

Eighth Meeting of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians Online, 28 May 2025 Conclusions

Aishath Shahuda, Co-Chair of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians and Deputy Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics, opened the meeting. She noted that going forward, Network meetings would be organized less frequently than in the past and encouraged participants to give their feedback on the topics that would be discussed at the meeting.

The meeting proceeded with presentations on an update on ongoing sprints, overview of the Expert Group on Well-Being Measurement and proposed topics for future work by the Network.

Participants at the meeting:

1. Expressed their appreciation for the work done by the Network's Bureau in organizing the online meeting and preparing the agenda and the updates by various presenters on the topics in the agenda.

Update on ongoing sprints

2. Noted the proposals to organize in 2025 (a) sprints on the net zero agenda and compilation of sub-national statistics (both of which are in the Network's work programme which was endorsed by the 56th session of the Statistical Commission (see decision [56/111](#) of the report) and (b) a tourism sprint which is not in the said work programme.
3. Noted the comments from the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) that going forward, it will not be able to provide the current level of logistical support to sprints due to the severe reduction in its resources and the recommendation by UNSD for the co-chairs of the Network to explore with the relevant international organizations (such as the United Nations Environment Programme in the case of the net zero agenda sprint and UN Tourism in the case of the tourism sprint) to see if they can provide the logistical support for sprints which are organized by the Network.
4. Noted the suggestion to organize a condensed version of these sprints in the Asia and Pacific region, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, if there is sufficient demand for them.

Overview of the Expert Group and Well-being Measurement (EGWM)

5. Noted the intention of the EGWM to organize an in-person workshop in July 2025.
6. Noted the [recent announcement](#) by the Secretary-General on the formation of the [High-Level Expert Group on Beyond GDP](#) and the potential for the EGWM to meet the requests of the High-Level Expert Group for reference materials in its work.

Proposed topics for further work by the Network

7. Noted the proposals to organize sprints on statistical registers and government accounts and the potential for latter sprint to contribute to the update of the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 and Classification of the Functions of Government.

8. Noted that the implementation strategy for the System of National Accounts, 2025 (2025 SNA), which was endorsed by the 56th session of the Statistical Commission (see decision [56/101](#) of the report), will be elaborated in more detail in workshops to be organized by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) and requested the co-chairs of the Network to coordinate with the ISWGNA if the Network wants to do work on national accounts such as the implementation of the 2025 SNA to avoid duplication.

Any other business

9. Noted, that in addition to the comments and recommendation in paragraph 3, Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD, will be sharing the details of the new working arrangements for the Network with its co-chairs to enable UNSD to contribute to the activities of the Network in a more focused and strategic manner.