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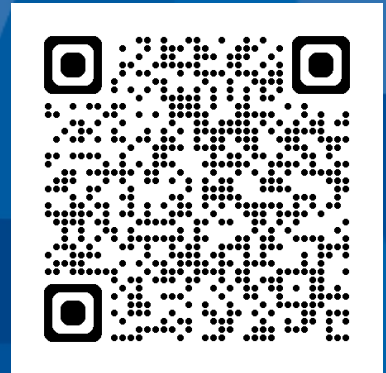
Implementation Guidance

Playbooks, handbooks and country case studies for putting standards into practice



Connecting the International Community of Macroeconomic Statisticians.

The community is dedicated to advancing statistical standards and championing the value of high-quality statistics. Leverage the Hub—an interactive digital platform where members can access international statistical manuals, training materials, and tools, and engage with peers for collaboration and advice.

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Resources

Manuals, training & tools in one place

Community

Forums & a global member directory

Collaboration

Joint projects to solve shared challenges

Talk2Manuals: <https://talk2manuals.imf.org/>

System of National Accounts 2015

Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual

FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS COMPILATION GUIDE

GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS MANUAL 2014

Talk2Manuals

Talk to the Statistical Standards

What does **#SNA** define for GDP?

Explain financial accounts in **#BPM**

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Define government deficit in **#GFS**

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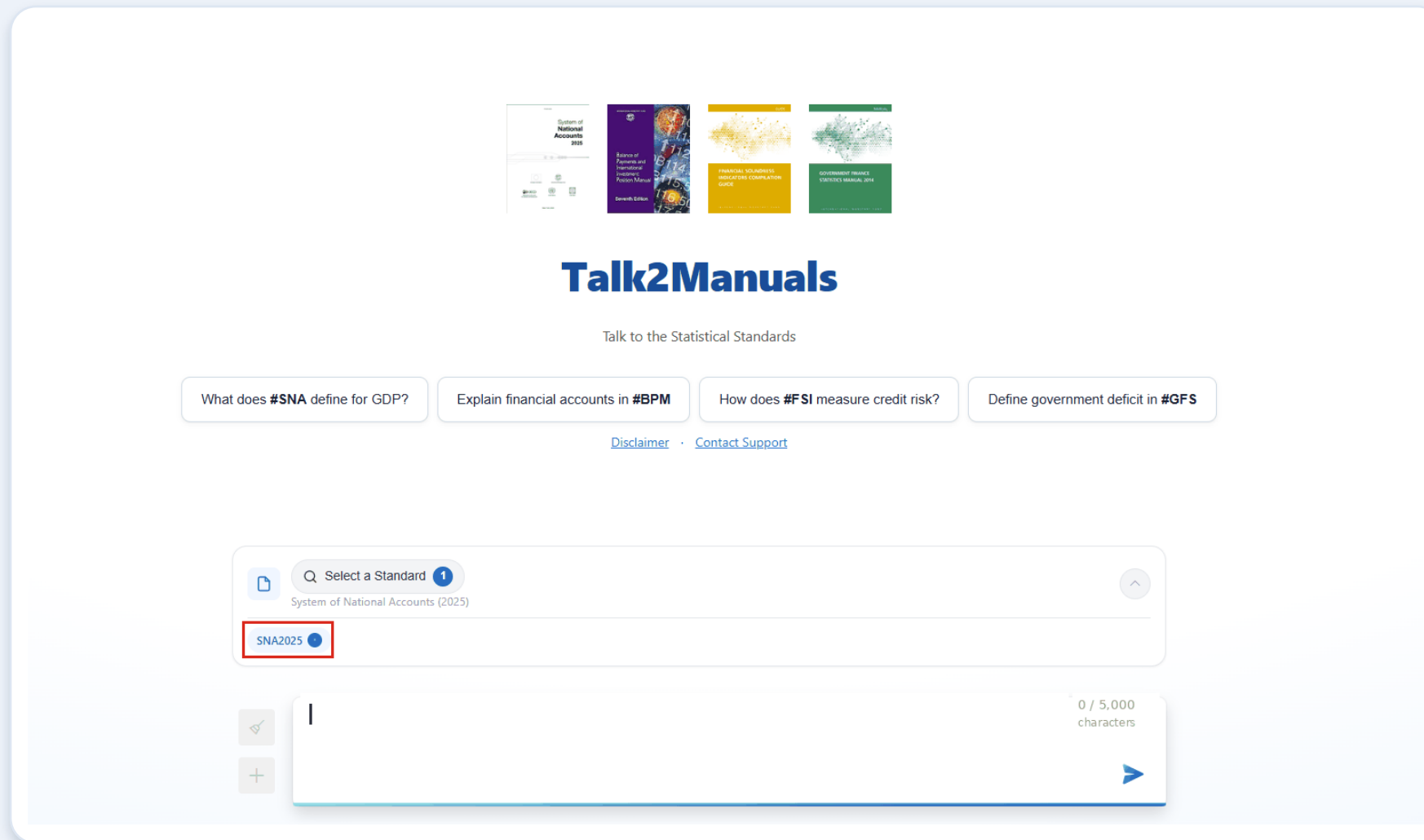
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The screenshot displays the 'Talk2Manuals' interface. At the top, there are four book covers: 'System of National Accounts 2025', 'Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual', 'Financial Soundness Indicators Compilation Guide', and 'Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014'. Below the covers is the title 'Talk2Manuals' and the subtitle 'Talk to the Statistical Standards'. There are four buttons with pre-defined questions: 'What does #SNA define for GDP?', 'Explain financial accounts in #BPM', 'How does #FSI measure credit risk?', and 'Define government deficit in #GFS'. Below these buttons are links for 'Disclaimer' and 'Contact Support'. At the bottom, there is a search bar with the placeholder 'Select a Standard' and 'No documents selected'. Below the search bar is a text input field with the placeholder 'Type a new question...' and a character count '0 / 5,000 characters'. There are also icons for voice search, a plus sign, and a send button.

Ask a Question in Plain Language (and in your language)



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A Detailed Answer available on demand.

How does the SNA recommend recording digital platform activity like AirBnB?

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System of National Accounts (2025)

SNA2025

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Every Answer is Sourced from the Standards

- **2008 SNA:** Did not separately define digital platforms; such activities were implicitly treated under service intermediaries or trade margins.
- The **2025 update** thus introduces a clearer and more consistent treatment aligned with the digital economy.

6. Gaps and Follow-Up

While the 2025 SNA clarifies the **valuation and classification** of digital platforms, it does not yet provide **detailed sectoral examples** for specific platforms like AirBnB. For deeper analysis, the forthcoming **Handbook on measuring digital trade** and **OECD Handbook on digital supply and use tables** (mentioned in (22.3) ²) will offer operational guidance on compiling data for such platforms.

In summary:

Under the **2025 SNA**, AirBnB's activity is recorded as **digital intermediation services**, valued by the **fees charged for connecting hosts and guests**, not by the full value of the accommodation. The host's rental service is recorded separately as production of housing services, and cross-border flows are treated according to residence and transaction type ^{2 1 3} ..

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E. Further specifications of the scope of transactions, including the production boundary

1. Clarifications in relation to the recording of digital activities

A4.29 A relatively new phenomenon concerns cloud computing, which has not led to any conceptual changes to the integrated framework of national accounts. However, further clarification is provided in the 2025 SNA on the treatment of software licences, including the distinction between intermediate consumption and gross fixed capital formation; long-term access to servers and other resources; own-account production of information technology (IT) equipment; and cross-border flows. The 2025 SNA treats payments for software subscriptions as purchases of a service, unless long-term licences for software hosted in cloud computing data centres are more likely to represent software assets of the user. Furthermore, clarification is provided on the recording of gross fixed capital formation of data centres, including IT equipment, for own final use. As major suppliers of cloud computing have globe-spanning networks of computing facilities and clients, guidance is included on the measurement of the international transactions in cloud computing services across these networks.

A4.30 The 2025 SNA also clarifies the definition of digital intermediary platforms and the recording of the fees charged for their intermediary role based on the producer approach, i.e., the output of the platform is equal to the value of the fees, and not the full value of the service intermediated.

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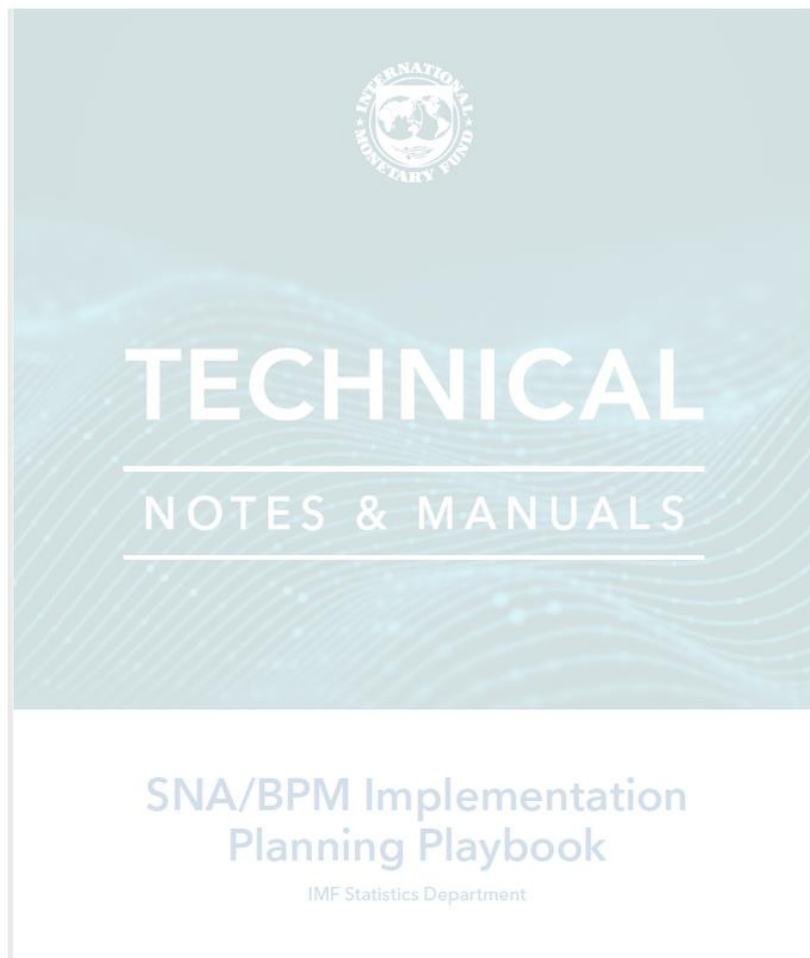
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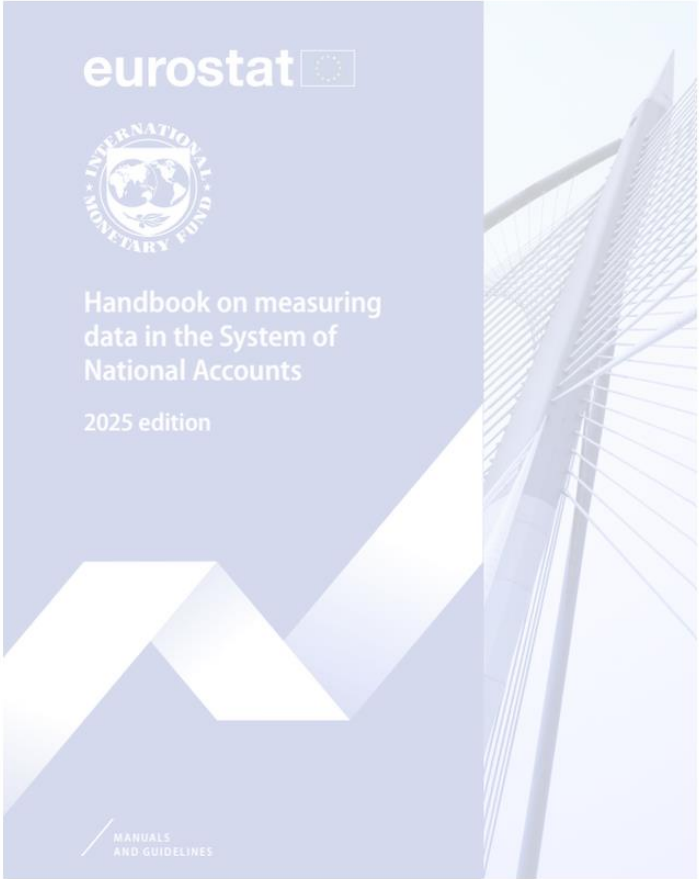
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Handbook on Measuring Data in the SNA



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COUNTRY CASE STUDY · IMPLEMENTING SNA 2025 & BPM7

South Africa

Sequencing three converging change programs: SNA 2025, ISIC Rev.5 (SIC 8), and the National Accounts benchmark cycle.

AT A GLANCE

COUNTRY

South Africa (Stats SA)

PRIMARY CATEGORY

Change Management

SUPPORTING CATEGORIES

Stakeholder Engagement ·
Statistical Methods · Risk
Management

IMPLEMENTATION WINDOW

2026 – 2031

STANDARDS IN PLAY

SNA 2025 · ISIC Rev.5 (SIC [8](#)) ·
COICOP 2018

THE CHALLENGE IN ONE LINE

Three change programs land in the same window and depend on the same source data.

Why this case matters

Most countries implementing the 2025 SNA will not find their domestic benchmark cycle and classification update neatly aligned with the UN's 2029–2031 recommended window. South Africa's case shows how a national statistical agency can sequence three competing change programs — an updated SNA, a new industrial classification, and a benchmark rebase — without sacrificing the integrity of an integrated set of economic statistics or missing the international window. It will be useful for any country weighing similar trade-offs.

The Challenge

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) faces a sequencing problem created by three converging change programs that affect the same integrated set of economic statistics: implementation of the **2025 SNA** (UN-recommended in the 2029–2030 window), adoption of **ISIC Rev.5** through the localised SIC 8 industrial classification, and the regular **national accounts benchmark cycle** — with a 2022-reference benchmark due in 2026 and the next benchmark targeted for reference