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Survey on the challenges in implementation of 2008 SNA in
ESCWA Countries

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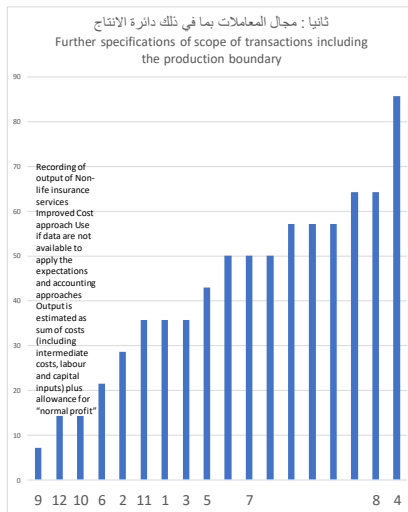
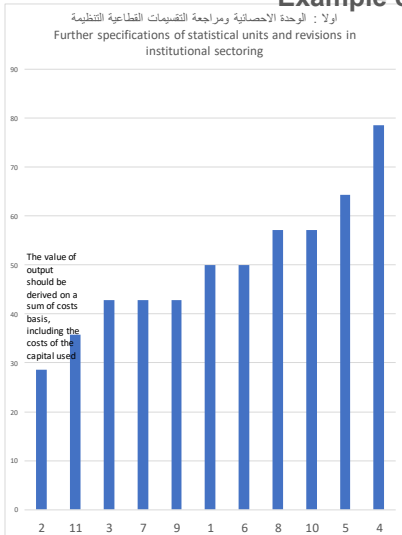
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implementation of the 2008 SNA
LAS Questionnaires to Arab Countries-ESCWA Analysis

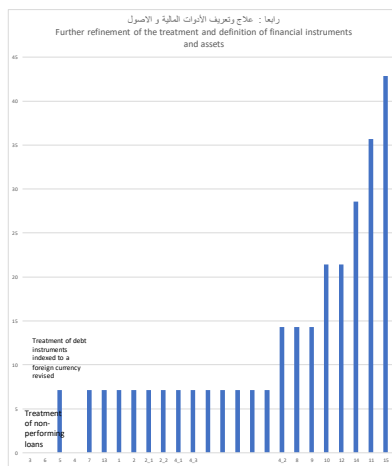
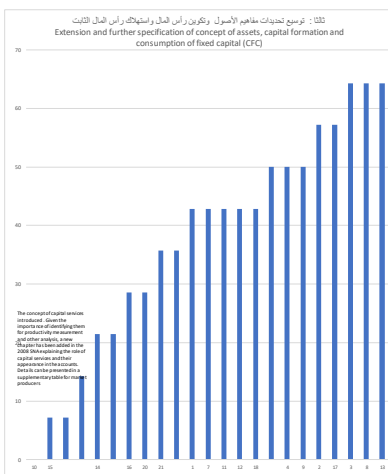
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LAS Questionnaire on 2008 SNA implementation- ESCWA Analysis

Example of non-compliance

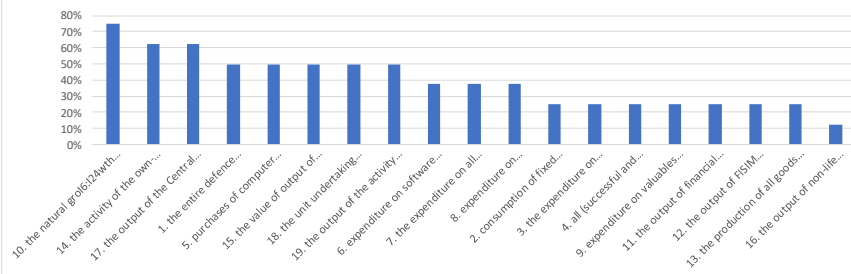


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UNSD Questionnaire- Non compliance to the 2008 SNA

Elements affecting the level of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross capital formation (GCF)
Non compliance to the 2008 SNA

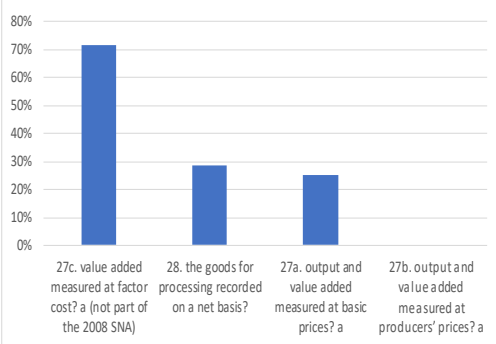


20. Volumes estimated using a chaining procedure on an annual basis?	50%
Elements affecting Gross National Income (GNI)	
25. reinvested earnings included in the rest of the world account?	13%
26. foreign workers' remittances excluded from GNI?	0%

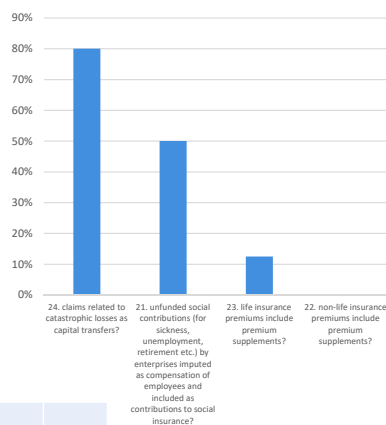
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UNSD Questionnaire- Non compliance to the 2008 SNA

Valuation of output



Social contributions/insurance



Final consumption	
29. government final consumption expenditure broken down into individual and collective consumption?	38%

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Coordination on Technical Assistance in the Arab Region on National Accounts and Supply and Use

- ESCWA' Regional Advisor on National Accounts (Beirut)
- IMF-METAC Regional Advisor on National Accounts (Beirut)
- IMF Real Sector Missions
- World Bank Country Missions on National Accounts
- UNSD Inter-Regional Advisor on National Accounts and

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Economic Statistics Section

Areas of work



- **National Accounts:** Implementation of the System of National Accounts (1993 and 2008 SNA)
- **Trade and Industry Statistics**
- **Price Statistics and The International Comparison Program (ICP):** estimating purchasing power parities (PPPs).
- **Energy and Environment Statistics:** environment statistics, the system for environmental economic accounting (SEEA); energy statistics and balance
- **Implementation of International Economic Classification:** International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC); The Central Product Classification (CPC), Harmonized System (HS), Trade in Services (EBOPS)
- **[Technical Advisory Group on Economic Statistics TAGES that looks into the programme and the identify priorities](#)**

Dissemination of Economic Statistics and National Accounts

External Trade Bulletin of the Arab Region Twenty-Seventh Issue (2019). E/ESCWA/SD/2019/3
 نشرة التجارة الخارجية للمنطقة العربية، العدد 27
[Trade Country Profile of the Arab region 2017](#) interactive English and Arabic on trends in exports and imports, balances of trade, major traded products and trading partners. Contact Majed Hamoudeh (hamoudeh@un.org) and Ramzi Fanous (ramzi.fanous@un.org)

[Bulletin of Industrial Statistics for the Arab Countries - Tenth Issue E/ESCWA/SD/2019/2](#)
 نشرة الإحصاءات الصناعية للبلدان العربية، العدد 10 E/ESCWA/SD/2019/2
[Industrial Statistics Arab Countries Profiles 2019](#)
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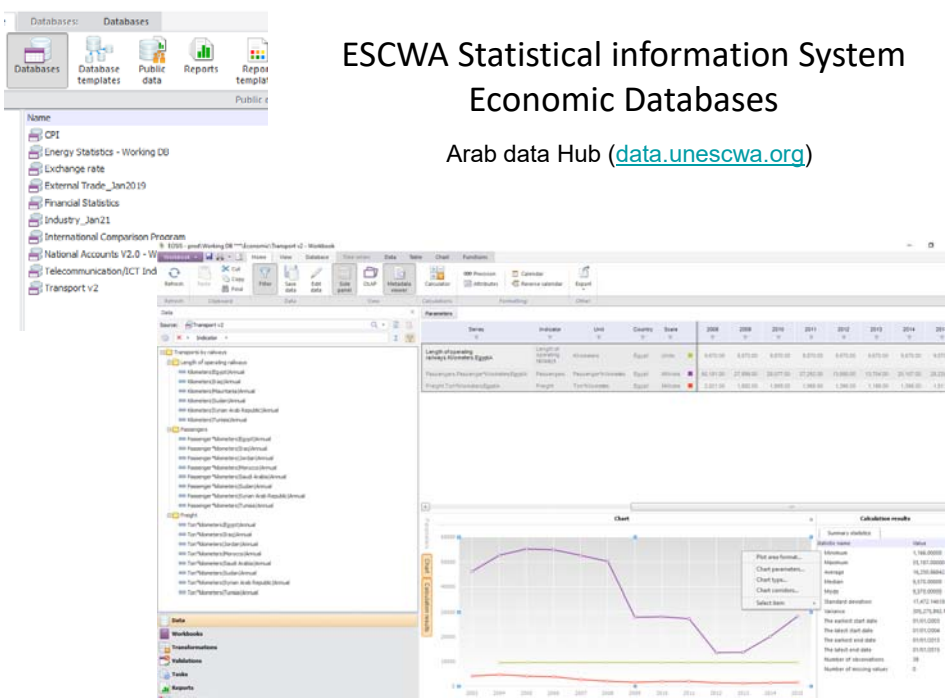
[National Accounts Studies of the Arab Region, No. 37. E/ESCWA/SD/2019/1](#)
 دراسات الحسابات القومية للمنطقة العربية 37
[2019 main economic indicators in the Arab region from 2010 to 2017](#): The tool highlights the main findings of the first chapter of ESCWA's 37th issue of the "National Accounts Studies of the Arab Region". Contact Majed Skaini (skaini@un.org) or Wassim Hammoud (hammoudw@un.org)

[Online Quarterly Inflation Monitor](#) for ESCWA member Countries. Contact Majed Skaini (skaini@un.org) or Roy Doumit at (doumit@un.org)



ESCWA Statistical information System Economic Databases

Arab data Hub (data.unescwa.org)



The screenshot shows the ESCWA Statistical information System interface. On the left, there is a 'Databases' pane listing various data sources such as 'CPI', 'Energy Statistics - Working DB', 'Exchange rate', 'External Trade_Jan2019', 'Financial Statistics', 'Industry_Jan21', 'International Comparison Program', 'National Accounts V2.0 - W', 'Telecommunication/ICT Ind', and 'Transport v2'. The main area displays a data table with columns for 'Year' (2008-2019) and 'Value'. Below the table, there is a line chart showing the trend of the data over time. A 'Calculation results' pane on the right shows various statistical metrics like 'Minimum', 'Maximum', 'Average', 'Median', 'Stdev', 'Skewness', 'Kurtosis', 'Number of observations', and 'Number of missing values'.

Progress in the implementation of the 2008 SNA Supply and Use Tables

ESCWA focus on supply and use tables (SUTs)

- Twinning among Member States
- [Regional Workshop on National Accounts and the development of Economic Statistics Infrastructure within SDGs Framework 15-18 May 2017. Amman](#)
- [Regional Seminar on the Supply and Use Tables 29-30 August 2018, Beirut, Lebanon](#)
- Training on Supply and Use for countries in crisis
 - Iraq (14-17 August 2017),
 - Yemen (20-26 October 2017)
 - Libya (18-21 December 2017).
 - Syria (12-15 August 2018)
- [Supply and Use Tables in ESCWA Member States: Constructing Tables and Data 2014 Ar sources](#). E/ESCWA/SD/2014/Technical Paper.2
- Study on SUT and applications in Arab Countries (Morocco and Palestine) 2019

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Financial Corporation Islamic Finance in national Accounts

- ESCWA Statistics Division and the UNSD methodological work on issues on the implementation of the 2008 SNA.
- Recommendations for Islamic Finance were raised during several meetings in the Arab region.
- [“Islamic Banking in SNA2008 “Proposals by various experts”](#) presented at the 10th meeting of the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts from 13 to 15 April 2016 in Paris
- ESCWA and UNSD established a task force on Islamic Finance
- [Workshop on Islamic Finance in the National Accounts 24 to 26 October 2017 in Beirut, Lebanon. “Islamic finance in the national accounts”](#) at the 11th Meeting of the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts, 5-7 December 2017, New York.
- [“Methodological study on economic statistics 2017 \(E/ESCWA/SD/2017/6\).](#)
- A follow-up workshop hosted by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in Ankara, from 31 October to 2 November 2018.

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Trade and Industry Statistics, Classifications

- [Regional Workshop on the Compilation of Trade in Services Statistics](#) AMF WTO ESCWA UNSD UNCTAD 20-23 November 2017 Abu Dhabi UAE
- The workshop was preceded by a National workshop in UAE
- Organization of distance learning course on Trade in Services Statistics developed and produced jointly by UNCTAD, WTO and the UNSD (train for Trade Programme)
- [The publications on International trade changed in content and format. New interactive trade country profiles were produced with new indicators](#)

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Infrastructure and Operations: Statistical Business Registers Surveys and Business Accounting

[Regional workshop on statistical business registers for the Arab countries in collaboration with the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, UN Statistics Division and UNIDO in Amman, Jordan during the period 26-29 September 2016](#)

E-Glossary of Statistical Terms for the Statistical Business registers developed through a partnership with the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), in accordance with the guidance issued by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Technical material on SBR development in the region being prepared

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Price Statistics Regional Programmes

- Strategy for the continuous production of Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) and improvement of price statistics computing annual PPPs and building a PPP time series extending from 2011 onward
- Increased the integration between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and International Comparison Program (ICP) activities
- Harmonized Consumer Price Index for the region
- Price statistics on the regional, sub-regional, national and sub-national levels
- Compiling national accounts weights

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Agenda 2030 and SDGs- Environment

- **Core Set of Economic Indicators for Arab Countries and Links to SDGs**
- [Regional Workshop on Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting Systems to Support Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) in the Arab Region](#) with AITRS, UNSD, UN Environment Statistics. 26 to 29 March 2019, Amman,
- A [Consultative Meeting on the Implementation Framework for the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region](#), from 18 - 21 September 2017 in Cairo, Egypt
- [Arabic Version of e-learning Course on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 - Central Framework \(SEEA CF\)](#) that ESCWA provided for the E-learning course on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 - Central Framework (SEEA CF)
- [The elearning and training programme](#) on (SEEA-CF) and environment-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) launched in February 2018.

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New Areas of work proposed:

Digital Economy :

- Emergence of new goods and services, new processes, rapid transactions and new modalities for the exchange of goods and services within the economy and globally with new IT advances
- How digital production activities fit in the conceptual framework of the SNA

Transport and Road Safety Statistics

In relation to Output, SDGs and use of Big Data for data collection

Regional Workshop on the Development of Transport Statistics and Transport Related Sustainable Development Indicators in the Arab Countries

Government Expenditure for SDGS and links to National Accounts: Social Expenditure Monitor (SEM) project in ESCWA

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