

Regional Workshop on Implementing 2025 SNA and Compiling Digital Supply and Use Tables

9-11 September 2025, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Day 1 – Tuesday, 9 September 2025	
Time	Sessions
8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Remarks ()
09:15 – 10:30	Option 1 Keynote Presentation Theme: <i>Understanding the Need for Updating the SNA in the Arab Region</i>
	Option 2 HL Segment Panel Discussion Theme: <i>Understanding the Need for Updating the SNA in the Arab Region</i>
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10:30 – 12:00	Session 1: Why Update the 2008 SNA and BOP? Key Drivers and Regional Implications. Organizers: United Nations Statistics Division
10:30 – 10:45	• Globalization, digitalization, and wellbeing and sustainability in the 2025 SNA. (UNSD)
10:45 – 11:00	• Implications for Arab economies (e.g., digitalization, Islamic Finance, Informal sector, Wellbeing and Sustainability) UNESCWA
11:00 – 11:15	• Discussion
11:15 – 11:30	• Islamic Finance Chapter 26 in 2025 SNA-Experimentation and Countries Experiences; Co-Chair
11:30 – 11:45	• Group Photo and Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:00	• Discussion and Wrap-up
12:00 -13:00	• Lunch
13:00 – 16:30	Session 2: Well-being and sustainability in the 2025 SNA and Beyond GDP
13:00 – 13:30	• Beyond GDP: Report on progress of the Task team on Beyond GDP
13:30 – 14:00	• Other wellbeing initiatives in the Arab Region
14:00 – 14:30	• SEEA Implementation in the Arab Region
14:30 – 15:00	• Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	• Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	• Breakout Groups: Group 1: More Experimentation on Islamic Finance • Group 2: Reflecting of Wellbeing and Sustainability Group Reports

Day 2 – Wednesday, 10 September 2025	
Theme: Digital Economy, Digital SUTs & Tools and Case Studies	
09:00 – 12:00	Session 3: The Digital Economy and Measurement Challenges in the Arab Region
09:00 – 9:30	Measuring the digital economy in the 2025 SNA
9:30 – 10:00	Other aspects of the digital economy to be captured in the 2025 SNA; Mr. Erich Strassner (IMF)
10:00– 10:30	Countries Experiences on Data Sources and Surveys on Digital Economy Palestine and Oman
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:30	Challenges in measuring digital economy in the Arab region UNESCWA
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion and Wrap-up
12:00 -13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 16:30	Session 4: Digital Supply-Use Tables (DSUTs) Integrating digital products and services (e.g., software, data services)
13:30 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the set-up of Digital Supply-and-Use Tables, including an overview of the high priority indicators - Digitally ordering and digital delivery in Digital SUTs Mr. Jorrit Zwijnenburg (OECD)
14:00 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of SUT compilation LAS Expert
14:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Break
15:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries Experiences on Developing DSUTs
15:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUT Tools for Compiling and Balancing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takeaways

Day 3 – Thursday, 11 September 2025	
	Theme: <i>Implementing the 2025 SNA in the Arab Region</i>
09:00 – 12:00	Session 5: Roadmap for Adopting the 2025 SNA – Challenges & Opportunities
09:00 – 10:00	Key changes in the 2025 SNA (digital currencies, R&D capitalization, ecosystem accounting).
	Readiness assessment for Arab NSOs.
10:00 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Break
10:15 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Working Groups:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1: Legislative/technical adjustments needed. Group 2: Capacity-building priorities (training, IT systems).
11:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Presentations
12:00 -13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch
13:30 – 16:30	Session 6: Next Steps & Regional Collaboration
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>ARABSTAT Initiative as a regional collaboration tool</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing an Arab SNA Task Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of international partners (UN, IMF, World Bank).
14:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Action Plan Drafting:</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milestones for 2025–2030 (pilot studies, regional workshops
16:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Ceremony & Adoption of Joint Statement
	Logistics Notes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaks: 15–30 minutes per session.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials: Pre-workshop reading packs on 2025 SNA updates sent to attendees.