

Project of updating the UOE collection

The UOE (UNESCO-UIS/OECD and Eurostat) collection of education data covers a large number of countries. Annual data are collected on enrolments, entrants, graduates, personnel, finance of education etc. Data come from a number of mainly administrative sources. The present framework for collecting data on education finance is described in the UOE manual and is to a large extent based on the Government Finance Statistics' manual from 1986. Hence there is a need for updating the UOE framework including looking at the coherence and comparability of data with other statistical sources such as NA and government finance statistics.

This document shortly introduces some basic concepts of accounting frameworks used in the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) manual of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and in the national accounts. It then lists some of the elements that are presently missing in the actual UOE data collection framework, but which are necessary for developing an accounting framework which follows national account standards. It also shows some first comparisons of data coming from the UOE data collection and those based on the COFOG classification. Finally, it outlines possible short-, medium- and long-term objectives with the aim to develop accounts on education in the context of the UOE data collection. This document has been discussed in a Task Force, spring 2006, on a multi-annual approach for assessment and improvement of the quality of the UOE data collection and by the Education and Training Statistics Working Group in September 2006.