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# **SNA Implementation Strategy: A Report on a Work in Progress**

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# Setting the stage

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- Now that the changes to be included in *SNA 1993, Rev. 1* have been agreed and drafting is well along, more attention is turning to implementation.
- As first mentioned at the 2006 Statistical Commission and confirmed earlier this year, the ISWGNA will present a strategy for implementing *Rev. 1* in 2008.



## Setting the stage (2)

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- Because *Rev. 1*, as mandated by the Statistical Commission, maintains the fundamental concepts and framework of the *1993 SNA*, its implementation in many ways is an extension of the past.
- Below, for discussion, are key points that are emerging as the ISWGNA works toward the strategy to be ready in about 6 months.



# Implementing the 1993 SNA

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- As of 2005, implementation milestone 2 (ability to report GNI and other primary indicators in addition to basic indicators of GDP at current and constant prices) had been reached by...
  - Almost 100 percent of developed countries
  - Less than 60 percent of developing countries
- Reports to the Statistical Commission, regional seminars, IMF data quality assessments, and professional meetings have identified key problems and impediments to implementation.



## ... the 1993 SNA (2)

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- Problems and impediments identified so far:
  - Staff resources: number, training, staff turnover, recruitment
  - Lack of source data
  - Informal sector, important in many developing countries, is badly measured or not measured
  - Quality statistics are not well promoted among senior government officials
  - Coordination among TA and training providers could be better
  - Training could be more pragmatic



## ...the 1993 SNA (3)

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- **Question:** Does this list of problems and impediments to implementing the 1993 SNA ring true?



# An analysis of the situation (2)

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- Broadly, constraints affecting the institutional setting and availability of source data, rather than inability to use existing source data, have contributed importantly to slow and/or incomplete implementation of the *1993 SNA*.
- These constraints are likely to hold for *Rev. 1*.
- Thus, an implementation strategy for *Rev 1* should focus more on the institutional setting and availability of source data.



# An analysis of the situation (3)

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**Question:** Does this analysis of the needed focus for the Rev. 1 implementation seem appropriate?



# Elements of a strategy

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- Basic approach being considered: The four elements of the strategy introduced over a decade ago should be sharpened and refocused, and a fifth element added:
  - The elements to be sharpened and refocused:
    - Meetings, training seminars, workshops in NA
    - TA
    - Manuals
    - Applied research
  - New: advocacy



# Elements of a strategy (2)

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- Example of sharpening and refocusing:  
Meetings, seminars, workshops
  - Strengthen the regional orientation
  - Develop a coherent curriculum shared across training institutions
  - Put more emphasis on operational subjects, such as reflecting SNA concepts in design of surveys, and institutional building



# Elements of a strategy (3)

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- **Questions:**
  - Do these elements provide an appropriate structure for building an implementation strategy?
  - What sharpening and refocusing should be explored?

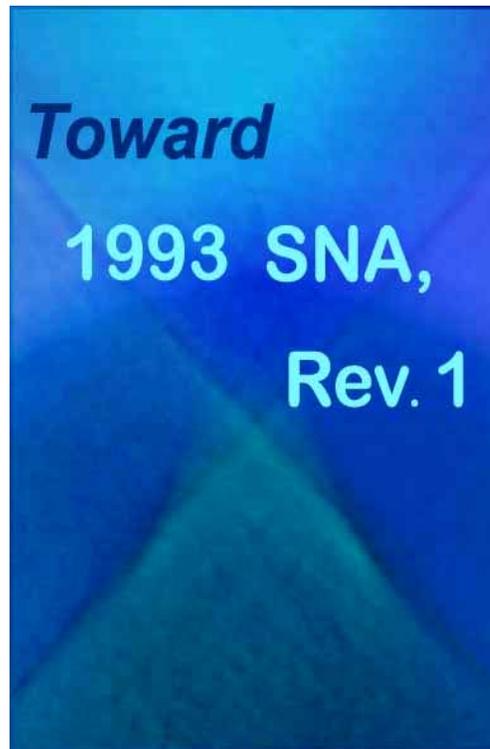


# For discussion: Recap

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- Does the list of problems and impediments ring true—that is, resources, source data, informal sector, insufficient promotion of good-quality statistics, TA coordination, a practical orientation in training?
- Will a more effective strategy going forward need to focus more than in the past on the institutional setting and availability of source data?
- Are the elements of the strategy appropriate—that is, workshops, TA and training, manuals, and applied research combined with advocacy? How can they be sharpened and refocused?

Thank you



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