive and engaging	86%	14%
<b><i>Digital Trade measurement, e-commerce, External Trade data sharing</i></b>		
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The session engaged my interest and addressed my needs	93%	7%
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The presentation style/moderation of the session was interactive and engaging	93%	7%
<b><i>Regional accounts and Sustainability</i></b>		
The session was well-facilitated, and purpose and concepts clearly explained	79%	21%
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<b><i>Organization of the meeting</i></b>		
I received preparatory material for the meeting in a timely manner	93%	7%
The time allocated for the meeting and each session was appropriate	86%	14%
The meeting and all sessions were overall well organized and structured	100%	0%
<b><i>Do you have any additional comments/suggestion(s)?</i></b>		