



## The 2026 ISI Academy Webinars

The 2025 SNA/BPM Revision  
from a User's Perspective

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The educational and capacity development arm of the International Statistical Institute

- Leveraging: Knowledge and expertise of ~3,000 ISI members from 100+ countries
- Professionals across: Academia, the private sector, NGOs, and official statistics
- Partnering with all 7 ISI Associations

**Vision:** A world where statistical knowledge enables evidence-based decisions to advance human wellbeing and build a sustainable future.

**Mission:** To cultivate statistical excellence, advance methodological frontiers, and build capacity across the global statistical community.

## How We Work:

- **Advancing Knowledge** - Bridging cutting-edge research and operational practice
- **Building Capacity** - Equipping statisticians worldwide to meet evolving demands
- **Championing Inclusion** - Ensuring statistical methods serve all communities equitably
- **Strengthening Ethical Principles** - Upholding professional independence and integrity
- **Building Partnerships** – Working closely with key SCD actors at national, regional and international levels

## 1. Platform matching the supply and demand for statistical capacity development

- Database of ISI Experts (Areas of expertise, institutional affiliation, educational background, Language skills, Training and SCD experience, etc.)
- Database of Technical Assistance and Training Programmes (type of programme, area of intervention, geographical coverage, duration, potential ISI contribution, etc.)
- Enabling the selection of the best experts for SCD needs

## 2. Contribution to ongoing Capacity Development Projects

- In partnership with international organisations
- Supporting national statistical offices

## 3. Training programmes for skills upgrading of internal staff

- Supporting international organisations
- In partnership with regional training centres

## 3. Knowledge Exchange Platforms

- Annual webinar series
- Conference sessions and workshops
- Regional and global forums
- Mentoring Programme

- 1. Fostering the debate on critical/strategic issues (relevant to current policy agendas)**
- 2. Discussing the importance and implementation challenges of new International standards**
- 3. Engaging the different components of the global statistical community**
  - Exchange of experiences between countries
  - International organisations & NSOs
  - Producers' & users' perspectives
  - Developed & developing countries' perspectives
- 4. Building a Community of Practice**
  - The ISI Academy is new; webinars build community and visibility
  - Demonstrate range and depth of ISI expertise
  - All sessions are recorded and made available to registered participants
  - Extended impact beyond live sessions

## Ethical Foundations

- Professional independence of official statistics
- Quality assurance at the national level

## Core Statistical Frameworks

- Beyond-GDP debate
- 2025 Revision of the SNA (user perspective)
- International framework for data governance

## Measurement Challenges

- Quantifying corruption
- Measuring wealth in low- and middle-income countries
- Understanding the informal economy and employment

## Emerging Frontiers & Equity

- Statistical literacy for education
- Indigenous statistics
- Time-use surveys and gender statistics
- Citizen data and official statistics

# Upcoming Webinars in the 2026 Series

- **12 February:** An International Framework for Data Governance (OECD, GovLab)
- **26 February:** Quantifying Corruption for People and Businesses
- **12 March:** Ensuring the Professional Independence of Official Statistics
- **9 April:** The Beyond-GDP Debate
- **16 April:** Implementing a Quality Assurance Strategy at the National Level
- **21 May:** Global Challenges in Statistical Literacy for Education
- **11 June:** Measuring Wealth in Household Surveys (for Low- and Middle-Income Countries)
- **2 July:** Recent Developments in Indigenous Statistics
- **10 September:** Understanding the Informal Economy and Informal Employment
- **15 October:** The Evolution of Time-Use Surveys and Gender Statistics
- **12 November:** Citizen Data and Official Statistics

## Registration:

Visit the ISI Academy website (<https://isi-web.org/webinars-courses-workshops>) to register for upcoming sessions and access recordings

# Today's Webinar

## The 2025 SNA/BPM Revision from a User's Perspective

### Why This Topic Matters

- SNA is the international framework for national accounting — New foundation for macroeconomic statistics
- 2025 revision incorporates digital economy, cryptocurrencies, intangible assets, new production patterns, informal economy, well-being, and sustainability
- But implementation may be a challenge: capacity constraints exist; practical utility must be assessed

### The User's Perspective. International statistical standards are valuable only if they:

- Help policymakers make better decisions
- Enable researchers to conduct meaningful analysis
- Support analytical and policy work of international organisations
- Align with NSO capacity and resource constraints

**Key Question: Is there a gap between conceptual sophistication/practical utility/operational feasibility?**

**March 2026 - Special Issue of the Statistical Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics (SJAOS)**

# Today's Speakers

The 2025 revision of the System of National Accounts (2025 SNA) was led by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts – **ISWGNA (UNSD, IMF, World Bank, OECD, Eurostat)**, under the auspices of the UN Statistical Commission.

The **IMF's Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics** collaborated closely with the ISWGNA to ensure the 2025 SNA was harmonised with the concurrent update of the 7th edition of the Balance of Payments Manual (BPM7).

## Rodolphe Blavy

- Member of the Management Team, IMF Statistics Department
- 25 years at the IMF; experience across country work, policy design, and institutional strategy.
- Will address evolving demands for macroeconomic statistics in a complex global environment.

## Jim Tebrake

- Deputy Director, IMF Statistics Department
- 28 years at Statistics Canada in senior economic statistics roles; now leads IMF data governance frameworks and the G20 Data Gaps Initiative.
- Will discuss how updated SNA equips decision-makers with enhanced analytical tools.

## Carlos Sanchez-Munoz

- Assistant Director, IMF Statistics Department; Chief, Balance of Payments Division
- Leads cross-border activity measurement; before that, led BPM update and developed implementation methods.
- Will outline the strategic roadmap and BPM/SNA Implementation Playbook.

# Session Structure and How to Engage

## Session Structure (90 minutes)

1. Introduction to the webinar series (10 minutes)
2. Three expert presentations (50 minutes total)
  - Current and Emerging Demand for Macroeconomic Statistics
  - An Expanded Set of Macroeconomic Statistics for Policymaking
  - The Implementation of the Updated SNA and BPM Standards
3. Q&A session and discussion (25 minutes)
4. Closing remarks (5 minutes)

## How to Engage:

- Use the Q&A function to submit questions throughout the session
- Most of the questions will be addressed in the Q&A session
- Questions not addressed live will be followed up with the speakers
- All registered participants will receive an email with the link to the recording and the presentations
- Transcript and speaker materials will be made available on the ISI website



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