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Economic growth is the single most important aggregate from the system of national accounts. Productivity analysis is a high priority area in policy and research. All of this directly depends on the volume and price split of current price developments in goods and services. Different practices across countries may impact the international comparability of volume growth of GDP and underlying activities. The primary focus of this agenda item is on the current practices in deflating goods and services impacted by the fast developments in digitalisation (ICT-equipment, software, telecommunication services, e-commerce, etc.), but also papers and presentation allowing for a further exchange of experiences in measuring volume growth of health and education would be highly appreciated.

Item 2.a. Issues in measuring prices and volumes for services
Andreas Dollt (Eurostat)

Item 2.b. Quality adjustment of hospital services – Improving price and volume measures for health care - Aksel Juel Clemmensen (Statistics Denmark)

Item 3. Accounting for well-being and sustainability in the context of national accounts

Related to the above agenda item is the identification and use of national accounts information which would support research, policy analysis and decision-making on well-being and sustainability. Papers and presentations are welcome on questions such as (i) how can the system of national accounts contribute to a broader perspective to societal developments, instead of focusing on economic growth only?; (ii) what should be the national accounts’ position when confronted with criticism on GDP and economic growth as falling short of measuring well-being and sustainability?; (iii) what should be the future direction of the 2008 SNA?; etc.
Item 3.a. Measuring well-being and sustainability in the Netherlands  
*Edwin Horlings (Statistics Netherlands)*

Item 3.b. Measuring well-being and sustainability within the framework of national accounts  
*Peter van de Ven (OECD)*

Item 3.c. Developing distributional analysis of the household sector in the UK  
*Richard Tonkin (ONS - UK)*

Item 3.d. The impact of financial mechanisms to reduce CO2 emissions in Costa Rica: An application of the IEEM platform  
*Henry Vargas Campos (Central Bank of Costa Rica)*

14:30-15:30  
**Item 4. Satellite accounts: National practices and way forward**

Several handbooks are being developed for a variety of satellite accounts. This raises concerns about the negative impact of the proliferation of such accounts on the implementation of 2008 SNA. National priorities for the development of satellite accounts very much depend on policy issues at the national level, as a consequence of which it may be difficult to arrive at a common and harmonised approach at the international level. Nevertheless, there may be room for an internationally more consistent approach towards the development of satellite accounts relating to, for example, well-being and sustainability. Under this item, countries are invited to present their national practices in compiling satellite accounts, including on the priority setting, the resources allocated to their compilation, including financing arrangements, etc. Moreover, a short survey will be conducted to learn more about the type of accounts that are being produced across countries.

- **Item 4.a. In-depth review – Satellite accounting**  
  *Catherine van Rompaey (Statistics Canada)*

- **Item 4.b. Work by the Task Force on Satellite Accounts for Education and Training**  
  *Ann-Lisbet Brathaug (Statistics Norway)*

15:30-16:00  
**Item 5. General discussion on the way forward in satellite accounts and measuring well-being and sustainability**

16:30-17:45  
**Item 6. Other items for discussion and information**

- **Item 6.a. Standardizing the domestic and cross-border measurement of FISIM**  
  *Erich Strassner (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis)*

- **Item 6.b. Revisions in quarterly GDP of OECD and key partner countries: An update**  
  *Jorrit Zwijnenburg (OECD)*
Item 6.c. Measurement of North Korean GDP
Changku Kang (Bank of Korea)

17:45-18:00

Item 7. Closing of WPNA