

SDMX Action Plan

2011 to 2015

1. BACKGROUND

Looking back to the last 10 years, SDMX has been progressing considerably. With regard to the SDMX governance, the SDMX standards, the SDMX implementation and outreach the main achievements were:

- **Governance:** Agreement between seven sponsoring organisations in 2001; Memorandum of Understanding issued in 2007; creation of two SDMX Working Groups (the SDMX Technical Standards Working Group and the SDMX Statistical Working Group) with global participation established in 2011;
- **Standards Development:** SDMX Technical 2.0 Standards approved in 2005; SDMX Content-oriented Guidelines released in 2009; SDMX Technical Standards version 2.1 released in 2011;
- **Implementation:** Transition from GESMES/TS to SDMX in 2003; SDMX web services adopted by a growing number of statistical organisations; continuous increase of statistical domains creating and using SDMX compliant data structure and metadata structure definitions;
- **Outreach:** Creation of the SDMX website in 2001; recognition of SDMX as the preferred standard for data and metadata exchange by the UNSC in 2008; creation of broad capacity-building/training programs by many SDMX sponsors; organisation of regular SDMX meetings; three Global SDMX Conferences organised to support the growing SDMX community.

The **SDMX Global Conference in May 2011** confirmed that SDMX is broadly used by statistical organisations along the statistical business processes. Many statistical organisations around the world consider SDMX as useful or even very useful.

2. SDMX ACTION PLAN 2011 TO 2015

Based on the outcome from the SDMX Global Conference 2011 and based on the priorities identified by the SDMX Technical Working Group (SDMX TWG), the SDMX Statistical Working Group (SDMX SWG) and the SDMX Secretariat, the SDMX Sponsors defined the **SDMX ACTION PLAN 2011 TO 2015** attached to this document. The SDMX priority actions to be carried out in the next years refer to SDMX implementation, outreach and training, SDMX Content-oriented Guidelines, SDMX technical standards and SDMX Governance. The SDMX TWG and the SDMX SWG have an active role in this action plan.



3. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The SDMX Sponsors, the SDMX TWG and SWG are committed to the list of actions defined in the SDMX Action plan 2011 to 2015. The work progress for the various actions will be monitored regularly (annually). Corrective actions will be undertaken if needed. The work progress will also be regularly communicated on the SDMX website.

For more information

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ANNEX 1: SDMX ACTION PLAN 2011 to 2015