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FOREWORD

This handbook is one of a series that the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and other international organisations are publishing to provide additional information on various aspects of the *System of National Accounts, 1993* (SNA93). It is designed to provide a quick reference to definitions of the terms used in SNA93.

In accordance with agreed procedures, a draft version of this handbook was cleared by the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA), which holds twice-yearly meetings of the five organisations responsible for drafting SNA93 (the United Nations Statistical Division, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, Eurostat and the OECD). A draft was also circulated for comment to statistical offices around the world. French and Spanish translations of the Glossary are being produced by the OECD and the United Nations Statistical Division respectively.

The OECD would like to thank all those who have commented on the drafts of the Glossary and for the suggestions on additional terms to include. Unfortunately, it was not always possible to include these additional items due to the problem of not being able to produce a concise definition which would adequately explain the item concerned.

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INTRODUCTION

Using the handbook

The definitions in this Glossary are based as closely as possible on the actual wording used in SNA93. However, in many cases it has been necessary to differ from the exact wording in SNA93 because an aim of the Glossary has been to have each definition “stand alone” to the greatest extent possible. The only way this could be achieved in a large number of cases was to add to or change the actual wording used in SNA93.

Often the brief definition contained in the Glossary gives only a general idea of the item concerned and so it is necessary to put it into context. To make it easier for the reader, each definition shows the paragraph of SNA93 from which the definition has been derived, as well as any other references that may be useful in determining a more precise meaning of each term. The following conventions have been used in showing the relevant paragraphs. A paragraph number by itself means that the definition has been taken entirely from that paragraph in SNA93. If the paragraph number has “BPM” before the number then it is referring to the relevant paragraph in the International Monetary Fund’s *Balance of Payments Manual, fifth edition, 1993*. In a small number of cases, “OECD” is shown before a number. In these cases, the reference is to “The OECD Classification of Taxes” and the number shown is the 4-digit reference number from this classification. Details concerning this classification and a description of the individual items in it are contained in the “Interpretative Guide” section of the OECD publication *Revenue Statistics*. If two paragraph numbers are shown with “and” between them, then the definition is a composite made up from concepts described in those paragraphs. Two numbers separated by a comma indicates that the same definition appears in each of the paragraphs listed. Square brackets “[]” are used to indicate that the paragraphs concerned contain relevant information but the definition has not been taken directly from them.

In some cases it has not been possible to identify a definition within SNA93, although the concept concerned may have been described in some detail. In such cases, the definition shown is based as closely as possible on the description contained in SNA93.

Some terms, particularly those referring to “other.....”, have been included for completeness because one of the aims of the Glossary was to provide a quick reference to the items included in the annual national accounts questionnaire which is completed by countries world wide for the United Nations Statistical Division or the OECD or Eurostat.

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Account	An <i>account</i> is a tool which records, for a given aspect of economic life, (a) the uses and resources or (b) the changes in assets and the changes in liabilities and/or (c) the stock of assets and liabilities existing at a certain time; the transactions accounts include a balancing item which is used to equate the two sides of the accounts (e.g. resources and uses) and which is a meaningful measure of economic performance in itself.	2.85 and 2.87
Accrual accounting	<i>Accrual accounting</i> records flows at the time economic value is created, transformed, exchanged, transferred or extinguished; this means that flows which imply a change of ownership are entered when ownership passes, services are recorded when provided, output is entered at the time products are created and intermediate consumption is recorded when materials and supplies are being used.	3.94
Accumulation accounts	<i>Accumulation accounts</i> are flow accounts that record the acquisition and disposal of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities by institutional units through transactions or as a result of other events.	1.9 [2.93, 10.1]
Acquisitions	Goods (including assets) and services are <i>acquired</i> by institutional units when they become the new owners of the goods or when the delivery of services to them is completed.	9.32
Acquisition - time of	The <i>times</i> at which goods and services are <i>acquired</i> are when the change of ownership occurs or the delivery of the services is completed.	9.34
Actual final consumption of general government	<i>Actual final consumption of general government</i> is measured by the value of the collective (as opposed to individual) consumption services provided to the community, or large sections of the community, by general government; it is derived from their final consumption expenditure by subtracting the value of social transfers in kind payable.	9.97 and 9.3
Actual final consumption of households	<i>Actual final consumption of households</i> is the value of the consumption goods and services acquired by households, whether by purchase in general, or by transfer from government units or NPISHs, and used by them for the satisfaction of their needs and wants; it is derived from their final consumption expenditure by adding the value of social transfers in kind receivable.	9.11 and 9.3 [9.72, 9.96]
Actual final consumption of NPISHs	There is no <i>actual final consumption of NPISHs</i> because, in practice, most of their services are individual in nature and so, for simplicity, all services provided by NPISHs are treated by convention as individual (as social transfers in kind).	9.44 [9.94, 9.95]
Actual individual consumption	<i>Actual individual consumption</i> is measured by the total value of household final consumption expenditure, NPISH final consumption expenditure and government expenditure on individual consumption goods and services.	[9.94]
Actual social contributions	<i>Actual social contributions</i> consist of employers' actual social contributions, employees' actual social contributions, and social contributions by self-employed and non-employed persons (see also "imputed social contributions").	8.67 - 8.70
Additivity	<i>Additivity</i> is a property pertaining to a set of interdependent index numbers related by definition or by accounting constraints under which an aggregate is defined as the sum of its components; additivity requires this identity to be preserved when the values of both an aggregate and its components in some reference period are extrapolated over time using a set of volume index numbers.	16.55
Adjusted disposable income	<i>Adjusted disposable income</i> is derived from the disposable income of an institutional unit or sector by adding the value of the social transfers in kind receivable by that unit or sector and by subtracting the value of the social transfers in kind payable by that unit or sector.	8.24 [8.26]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Adjustment for the change in the net equity of households in pension fund reserves	The <i>adjustment for the change in the net equity of households in pension fund reserves</i> is equal to the total value of the actual social contributions payable into private funded pension schemes plus the total value of contribution supplements payable out of the property income attributed to insurance policy holders (i.e., holders of pension rights) minus the value of the associated service charges minus the total value of the pensions paid out as social insurance benefits by private funded pension schemes; this adjustment is designed to ensure that the balance of pension contributions over pension receipts (i.e., of “transfers” payable over “transfers” receivable) does not enter into household saving.	9.16 [10.30]
Aggregates of the SNA	The <i>aggregates of the SNA</i> - for example, value added, income, consumption and saving - are composite values which measure the result of the activity of the entire economy considered from a particular point of view; some aggregates may be obtained directly as totals of particular transactions (e.g. final consumption, gross fixed capital formation and social contributions) while others may result from summing up balancing items for the institutional sectors (e.g. value added, balance of primary incomes, disposable income and saving).	2.169 and 2.170
Allocation of primary income account	The <i>allocation of primary income account</i> focuses on resident institutional units or sectors in their capacity as recipients of primary incomes rather than as producers whose activities generate primary incomes; it lists two kinds of income under “resources”: (a) primary incomes already recorded in the generation of income account that are receivable by resident institutional units, and (b) property incomes receivable from the ownership of financial or tangible non-produced assets (mainly land or sub-soil assets).	7.12 and 7.13
Analytical unit	For more refined analysis of the production process, use is made of an <i>analytical unit</i> of production: this unit, which is not always observable, is the unit of homogeneous production, defined as covering no secondary activities.	2.48
Ancillary activity	An <i>ancillary activity</i> is a supporting activity undertaken within an enterprise in order to create the conditions within which the principal or secondary activities can be carried out; ancillary activities generally produce services that are commonly found as inputs into almost any kind of productive activity and the value of an individual ancillary activity’s output is likely to be small compared with the other activities of the enterprise (e.g. cleaning and maintenance of buildings).	5.9 and 5.10 [15.16]
Ancillary corporation	An <i>ancillary corporation</i> is a subsidiary corporation, wholly owned by a parent corporation, whose productive activities are ancillary in nature: that is, they are strictly confined to providing services to the parent corporation, or other ancillary corporations owned by the same parent corporation.	4.40
Antiques and other art objects	<i>Antiques and other art objects</i> are non-financial, tangible, produced assets that are not used primarily for production or consumption, that are expected to appreciate or at least not to decline in real value, that do not deteriorate over time under normal conditions and that are acquired and held primarily as stores of value; they comprise paintings, sculptures, etc, which are recognised as works of art and antiques.	(AN.132) - Annex to chapter XIII
Assets	<i>Assets</i> are entities functioning as stores of value and over which ownership rights are enforced by institutional units, individually or collectively, and from which economic benefits may be derived by their owners by holding them, or using them, over a period of time (the economic benefits consist of primary incomes derived from the use of the asset and the value, including possible holding gains/losses, that could be realised by disposing of the asset or terminating it).	10.2 and 13.12 [1.26]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Autonomous pension funds	<i>Autonomous pension funds</i> are separate institutional units established for purposes of providing incomes on retirement for specific groups of employees and which are organised, and directed, by private or public employers or jointly by the employers and their employees.	6.141
Balance of payments	The <i>balance of payments</i> is a statistical statement that systematically summarises, for a specific time period, the economic transactions of an economy with the rest of the world.	BPM 13
Balance of primary incomes	The <i>balance of primary incomes</i> is the total value of the primary incomes receivable by an institutional unit or sector less the total of the primary incomes payable; at the level of the total economy it is described as “national income”.	7.14
Balance sheet	A <i>balance sheet</i> is a statement, drawn up at a particular point in time, of the values of assets owned by an institutional unit or sector and of the financial claims (i.e. liabilities) incurred by this unit or sector; for the economy as a whole, the balance sheet shows what is often referred to as “national wealth” - the sum of non-financial assets and net claims on the rest of the world..	13.1 and 13.2 [1.11, 2.93, 10.1]
Balancing item	An account is “closed” by introducing a <i>balancing item</i> defined residually as the difference between the two sides of the account; a balancing item typically encapsulates the net result of the activities covered by the account in question and is therefore an economic construct of considerable interest and analytical significance - for example, value added, disposable income, saving, net lending and net worth.	1.3 [3.64]
Barter transactions	<i>Barter transactions</i> involve two parties, with one party providing a good, service or asset other than cash to the other in return for a good, service or asset other than cash.	3.37
Base period	The period that provides the weights for an index is described as the <i>base period</i> .	16.16
Basic price	The <i>basic price</i> is the amount receivable by the producer from the purchaser for a unit of a good or service produced as output minus any tax payable, and plus any subsidy receivable, on that unit as a consequence of its production or sale; it excludes any transport charges invoiced separately by the producer.	6.205, 15.28 [3.82]
Bills	<i>Bills</i> are short-term securities that give the holder (creditor) the unconditional right to receive a stated fixed sum on a specified date.	7.97 [11.74]
Bonds and debentures	<i>Bonds and debentures</i> are long-term securities that give the holders the unconditional right to one or both of: (a) a fixed or contractually determined variable money income in the form of coupon payments, i.e. payment of interest is not dependent on earnings of the debtors, (b) a stated fixed sum as a repayment of principal on a specified date or dates when the security is redeemed.	7.100 and 11.74 [12.109]
Capital account	The <i>capital account</i> records all transactions in non-financial assets.	10.20 and 1.9
Capital consumption	<i>Capital consumption</i> See “Consumption of fixed capital”.	
Capital formation	<i>Capital formation</i> See “gross capital formation” and “gross fixed capital formation”.	
Capital gains	<i>Capital gains</i> See “holding gains”.	
Capital levies	<i>Capital levies</i> consist of taxes on the values of the assets or net worth owned by institutional units levied at irregular, and very infrequent, intervals of time.	10.136

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Capital stock - gross	<i>Gross capital stock</i> is the value of all fixed assets still in use at the actual or estimated current purchasers' prices for new assets of the same type, irrespective of the age of the assets.	6.199
Capital stock - net	The sum of the written-down values of all the fixed assets still in use is described as the <i>net capital stock</i> ; it can also be described as the difference between gross capital stock and consumption of fixed capital.	6.199
Capital taxes	<i>Capital taxes</i> consist of capital levies (i.e. those taxes levied at irregular and very infrequent intervals on the values of the assets or net worth owned by institutional units) and taxes on capital transfers (i.e. taxes on the values of assets transferred between institutional units as a result of legacies, gifts inter vivos (i.e. during the donor's life time) or other transfers).	10.136
Capital transfer in cash	A <i>capital transfer in cash</i> consists of the transfer of cash that the first party has raised by disposing of an asset or assets (other than inventories), or that the second party is expected, or required, to use for the acquisition of an asset, or assets (other than inventories); the second party, the recipient, is often obliged to use the cash to acquire an asset, or assets, as a condition on which the transfer is made.	10.132 [8.31]
Capital transfer in kind	A <i>capital transfer in kind</i> consists of the transfer of ownership of an asset (other than inventories and cash) or the cancellation of a liability by a creditor, without any counterpart being received in return.	10.132 [8.31]
Capital transfers	<i>Capital transfers</i> are transactions, either in cash or in kind, in which the ownership of an asset (other than cash and inventories) is transferred from one institutional unit to another, or in which cash is transferred to enable the recipient to acquire another asset, or in which the funds realised by the disposal of another asset are transferred.	10.29 [3.22, 8.3]
Capital transfers - other	<i>Other capital transfers</i> consist of all capital transfers except capital taxes and investment grants; they include, among others, cancellation of debt by mutual agreement between the creditor and debtor.	10.139
Car registration taxes	<i>Car registration taxes</i> are payments made periodically by car owners to government for the right to use the vehicle.	[7.70]
Cash accounting	<i>Cash accounting</i> records only cash payments/receipts and records them at the times these payments/receipts occur.	3.92
Cash transfer	A <i>cash transfer</i> consists of the payment of currency or transferable deposit by one unit to another without any counterpart.	8.27
Catastrophic losses	The volume changes recorded as <i>catastrophic losses</i> in the "other changes in the volume of assets account" are unanticipated losses resulting from large scale, discrete, and recognisable events that may destroy assets within any of the categories of assets.	12.35
Central bank	A <i>central bank</i> is the public financial corporation which is a monetary authority; that is, which issues banknotes and sometimes coins and may hold all or part of the international reserves of the country.	4.86
Central government	The political authority of <i>central government</i> extends over the entire territory of the country; central government has the authority to impose taxes on all resident and non-resident units engaged in economic activities within the country.	4.118
Central product classification (CPC)	The <i>central product classification (CPC)</i> is a classification based on the physical characteristics of goods or on the nature of the services rendered; each type of good or service distinguished in the CPC is defined in such a way that it is normally produced by only one activity as defined in ISIC.	5.44

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Centre of economic interest	An institutional unit is said to have a <i>centre of economic interest</i> within a country when there exists some location within the economic territory of the country on or from which it engages, and intends to continue to engage, in economic activities and transactions on a significant scale, either indefinitely or over a finite but long period of time.	14.12 [4.15]
Chain indices	<i>Chain indices</i> are obtained by linking price (or volume) indices for consecutive periods; the short-term movements which are linked are calculated using weighting patterns appropriate to the periods concerned.	16.41
Change in real national net worth	The <i>change in real national net worth</i> is the sum of changes in net worth of all resident institutional sectors less the neutral holding gains/losses (that is, in proportion to the general price level); it is also equal to the sum of saving and capital transfers, other changes in volume of assets and real holding gains or losses.	2.186
Changes in inventories (including work-in-progress)	<i>Changes in inventories (including work-in-progress)</i> consist of changes in: (a) stocks of outputs that are still held by the units that produced them prior to their being further processed, sold, delivered to other units or used in other ways; and (b) stocks of products acquired from other units that are intended to be used for intermediate consumption or for resale without further processing; they are measured by the value of the entries into inventories less the value of withdrawals and the value of any recurrent losses of goods held in inventories.	10.7 and 10.28
Changes in net worth	<i>Changes in net worth</i> are equal to changes in assets less changes in liabilities.	2.148, 13.91 [2.93]
C.i.f. price	The <i>c.i.f. price</i> (i.e. cost, insurance and freight price) is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, including any insurance and freight charges incurred to that point, or the price of a service delivered to a resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country; in the SNA this concept is applied only to detailed imports.	15.35 [14.40]
Classification of individual consumption by purpose (COICOP)	The <i>classification of individual consumption by purpose (COICOP)</i> is a classification used to identify the objectives of both individual consumption expenditure and actual individual consumption.	18.7
Classification of outlays of producers by purpose (COPP)	The <i>classification of outlays of producers by purpose (COPP)</i> is used to classify expenditures by producers (intermediate consumption, compensation of employees, etc) by purpose (e.g. outlays on repair and maintenance or outlays on sales promotion).	18.13
Classification of the functions of government (COFOG)	The <i>classification of the functions of government (COFOG)</i> is a classification used to identify the socio-economic objectives of current transactions, capital outlays and acquisition of financial assets by general government and its sub-sectors.	18.9
Classification of the purposes of non-profit institutions (COPNI)	The <i>classification of the purposes of non-profit institutions (COPNI)</i> is a classification used to identify the socio-economic objectives of current transactions, capital outlays and acquisition of financial assets by non-profit institutions serving households.	18.12
Coal, oil and natural gas reserves	<i>Coal, oil and natural gas reserves</i> consist of proven reserves of anthracite, bituminous and brown coal deposits and of petroleum and natural gas reserves and fields.	(AN.2121) - Annex to chapter XIII
Coefficient table	A <i>coefficient</i> (input-output) <i>table</i> records the amount of each product (or the amount of output by each industry) used as input per unit of output of the various products/industries.	15.175

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
COFOG (classification of the functions of government)	<i>COFOG (classification of the functions of government)</i> is a classification used to identify the socio-economic objectives of current transactions, capital outlays and acquisition of financial assets by general government and its sub-sectors.	18.9
COICOP (classification of individual consumption by purpose)	<i>COICOP (classification of individual consumption by purpose)</i> is a classification used to identify the objectives of both individual consumption expenditure and actual individual consumption.	18.7
Collective consumption service	A <i>collective consumption service</i> is a service provided by general government simultaneously to all members of the community or to all members of a particular section of the community, such as all households living in a particular region.	9.43
Compensation of employees	<i>Compensation of employees</i> is the total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by enterprises to employees in return for work done by the latter during the accounting period.	7.21 [7.31]
Computer software	<i>Computer software</i> is an asset consisting of computer programs, program descriptions and supporting materials for both systems and applications software; included are purchased software and software developed on own account, if the expenditure is large.	(AN.1122) - Annex to chapter XIII
Consolidation	<i>Consolidation</i> is a special kind of cancelling out of flows and stocks; it involves the elimination of those transactions or debtor/creditor relationships which occur between two transactors belonging to the same institutional sector or sub-sector.	3.121 [11.52]
Constant prices	<i>Constant prices</i> are obtained by directly factoring changes over time in the values of flows or stocks of goods and services into two components reflecting changes in the prices of the goods and services concerned and changes in their volumes (i.e. changes in "constant price terms"); the term "at constant prices" commonly refers to series which use a fixed-base Laspeyres formula.	16.2
Consumer durables	<i>Consumer durables</i> are durable goods acquired by households for final consumption (i.e. those that are not used by households as stores of value or by unincorporated enterprises owned by households for purposes of production); they may be used for purposes of consumption repeatedly or continuously over a period of a year or more.	(AN.m) - Annex to chapter XIII and 9.38
Consumption	<i>Consumption</i> is an activity in which institutional units use up goods or services; consumption can be either intermediate or final.	1.49
Consumption good or service	A <i>consumption good or service</i> is one that is used (without further transformation in production) by households, NPISHs or government units for the direct satisfaction of individual needs or wants or the collective needs of members of the community.	9.41
Consumption of fixed capital	<i>Consumption of fixed capital</i> represents the reduction in the value of the fixed assets used in production during the accounting period resulting from physical deterioration, normal obsolescence or normal accidental damage.	10.27 [6.179, 10.118]
Contingent assets	<i>Contingent assets</i> arise from contractual financial arrangements between institutional units which do not give rise to unconditional requirements either to make payments or to provide other objects of value; often the arrangements themselves do not have transferable economic value so they are not actual current financial assets and so they should not be recorded in the SNA; the principal characteristic of contingencies is that one or more conditions must be fulfilled before a financial transaction takes place.	11.25

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Control of a corporation	<i>Control of a corporation</i> occurs when a single institutional unit owning more than a half of the shares, or equity, of a corporation is able to control its policy and operations by outvoting all other shareholders, if necessary; similarly, a small, organised group of shareholders whose combined ownership of shares exceeds 50 per cent of the total is able to control the corporation by acting in concert; in practice, when ownership of shares is widely diffused among a large number of shareholders, control may be secured by owning 20 per cent or less of the total shares.	4.27 and 4.28
COPNI (classification of the purposes of non-profit institutions)	<i>COPNI (classification of the purposes of non-profit institutions)</i> is a classification used to identify the socio-economic objectives of current transactions, capital outlays and acquisition of financial assets by non-profit institutions serving households.	18.12
COPP (classification of outlays of producers by purpose)	<i>COPP (classification of outlays of producers by purpose)</i> is used to classify expenditures by producers (intermediate consumption, compensation of employees, etc) by purpose (e.g. outlays on repair and maintenance or outlays on sales promotion).	18.13
Corporation	A <i>corporation</i> is a legal entity, created for the purpose of producing goods or services for the market, that may be a source of profit or other financial gain to its owner(s); it is collectively owned by shareholders who have the authority to appoint directors responsible for its general management.	4.23 [4.18]
CPC (central product classification)	The <i>CPC (central product classification)</i> is a classification based on the physical characteristics of goods or on the nature of the services rendered; each type of good or service distinguished in the CPC is defined in such a way that it is normally produced by only one activity as defined in ISIC.	5.44
Credit derivatives	<i>Credit derivatives</i> are financial derivatives whose primary purpose is to trade credit risk; they are designed for trading in loan and security default risk and can take the form of both forward-type and option-type contracts and, like other financial derivatives, they are frequently drawn up under standard master legal agreements, and involve collateral and margining procedures.	11.42
Cross-currency interest rate swaps	<i>Cross-currency interest rate swaps</i> (sometimes known as “currency swaps”) involve an exchange of cash flows related to interest payments and an exchange of principal amounts at an agreed exchange rate at the end of the contract; there might also be an exchange of principal at the beginning of the contract and, in these circumstances, there may be subsequent repayments, which include both interest and principal, over time according to the predetermined rules.	11.38
Cultivated assets	<i>Cultivated assets</i> are livestock for breeding (including fish and poultry), dairy, draught, etc and vineyards, orchards and other plantations of trees yielding repeat products that are under the direct control, responsibility and management of institutional units.	(AN.1114) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.83]
Currency	<i>Currency</i> comprises those notes and coins in circulation that are commonly used to make payments.	11.70, (AF.21) - Annex to chapter XIII
Currency and deposits	<i>Currency and deposits</i> are financial assets that are used to make payments or that may be included in money, broadly defined, consisting of currency, transferable deposits and other deposits.	(AF.2) - Annex to chapter XIII
Currency swaps	<i>Currency swaps</i> (also known as “cross-currency interest rate swaps”) involve an exchange of cash flows related to interest payments and an exchange of principal amounts at an agreed exchange rate at the end of the contract; there might also be an exchange of principal at the beginning of the contract, and, in these circumstances, there may be subsequent repayments, which include both interest and principal, over time according to the predetermined rules.	11.38

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Current account (balance of payments)	The <i>current account (balance of payments)</i> refers to the external account of goods and services, primary incomes, and current transfers.	14.148 [BPM 149]
Current accounts	<i>Current accounts</i> record the production of goods and services, the generation of incomes by production, the subsequent distribution and redistribution of incomes among institutional units, and the use of incomes for purposes of consumption or saving.	1.5 [2.102]
Current cost accounting	<i>Current cost accounting</i> is a valuation method whereby assets and goods used in production are valued at their actual or estimated current market prices at the time the production takes place (it is sometimes described as “replacement cost accounting”).	1.60
Current external balance	The <i>current external balance</i> is the balancing item in the external account of primary income and current transfers.	Table 14.1 V.II [2.167]
Current international cooperation	<i>Current international cooperation</i> consists of current transfers in cash or in kind between the governments of different countries or between governments and international organisations.	8.92
Current taxes on capital	<i>Current taxes on capital</i> consist of taxes that are payable periodically, usually annually, on the property or net wealth of institutional units, excluding taxes on land or other assets owned or rented by enterprises and used by them for production.	8.53 [OECD 4100, OECD 4200, OECD 4600]
Current taxes on income, wealth, etc	Most <i>current taxes on income, wealth, etc</i> consist of taxes on the incomes of households or profits of corporations and taxes on wealth that are payable regularly every tax period (as distinct from capital taxes levied infrequently).	8.6
Current taxes on land and buildings	<i>Current taxes on land and buildings</i> consist of taxes payable periodically, in most cases annually, on the use or ownership of land or buildings by owners (including owner-occupiers of dwellings), tenants or both, excluding taxes on land or buildings rented or owned by enterprises and used by them in production.	8.53 [OECD 4100]
Current taxes on net wealth	<i>Current taxes on net wealth</i> consist of taxes payable periodically, in most cases annually, on the value of land or fixed assets less any debt incurred on those assets, excluding taxes on assets owned by enterprises and used by them in production.	8.53 [OECD 4200]
Current taxes on other assets	<i>Current taxes on other assets</i> include taxes payable periodically, usually annually, on assets such as jewellery or other external signs of wealth.	8.53 [OECD 4600]
Current transfers	<i>Current transfers</i> consist of all transfers that are not transfers of capital; they directly affect the level of disposable income and should influence the consumption of goods or services.	8.32 [3.22, 8.3, 10.133]
Current transfers between households	<i>Current transfers between households</i> consist of all current transfers in cash or in kind made, or received, by resident households to or from other resident or non-resident households.	8.95
Current transfers - fines and penalties	<i>Fines and penalties</i> imposed on institutional units by courts of law or quasi-judicial bodies are treated as compulsory <i>current transfers</i> .	8.96
Current transfers from/to abroad	Current transfers which take place between resident and non-resident institutional units are referred to as <i>current transfers from/to abroad</i> .	8.4
Current transfers - lotteries and gambling	<i>Current transfers - lotteries and gambling</i> consist of the amounts paid out to the winners.	8.97

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Current transfers - payments of compensation	<i>Payments of compensation</i> consist of <i>current transfers</i> paid by institutional units to other institutional units in compensation for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the former excluding payments of non-life insurance claims.	8.98
Current transfers to NPISHs	Most <i>current transfers to NPISHs</i> consist of cash transfers received by NPISHs from other resident or non-resident institutional units in the form of membership dues, subscriptions, voluntary donations, etc whether made on a regular or occasional basis.	8.94
Current transfers within general government	<i>Current transfers within general government</i> consist of current transfers between different government units or different sub-sectors of general government; they include current transfers between different levels of government, such as frequently occur between central and state or local government units, and between government units and social security funds.	8.90
Debt defeasance	<i>Debt defeasance</i> allows a debtor (whose debts are in the form generally of securities other than shares and loans) to remove certain liabilities from the balance sheet by pairing irrevocably assets of equal value to the liabilities.	11.24
Debt forgiveness	<i>Debt forgiveness</i> occurs when a debtor and creditor become parties to a bilateral agreement that a financial claim no longer exists.	11.23 [BPM 532]
Deductible VAT	<i>Deductible VAT</i> is the VAT payable on purchases of goods or services intended for intermediate consumption, gross fixed capital formation or for resale which a producer is permitted to deduct from his own VAT liability to the government in respect of VAT invoiced to his customers.	6.209
Deep-discount bonds	<i>Deep-discount bonds</i> are bonds under which periodic cash flows are made that cover some of the interest liability during the life of the instrument but the amount is substantially below market interest; the difference between the discounted issue price and the price at maturity is substantial and, in the SNA, that difference is treated as interest and is recorded as accruing over the life of the bond rather than when due for payment.	11.77
Defined benefit pension plans	<i>Defined benefit pension plans</i> are those in which the level of pension benefits promised to participating employees is guaranteed; benefits are related by some formula to participants' length of service and salary and are not totally dependent on either the participants' contributions or the assets in the fund.	13.78
Defined contribution pension plans	<i>Defined contribution pension plans</i> See "Money purchase pension plans"	
Demonetisation (of gold)	If authorities release monetary gold from their holdings for non-monetary purposes e.g. for sale to private holders or users, they are deemed to have <i>demonetised gold</i> .	11.65
Depletion of natural economic assets	The <i>depletion of natural economic assets</i> is the reduction in the value of deposits of subsoil assets as a result of their physical removal, the depletion of water resources, and the depletion of natural forests, fishstocks in the open seas and other non-cultivated biological resources as a result of harvesting, forest clearance, or other use.	12.29 and 12.30
Deposit money corporations	<i>Deposit money corporations</i> consist of resident depository corporations and quasi-corporations which have any liabilities in the form of deposits payable on demand, transferable by cheque or otherwise usable for making payments.	4.93
Deposits - other	In the financial accounts, the item <i>other deposits</i> includes all claims, other than transferable deposits, on the central bank, other depository institutions, government units and, in some cases, other institutional units that are represented by evidence of deposit.	11.72, (AF.29) - Annex to chapter XIII

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Depreciation	<i>Depreciation</i> as usually calculated in business accounts is a method of allocating the costs of past expenditures on fixed assets over subsequent accounting periods; note that the depreciation methods favoured in business accounting and those prescribed by tax authorities almost invariably deviate from the concept of consumption of fixed capital employed in the SNA and so the term “consumption of fixed capital” is used in the SNA to distinguish it from “depreciation” as typically measured in business accounts.	1.62, 3.77 and 6.183
Direct investment enterprise - foreign	A <i>foreign direct investment enterprise</i> is an incorporated or unincorporated enterprise in which a direct investor resident in another economy owns 10 per cent or more of the ordinary shares or voting power (for an incorporated enterprise) or the equivalent (for an unincorporated enterprise).	14.152, BPM 362 [7.119]
Disposable income	<i>Disposable income</i> is derived from the balance of primary incomes of an institutional unit or sector by adding all current transfers, except social transfers in kind, receivable by that unit or sector and subtracting all current transfers, except social transfers in kind, payable by that unit or sector; it is the balancing item in the Secondary Distribution of Income Account.	8.11
Disposals	<i>Disposals</i> of assets (inventories, fixed assets or land or other non-produced assets) by institutional units occur when one of those units sells or transfers any of the assets to another institutional unit; when the ownership of an existing fixed asset is transferred from one resident producer to another, the value of the asset sold, bartered or transferred is recorded as negative gross fixed capital formation by the former and as positive gross fixed capital formation by the latter.	10.40 [9.32]
Distributed income of corporations	The <i>distributed income of corporations</i> consists of dividends plus withdrawals from income of quasi-corporations.	7.112 - 7.118
Distribution and use of income accounts	The <i>distribution and use of income accounts</i> consist of a set of articulated accounts showing how incomes are: (a) generated by production; (b) along with property income, distributed to institutional units with claims on the value added created by production; (c) redistributed among institutional units, mainly by government units through social security contributions and benefits and taxes; and (d) eventually used by households, government units or non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs) for purposes of final consumption or saving.	1.7 and Table 2.8
Distributive transactions	<i>Distributive transactions</i> consist of transactions by which the value added generated by production is distributed to labour, capital and government and of transactions involving the redistribution of income and wealth (taxes on income and wealth and other transfers).	2.31
Dividends	<i>Dividends</i> are a form of property income to which shareholders become entitled, once declared, as a result of placing funds at the disposal of corporations.	7.113
Double deflation	<i>Double deflation</i> is a method whereby gross value added is measured at constant prices by subtracting intermediate consumption at constant prices from output at constant prices; this method is feasible only for constant price estimates which are additive, such as those calculated using a Laspeyres’ formula (either fixed-base or for estimates expressed in the previous year’s prices).	16.5
Double entry	For a unit or sector, national accounting is based on the principle of <i>double entry</i> , as in business accounting, whereby each transaction must be recorded twice, once as a resource (or a change in liabilities) and once as a use (or a change in assets).	2.57

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Due-for-payment recording	<i>Due-for-payment recording</i> is an accounting method showing flows which give rise to cash payments at the latest times they can be paid without incurring additional charges or penalties and, in addition to these, actual cash payments at the moments they occur; the period of time (if any) between the moment a payment becomes due and the moment it is actually made is bridged by recording a receivable or a payable in the financial accounts (see also “Accrual accounting”).	3.93
Durable good	A <i>durable good</i> is one which may be used repeatedly or continuously over a period of more than a year, assuming a normal or average rate of physical usage.	9.38
Dwellings	<i>Dwellings</i> are buildings that are used entirely or primarily as residences, including any associated structures, such as garages, and all permanent fixtures customarily installed in residences; movable structures, such as caravans, used as principal residences of households are included.	(AN.1111) - Annex to chapter XIII
Economic assets	<i>Economic assets</i> are entities functioning as stores of value and over which ownership rights are enforced by institutional units, individually or collectively, and from which economic benefits may be derived by their owners by holding them, or using them, over a period of time (the economic benefits consist of primary incomes derived from the use of the asset and the value, including possible holding gains/losses, that could be realised by disposing of the asset or terminating it).	10.2 and 13.12 [11.16]
Economic flows	<i>Economic flows</i> reflect the creation, transformation, exchange, transfer or extinction of economic value; they involve changes in the volume, composition, or value of an institutional unit's assets and liabilities.	3.9
Economic interest - centre of	An institutional unit is said to have a <i>centre of economic interest</i> within a country when there exists some location within the economic territory of the country on, or from, which it engages, and intends to continue to engage, in economic activities and transactions on a significant scale, either indefinitely or over a finite but long period of time.	14.12 [4.15]
Economic production	<i>Economic production</i> is an activity carried out under the control and responsibility of an institutional unit that uses inputs of labour, capital, and goods and services to produce outputs of goods or services.	6.15
Economic territory (of a country)	The <i>economic territory of a country</i> consists of the geographic territory administered by a government within which persons, goods, and capital circulate freely; it includes: (a) the airspace, territorial waters, and continental shelf lying in international waters over which the country enjoys exclusive rights or over which it has, or claims to have, jurisdiction in respect of the right to fish or to exploit fuels or minerals below the sea bed; (b) territorial enclaves in the rest of the world; and (c) any free zones, or bonded warehouses or factories operated by offshore enterprises under customs control (these form part of the economic territory of the country in which they are physically located).	14.9
Economic territory (of an international organisation)	The <i>economic territory of an international organisation</i> consists of the territorial enclave, or enclaves, over which it has jurisdiction; these consist of clearly demarcated areas of land or structures which the international organisation owns or rents and which it uses for the purposes for which the organisation was created by formal agreement with the country, or countries, in which the enclave or enclaves are physically located.	14.10
Economically active persons	<i>Economically active persons</i> are persons engaged in production included within the boundary of production of the SNA.	6.22

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Economically significant prices	<i>Prices</i> are said to be <i>economically significant</i> when they have a significant influence on the amounts the producers are willing to supply and on the amounts purchasers wish to buy.	6.45 [4.58]
Employee	An <i>employee</i> is a person who enters an agreement, which may be formal or informal, with an enterprise to work for the enterprise in return for remuneration in cash or in kind.	7.23
Employees' social contributions	<i>Employees' social contributions</i> are the amounts payable by employees to social security funds and private funded social insurance schemes.	8.69
Employers	<i>Employers</i> are self-employed persons with paid employees.	7.25
Employers' actual social contributions	<i>Employers' actual social contributions</i> are the amounts payable by employers for the benefit of their employees to social security funds, insurance enterprises, autonomous pension funds or other institutional units responsible for the administration and management of social insurance schemes.	7.44 [8.67]
Employers' imputed social contributions	<i>Employers' imputed social contributions</i> are equal in value to the amount of social contributions that would be needed to secure the de facto entitlements to the social benefits they accumulate; they arise only in cases where social benefits are provided by employers directly to their employees, former employees or dependants out of their own resources without involving an insurance enterprise or autonomous pension fund, and without creating a special fund or segregated reserve for the purpose.	7.45
Employers' social contributions	<i>Employers' social contributions</i> are payments (either actual or imputed) by employers which are intended to secure for their employees the entitlement to social benefits should certain events occur, or certain circumstances exist, that may adversely affect their employees' income or welfare - sickness, accidents, redundancy, retirement, etc.	7.43
Enterprise	An <i>enterprise</i> is an institutional unit in its capacity as a producer of goods and services; an enterprise may be a corporation, a quasi-corporation, a non-profit institution, or an unincorporated enterprise.	5.17 [5.1]
Entertainment, literary or artistic originals	<i>Entertainment, literary or artistic originals</i> are the original films, sound recordings, manuscripts, tapes, models, etc, on which drama performances, radio and television programming, musical performances, sporting events, literary and artistic output, etc, are recorded or embodied.	(AN.1123) - Annex to chapter XIII
Entrepreneurial income	The <i>entrepreneurial income</i> for a corporation, quasi-corporation, or institutional unit owning an unincorporated enterprise engaged in market production is its operating surplus or mixed income plus property income receivable on the financial or other assets owned by the enterprise, minus interest payable on the liabilities of the enterprise and rents payable on land or other tangible non-produced assets rented by the enterprise.	7.18
Establishment	An <i>establishment</i> is an enterprise, or part of an enterprise, that is situated in a single location and in which only a single (non-ancillary) productive activity is carried out or in which the principal productive activity accounts for most of the value added.	5.21, 6.80
Excise duties	<i>Excise duties</i> consist of special taxes levied on specific kinds of goods, typically alcoholic beverages, tobacco and fuels; they may be imposed at any stage of production or distribution and are usually assessed by reference to the weight or strength or quantity of the product.	7.69 and OECD 5121

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Existing fixed asset	An <i>existing fixed asset</i> is one that has already been acquired by at least one resident user, or produced on own account, and whose value has, therefore, already been included in the gross fixed capital formation of at least one user at some earlier point in time in the current or some previous accounting period.	10.39
Existing good	An <i>existing good</i> is a good which has already been disposed of to a user by the unit that produced or imported it, either in the current or a previous period.	9.31
Expenditure taxes	<i>Expenditure taxes</i> are taxes payable on the total expenditures of persons or households instead of on their incomes; they are part of “miscellaneous current taxes”.	8.54 [OECD 6000]
Expenditures	<i>Expenditures</i> are the values of the amounts that buyers pay, or agree to pay, to sellers in exchange for goods or services that sellers provide to them or to other institutional units designated by the buyers.	9.22
Expenditures on goods and services produced on own account	<i>Expenditures on goods and services produced on own account</i> are the imputed values of goods or services produced as outputs of unincorporated enterprises owned by households that are retained for consumption by members of the household.	9.52
Export duties	<i>Export duties</i> consist of general or specific taxes on goods or services that become payable when the goods leave the economic territory or when the services are delivered to non-residents; profits of export monopolies and taxes resulting from multiple exchange rates are excluded.	7.68 [OECD 5124]
Export subsidies	<i>Export subsidies</i> consist of all subsidies on goods and services that become payable to resident producers when the goods leave the economic territory or when the services are delivered to non-resident units; they include direct subsidies on exports, losses of government trading enterprises in respect of trade with non-residents, and subsidies resulting from multiple exchange rates.	7.76
Export taxes	<i>Export taxes</i> are taxes on goods or services that become payable when the goods leave the economic territory or when the services are delivered to non-residents; they include export duties, profits of export monopolies and taxes resulting from multiple exchange rates.	7.68 [15.47]
Exports of goods and services	<i>Exports of goods and services</i> consist of sales, barter, or gifts or grants, of goods and services from residents to non-residents; the treatment of exports and imports in the SNA is generally identical with that in the balance of payments accounts as described in the Balance of Payments Manual.	14.88 [14.91, 14.94]
External assets and liabilities account	The <i>external assets and liabilities account</i> reflects the level and composition of the stock of external financial assets and liabilities of the economy that result from the external transactions accounts and accumulation accounts.	14.156
External balance of goods and services	The <i>external balance of goods and services</i> is the value of exports of goods and services less imports of goods and services.	2.166 and Table 2.3 V.I
Externalities	<i>Externalities</i> are changes in the condition or circumstances of institutional units caused by the economic actions of other units without the consent of the former.	[3.51]
Factor cost	Gross value added at <i>factor cost</i> is not a concept used explicitly in the SNA but it can easily be derived by subtracting the value of any taxes, less subsidies, on production payable out of gross value added.	6.229
Factor reversal test	The <i>factor reversal test</i> requires that multiplying a price index and a volume index of the same type should be equal to the proportionate change in the current values (e.g. the “Fisher Ideal” price and volume indexes satisfy this test, unlike either the Paasche or Laspeyres indexes).	16.24

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
FIFO (first-in-first-out)	<i>FIFO (first-in-first-out)</i> is an inventory valuation method based on the assumption that goods are withdrawn from inventories in the same order as they entered.	6.70
Final consumption	<i>Final consumption</i> consists of goods and services used up by individual households or the community to satisfy their individual or collective needs or wants.	1.49
Final consumption expenditure of government	<i>Government final consumption expenditure</i> consists of expenditure, including imputed expenditure, incurred by general government on both individual consumption goods and services and collective consumption services.	9.94
Final consumption expenditure of households	<i>Household final consumption expenditure</i> consists of the expenditure, including imputed expenditure, incurred by resident households on individual consumption goods and services, including those sold at prices that are not economically significant.	9.94 [9.45]
Final consumption expenditure of NPISHs	<i>Final consumption expenditure of NPISHs</i> consists of the expenditure, including imputed expenditure, incurred by resident NPISHs on individual consumption goods and services.	9.94
Final expenditure	<i>Final expenditure</i> consists of final consumption expenditure and gross fixed capital formation.	[1.57]
Final use quadrant	The <i>final use quadrant</i> (of the “use table” in an input-output system) shows exports, final consumption expenditure and gross capital formation at purchasers’ prices in the columns each classified by products in the rows.	15.73
Financial account	The <i>financial account</i> records all transactions in financial assets and liabilities.	11.1 [1.9, 11.103]
Financial assets	<i>Financial assets</i> are entities over which ownership rights are enforced by institutional units, individually or collectively, and from which economic benefits may be derived by their owners by holding them, or using them over a period of time; they differ from other assets in the SNA in that there is a counterpart liability on the part of another institutional unit (except for monetary gold and Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)).	13.20 [10.5, 11.16, 11.17, (AF) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Financial auxiliaries	<i>Financial auxiliaries</i> consist of all resident corporations and quasi-corporations engaged primarily in activities closely related to financial intermediation but which do not themselves perform an intermediation role.	4.96
Financial claims	<i>Financial claims</i> and obligations arise out of contractual relationships between pairs of institutional units; a financial claim: (a) entitles a creditor to receive a payment, or payments, from a debtor in circumstances specified in a contract between them; or (b) specifies between the two parties certain rights or obligations, the nature of which requires them to be treated as financial.	11.17 [10.4, 11.18]
Financial corporations	<i>Financial corporations</i> consist of all resident corporations or quasi-corporations principally engaged in financial intermediation or in auxiliary financial activities which are closely related to financial intermediation.	4.77 [2.20]
Financial derivatives	<i>Financial derivatives</i> are financial instruments that are linked to a specific financial instrument or indicator or commodity, and through which specific financial risks can be traded in financial markets in their own right; their value derives from the price of the underlying item (i.e. the reference price) and, unlike debt instruments, no principal amount is advanced to be repaid and no investment income accrues.	11.34 [(AF) - Annex to chapter XIII]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Financial enterprises	<i>Financial enterprises</i> are enterprises that are principally engaged in financial intermediation or in auxiliary financial activities which are closely related to financial intermediation.	4.79
Financial intermediaries	<i>Financial intermediaries</i> are units which incur liabilities on their own account on financial markets by borrowing funds which they lend on different terms and conditions to other institutional units.	6.121
Financial intermediation	<i>Financial intermediation</i> is a productive activity in which an institutional unit incurs liabilities on its own account for the purpose of acquiring financial assets by engaging in financial transactions on the market; the role of financial intermediaries is to channel funds from lenders to borrowers by intermediating between them.	4.78
Financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM)	<i>Financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM)</i> is an indirect measure of the value of financial intermediation services provided but for which financial institutions do not charge explicitly.	6.124
Financial lease	A <i>financial lease</i> is a contract between lessor and lessee whereby the lessor purchases a good that is put at the disposal of the lessee and the lessee pays rentals that enable the lessor, over the period of the contract, to cover all, or virtually all, costs, including interest; all the risks and rewards of ownership are, de facto, transferred from the legal owner of the good (the lessor) to the user of the good (the lessee).	13.23 [6.118, 7.107, 10.44]
Financial transactions	<i>Financial transactions</i> between institutional units and between institutional units and the rest of the world cover all transactions involving change of ownership of financial assets, including the creation and liquidation of financial claims.	11.13
Finished goods - inventories	<i>Inventories of finished goods</i> consist of goods that are ready for sale or shipment by the producer but which are still held by the producer.	(AN.123) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.111]
First-in-first-out (FIFO)	<i>First-in-first-out (FIFO)</i> is an inventory valuation method based on the assumption that goods are withdrawn from inventories in the same order as they entered.	6.70
Fisher's Ideal Index (price)	<i>Fisher's Ideal price index</i> is the geometric mean of the Laspeyres and Paasche price indices.	16.24
Fisher's Ideal Index (volume)	<i>Fisher's Ideal volume index</i> is the geometric mean of the Laspeyres and Paasche volume indices.	16.24
FISIM (financial intermediation services indirectly measured)	<i>FISIM (financial intermediation services indirectly measured)</i> is an indirect measure of the value of financial intermediation services provided but for which financial institutions do not charge explicitly.	6.124
Fixed asset - existing	An <i>existing fixed asset</i> is one which has already been acquired by at least one resident user, or produced on own account, and whose value has, therefore, already been included in the gross fixed capital formation of at least one user at some earlier point in time in the current or some previous accounting period.	10.39
Fixed assets	<i>Fixed assets</i> are tangible or intangible assets produced as outputs from processes of production that are themselves used repeatedly or continuously in other processes of production for more than one year.	10.33 [1.49, 10.7, 10.26, 13.15, (AN.11) - Annex to chapter XIII]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Flows - economic	<i>Economic flows</i> reflect the creation, transformation, exchange, transfer or extinction of economic value; they involve changes in the volume, composition, or value of an institutional unit's assets and liabilities.	3.9
Flows in real terms	Many <i>flows</i> , such as cash transfers or gross operating surplus, do not have price and quantity dimensions of their own into which they can be decomposed so such flows cannot be measured at constant prices; however, they can be measured " <i>in real terms</i> " by deflating their values by price indices in order to measure their real purchasing power over some selected basket of goods and services that serves as numeraire.	16.2
F.o.b. price	The <i>f.o.b. price</i> (free on board price) of exports and imports of goods is the market value of the goods at the point of uniform valuation, (the customs frontier of the economy from which they are exported); it is equal to the c.i.f. price less the costs of transportation and insurance charges, between the customs frontier of the exporting (importing) country and that of the importing (exporting) country.	14.36 and 14.40 [15.36]
Foreign assets	<i>Foreign assets</i> consist mainly of financial claims over non-resident institutional units.	12.113
Foreign controlled corporations (non-financial and financial)	<i>Foreign controlled corporations</i> (non-financial and financial) consist of all resident corporations and quasi-corporations that are controlled by non-resident institutional units.	4.76 and 4.84
Foreign direct investment	<i>Foreign direct investment</i> is the category of international investment that reflects the objective of a resident entity in one economy to obtain a lasting interest in an enterprise resident in another economy.	14.151 and 14.152 [Table 11.2, BPM 359 and 362]
Foreign direct investment enterprise	A <i>foreign direct investment enterprise</i> is an incorporated or unincorporated enterprise in which a direct investor resident in another economy owns 10 per cent or more of the ordinary shares or voting power (for an incorporated enterprise) or the equivalent (for an unincorporated enterprise).	14.152, BPM 362 [7.119]
Foreign exchange swap	A <i>foreign exchange swap</i> is a spot sale/purchase of currencies and a simultaneous forward purchase/sale of the same currencies.	11.38
Forward foreign exchange contracts	<i>Forward foreign exchange contracts</i> involve two counterparties who agree to transact in foreign currencies at an agreed exchange rate in a specified amount at some agreed future date.	11.38
Forward contract	A <i>forward contract</i> is an unconditional financial contract that represents an obligation for settlement on a specified date; at the inception of the contract, risk exposures of equal market value are exchanged and hence the contract has zero value; some time must elapse for the market value of each party's risk to differ so that an asset (creditor) position is created for one party and a liability (debtor) position for the other; forward contracts are typically, but not always, settled by the payment of cash or the provision of some other financial instrument rather than the actual delivery of the underlying item and therefore are valued and traded separately from the underlying item.	11.37
Forward rate agreements (FRAs)	<i>Forward rate agreements (FRAs)</i> are arrangements in which two parties, in order to protect themselves against interest rate changes, agree on a notional interest rate to be paid, at a specified settlement date, on a notional amount of principal that is never exchanged; FRAs are settled by net cash payments and the only payment that takes place relates to the difference between the agreed FRA rate and the prevailing market rate at the time of settlement.	11.38 [7.106]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Full-time equivalent employment	<i>Full-time equivalent employment</i> is the number of full-time equivalent jobs, defined as total hours worked divided by average annual hours worked in full-time jobs.	17.14 [15.102, 17.28]
Function	The concept of purpose, or <i>function</i> , relates to the type of need a transaction or group of transactions aims to satisfy or the kind of objective it pursues.	2.50
Functional classifications	<i>Functional classifications</i> provide a means of classifying, by purpose or socio-economic objective, certain transactions of producers and of three institutional sectors - namely households, general government and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs).	18.1
Futures contracts	<i>Futures contracts</i> are forward contracts traded on organised exchanges.	11.37
GDP - expenditure based	<i>Expenditure-based GDP</i> is total final expenditures at purchasers' prices (including the f.o.b. value of exports of goods and services), less the f.o.b. value of imports of goods and services.	6.235
GDP - income based	<i>Income-based GDP</i> is compensation of employees, plus taxes less subsidies on production and imports, plus gross mixed income, plus gross operating surplus.	2.222
GDP - output based	<i>Output-based GDP</i> is the sum of the gross values added of all resident producers at basic prices, plus all taxes less subsidies on products.	6.235 - 6.237
GDP at market prices	<i>GDP at market prices</i> is the sum of the gross values added of all resident producers at market prices, plus taxes less subsidies on imports.	6.235
General government	The <i>general government</i> sector consists of the totality of institutional units which, in addition to fulfilling their political responsibilities and their role of economic regulation, produce principally non-market services (possibly goods) for individual or collective consumption and redistribute income and wealth.	2.20
General sales taxes	<i>General sales taxes</i> consist of all general taxes levied at one stage only (e.g. manufacturing or wholesale or retail) plus multi-stage cumulative taxes (also known as cascade taxes) where tax is levied each time a transaction takes place without any deduction for tax paid on inputs.	OECD 5112 and 5113 [7.69]
Generation of income account	The <i>generation of income account</i> shows the types of primary incomes and the sectors, sub-sectors or industries in which the primary incomes originate, as distinct from the sectors or sub-sectors destined to receive such incomes.	7.3
Geometric depreciation	<i>Geometric depreciation</i> is a depreciation profile based on the efficiency and rentals on a fixed asset declining at a constant geometric rate from period to period.	6.195
GNI (gross national income)	<i>GNI (gross national income)</i> is GDP less net taxes on production and imports, less compensation of employees and property income payable to the rest of the world plus the corresponding items receivable from the rest of the world (in other words, GDP less primary incomes payable to non-resident units plus primary incomes receivable from non-resident units); an alternative approach to measuring GNI at market prices is as the aggregate value of the balances of gross primary incomes for all sectors; (note that GNI is identical to gross national product (GNP) as previously used in national accounts generally).	2.181 and 7.16 and Table 7.2 [2.181]
Goods	<i>Goods</i> are physical objects for which a demand exists, over which ownership rights can be established and whose ownership can be transferred from one institutional unit to another by engaging in transactions on markets; they are in demand because they may be used to satisfy the needs or wants of households or the community or used to produce other goods or services.	6.7

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Goods and services account	The <i>goods and services account</i> shows for the economy as a whole and for groups of products, the total resources in terms of output and imports, and the uses of goods and services in terms of intermediate consumption, final consumption, gross capital formation and exports.	15.5
Goods for resale - inventories	<i>Inventories of goods for resale</i> are goods acquired by enterprises, such as wholesalers and retailers, for the purpose of reselling them without further processing (that is, not transformed other than by presenting them in ways that are attractive to the customer).	(AN.124) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.113]
Government final consumption expenditure	<i>Government final consumption expenditure</i> consists of expenditure, including imputed expenditure, incurred by general government on both individual consumption goods and services and collective consumption services.	9.94
Government units	<i>Government units</i> are unique kinds of legal entities established by political processes which have legislative, judicial or executive authority over other institutional units within a given area.	4.104 [4.19]
Gross	The term “ <i>gross</i> ” is a common means of referring to values before deducting consumption of fixed capital (generally used as in “gross capital stock” or “gross domestic product”); all the major balancing items in the accounts from value added through to saving may be recorded gross or net.	6.201
Gross adjusted disposable income	<i>Gross adjusted disposable income</i> is derived from the gross disposable income of an institutional unit or sector by adding the value of the social transfers in kind receivable by that unit or sector and subtracting the value of the social transfers in kind payable by that unit or sector.	8.24
Gross capital formation	<i>Gross capital formation</i> is measured by the total value of the gross fixed capital formation, changes in inventories and acquisitions less disposals of valuables for a unit or sector.	10.32
Gross capital stock	<i>Gross capital stock</i> is the value of all fixed assets still in use, at the actual or estimated current purchasers’ prices for new assets of the same type, irrespective of the age of the assets.	6.199
Gross domestic product - expenditure based	<i>Expenditure-based gross domestic product</i> is total final expenditures at purchasers’ prices (including the f.o.b. value of exports of goods and services), less the f.o.b. value of imports of goods and services.	6.235
Gross domestic product - income based	<i>Income-based gross domestic product</i> is compensation of employees, plus taxes less subsidies on production and imports, plus gross mixed income, plus gross operating surplus.	2.222
Gross domestic product - output based	<i>Output-based gross domestic product</i> is the sum of the gross values added of all resident producers at basic prices, plus all taxes less subsidies on products.	6.235 - 6.237
Gross domestic product at market prices	<i>Gross domestic product at market prices</i> is the sum of the gross values added of all resident producers at market prices, plus taxes less subsidies on imports.	6.235
Gross fixed capital formation	<i>Gross fixed capital formation</i> is measured by the total value of a producer’s acquisitions, less disposals, of fixed assets during the accounting period plus certain additions to the value of non-produced assets (such as subsoil assets or major improvements in the quantity, quality or productivity of land) realised by the productive activity of institutional units.	10.33 and 10.51 [10.26]
Gross national disposable income	<i>Gross national disposable income</i> may be derived from gross national income by adding all current transfers in cash or in kind receivable by resident institutional units from non-resident units and subtracting all current transfers in cash or in kind payable by resident institutional units to non-resident units.	8.16 [2.183]

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Gross national income (GNI)	<i>Gross national income (GNI)</i> is GDP less net taxes on production and imports, less compensation of employees and property income payable to the rest of the world plus the corresponding items receivable from the rest of the world (in other words, GDP less primary incomes payable to non-resident units plus primary incomes receivable from non-resident units); an alternative approach to measuring GNI at market prices is as the aggregate value of the balances of gross primary incomes for all sectors; (note that gross national income is identical to gross national product (GNP) as previously used in national accounts generally).	2.81 and 7.16 and Table 7.2 [2.181]
Gross national product (GNP)	Gross national product (GNP) See “Gross national income”.	
Gross saving	<i>Gross saving</i> is gross disposable income less final consumption expenditure.	9.2
Gross value added	<i>Gross value added</i> is the value of output less the value of intermediate consumption; it is a measure of the contribution to GDP made by an individual producer, industry or sector; gross value added is the source from which the primary incomes of the SNA are generated and is therefore carried forward into the primary distribution of income account.	1.6 [2.172, 6.4, 6.222]
Gross value added at basic prices	<i>Gross value added at basic prices</i> is output valued at basic prices less intermediate consumption valued at purchasers’ prices.	6.226, 15.37 [6.231]
Gross value added at producers’ prices	<i>Gross value added at producers’ prices</i> is output valued at producers’ prices less intermediate consumption valued at purchasers’ prices.	6.227, 15.37
Hedonic method	The <i>hedonic method</i> is a regression technique used to estimate the prices of qualities or models that are not available on the market in particular periods, but whose prices in those periods are needed in order to be able to construct price relatives; it is based on the hypothesis that the prices of different models on sale on the market at the same time are functions of certain measurable characteristics such as size, weight, power, speed, etc and so regression methods can be used to estimate by how much the price varies in relation to each of the characteristics.	16.126
Historic cost accounting	<i>Historic cost accounting</i> is a valuation method which requires goods or assets used in production to be valued by the expenditures actually incurred to acquire those goods or assets, however far back in the past those expenditures took place; it is commonly used in business accounting but not in the national accounts.	1.60
Historic monuments	<i>Historic monuments</i> are fixed assets that are identifiable because of particular historic, national, regional, local, religious or symbolic significance; they are usually accessible to the general public, and visitors are often charged for admission to the monuments or their vicinity.	10.71
Holding corporations	<i>Holding corporations</i> are corporations that control a group of subsidiary corporations and whose principal activity is owning and directing the group.	4.100
Holding gains	Positive or negative <i>holding gains</i> may accrue during the accounting period to the owners of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities as a result of a change in their prices (holding gains are sometimes referred to as “capital gains”).	3.62
Homogeneous production unit	A unit of <i>homogeneous production</i> is a producer unit in which only a single (non-ancillary) productive activity is carried out; this unit is not normally observable and is more an abstract or conceptual unit underlying the symmetric (product-by-product) input-output tables.	15.14

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Horizontally integrated enterprise	A <i>horizontally integrated enterprise</i> is one in which several different kinds of activities which produce different kinds of goods or services for sale on the market are carried out in parallel with each other.	5.30
Hours worked - total	<i>Total hours worked</i> are the aggregate number of hours actually worked during the period in employee and self-employment jobs.	15.102
Household	A <i>household</i> is a small group of persons who share the same living accommodation, who pool some, or all, of their income and wealth and who consume certain types of goods and services collectively, mainly housing and food.	4.132 [4.20]
Household actual final consumption	<i>Actual final consumption of households</i> is the value of the consumption goods and services acquired by households, whether by purchase in general, or by transfer from government units or NPISHs, and used by them for the satisfaction of their needs and wants; it is derived from their final consumption expenditure by adding the value of social transfers in kind receivable.	9.11 and 9.3 [9.72, 9.96]
Household final consumption expenditure	<i>Household final consumption expenditure</i> consists of the expenditure, including imputed expenditure, incurred by resident households on individual consumption goods and services, including those sold at prices that are not economically significant.	9.94 [9.45]
Household unincorporated market enterprises	<i>Household unincorporated market enterprises</i> are created for the purpose of producing goods or services for sale or barter on the market; they can be engaged in virtually any kind of productive activity and they include unincorporated partnerships but the liability of the partners for the debts of the businesses must be unlimited for the partnerships to be treated as unincorporated enterprises.	4.144 and 4.145
Illegal production	<i>Illegal production</i> is the production of goods or services whose sale, distribution or possession is forbidden by law, and production activities which are usually legal but which become illegal when carried out by unauthorised producers; the scope of illegal production varies depending on the laws in place in individual countries (e.g. prostitution is legal in some countries but illegal in others).	6.30
Import duties	<i>Import duties</i> consist of customs duties, or other import charges, which are payable on goods of a particular type when they enter the economic territory.	7.66 [OECD 5123]
Import subsidies	<i>Import subsidies</i> consist of subsidies on goods and services that become payable to resident producers when the goods cross the frontier of the economic territory or when the services are delivered to resident institutional units.	7.74
Imports of goods and services	<i>Imports of goods and services</i> consist of purchases, barter, or receipts of gifts or grants, of goods and services by residents from non-residents; the treatment of exports and imports in the SNA is generally identical with that in the balance of payments accounts as described in the Balance of Payments Manual.	14.88 [14.91, 14.94]
Imputed expenditure	Some transactions which it is desirable to include in the accounts do not take place in money terms and so cannot be measured directly; in such cases a conventional value is <i>imputed</i> to the corresponding <i>expenditure</i> (the conventions used vary from case to case and are described in the SNA as necessary).	[3.34, 9.30]
Imputed social contributions	<i>Social contributions</i> are <i>imputed</i> when employers provide social benefits themselves directly to their employees, former employees or dependants out of their own resources without involving an insurance enterprise or autonomous pension fund, and without creating a special fund or segregated reserve for the purpose; the imputed contributions are equal in value to the amount of social contributions that would be needed to secure the de facto entitlements to the social benefits they accumulate.	7.45

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Income	<i>Income</i> is the maximum amount that a household, or other unit, can consume without reducing its real net worth provided the net worth at the beginning of the period is not changed by capital transfers, other changes in the volume of assets or real holding gains or losses.	8.15
Income from abroad - net	<i>Net income from abroad</i> is the difference between the total values of the primary incomes receivable from, and payable to, non-residents.	7.15
Income in kind received by employees	<i>Income in kind received by employees</i> is measured by the value of the goods and services provided by employers to their employees in remuneration for work done.	9.50
Incorporated enterprise	<i>Incorporated enterprise</i> See "Corporation".	
Index-linked securities	<i>Index-linked securities</i> are financial instruments for which the amounts of the coupon payments (interest) and/or the principal outstanding are linked to a general price index, a specific price index or an exchange rate index.	7.104 [11.78]
Indirect taxes	As traditionally understood, <i>indirect taxes</i> are taxes that supposedly can be passed on, in whole or in part, to other institutional units by increasing the prices of the goods or services sold; however the term "indirect taxes" is not used in SNA93; rather, taxes are specifically identified by their purpose (e.g. taxes on products).	7.50
Individual consumption good or service	An <i>individual consumption good or service</i> is one that is acquired by a household and used to satisfy the needs and wants of members of that household.	9.42
Industry	An <i>industry</i> consists of a group of establishments engaged on the same, or similar, kinds of production activity; the classification of productive activities used in the SNA is ISIC (Rev.3).	5.5 and 5.40
Industry (producer) technology	<i>Industry (producer) technology</i> is one of two types of technology assumptions used in converting supply and use tables into symmetric input-output tables; it assumes that all products produced by an industry are produced with the same input structure.	15.144
Industry-by-industry table	An <i>industry-by-industry table</i> is a symmetric input-output table with industries as the dimension of both rows and columns; as a result it shows which industry uses the output of which other industry.	15.150
Informal sector	The <i>informal sector</i> is broadly characterised as comprising production units that operate on a small scale and at a low level of organisation, with little or no division between labour and capital as factors of production, and with the primary objective of generating income and employment for the persons concerned; operationally, the sector is defined on a country specific basis as the set of unincorporated enterprises owned by households which produce at least some products for the market but which either have less than a specified number of employees and/or are not registered under national legislation referring, for example, to tax or social security obligations, or regulatory acts.	Annex to Chapter 4
Input-output table	An <i>input-output table</i> is a means of presenting a detailed analysis of the process of production and the use of goods and services (products) and the income generated in that production.; they can be either in the form of (a) supply and use tables or (b) symmetric input-output tables.	15.1 and 15.8 [2.211, 15.2]
Institutional sectors	Institutional units are grouped together to form <i>institutional sectors</i> , on the basis of their principal functions, behaviour, and objectives.	2.20

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Institutional unit	An <i>institutional unit</i> is an economic entity that is capable, in its own right, of owning assets, incurring liabilities and engaging in economic activities and in transactions with other entities.	4.2 [1.13, 2.19, 3.13]
Insurance	The activity of <i>insurance</i> is intended to provide individual institutional units exposed to certain risks with financial protection against the consequences of the occurrence of specified events; it is also a form of financial intermediation in which funds are collected from policyholders and invested in financial or other assets which are held as technical reserves to meet future claims arising from the occurrence of the events specified in the insurance policies.	6.135
Insurance corporations	<i>Insurance corporations</i> consist of incorporated, mutual and other entities whose principal function is to provide life, accident, sickness, fire or other forms of insurance to individual institutional units or groups of units.	4.97
Insurance technical reserves	The <i>technical reserves</i> held by <i>insurance</i> enterprises consist of the actuarial reserves against outstanding risks in respect of life insurance policies, including reserves for with-profit policies which add to the value on maturity of with-profit endowments or similar policies, prepayments of premiums and reserves against outstanding claims.	7.123 [11.89, 13.75, (AF.6) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Intangible fixed assets	<i>Intangible fixed assets</i> are non-financial produced fixed assets that mainly consist of mineral exploration, computer software, entertainment, literary or artistic originals intended to be used for more than one year.	(AN.112) - Annex to chapter XIII
Intangible non-produced assets	<i>Intangible non-produced assets</i> are assets that entitle their owners to engage in certain specific activities or to produce certain specific goods or services and to exclude other institutional units from doing so except with the permission of the owner (e.g. patented entities or purchased goodwill).	13.62 [(AN.22) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Integrated economic accounts	The <i>integrated economic accounts</i> comprise the full set of accounts of institutional sectors and the rest of the world, together with the accounts for transactions (and other flows) and the accounts for assets and liabilities.	2.88
Interest	<i>Interest</i> is the amount that the debtor becomes liable to pay to the creditor over a given period of time without reducing the amount of principal outstanding, under the terms of the financial instrument agreed between them.	7.93
Interest rate swap	An <i>interest rate swap</i> contract involves an exchange of cash flows related to interest payments, or receipts, on a notional amount of principal, which is never exchanged, on one currency over a period of time; settlements are often made through net cash payments by one counterparty to the other.	11.38
Intermediate consumption	<i>Intermediate consumption</i> consists of the value of the goods and services consumed as inputs by a process of production, excluding fixed assets whose consumption is recorded as consumption of fixed capital; the goods or services may be either transformed or used up by the production process.	6.147
Intermediate use quadrant	The <i>intermediate use quadrant</i> (of the use table) shows intermediate consumption at purchasers' prices by industries in the columns and by products in the rows.	15.72
Internal transactions	The SNA treats as transactions certain kinds of actions within a unit to give a more analytically useful picture of final uses of output and of production; these transactions that involve only one unit are called <i>internal</i> , or intra-unit, <i>transactions</i> .	3.44
International investment position	The <i>international investment position</i> is a statistical statement, compiled at a specified date such as year end, of: (a) the value and composition of the stock of an economy's financial assets or the economy's claims on the rest of the world, and (b) the value and composition of the stock of an economy's liabilities to the rest of the world.	BPM 14 [BPM 461]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
International organisations	<i>International organisations</i> are entities established by formal political agreements between their members that have the status of international treaties; their existence is recognised by law in their member countries; they are not treated as resident institutional units of the countries in which they are located.	4.164
Intra-unit transactions	The SNA treats as transactions certain kinds of actions within a unit to give a more analytically useful picture of final uses of output and of production; these transactions that involve only one unit are called internal, or <i>intra-unit, transactions</i> .	3.44
Inventories	<i>Inventories</i> consist of stocks of outputs that are still held by the units that produced them prior to their being further processed, sold, delivered to other units or used in other ways, and stocks of products acquired from other units that are intended to be used for intermediate consumption or for resale without further processing.	10.7 [13.15, 13.46, (AN.12) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Inventories - changes in (including work-in-progress)	<i>Changes in inventories (including work-in-progress)</i> consist of changes in: (a) stocks of outputs that are still held by the units that produced them prior to their being further processed, sold, delivered to other units or used in other ways; and (b) stocks of products acquired from other units that are intended to be used for intermediate consumption or for resale without further processing; they are measured by the value of the entries into inventories less the value of withdrawals and the value of any recurrent losses of goods held in inventories.	10.7 and 10.28
Inventories of finished goods	<i>Inventories of finished goods</i> consist of goods that are ready for sale or shipment by the producer but which are still held by the producer.	(AN.123) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.111]
Inventories of goods for resale	<i>Inventories of goods for resale</i> consist of goods acquired by enterprises, such as wholesalers and retailers, for the purpose of reselling them without further processing (that is, not transformed other than by presenting them in ways that are attractive to the customer).	(AN.124) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.113]
Inventories of materials and supplies	<i>Inventories of materials and supplies</i> are goods that their owners intend to use as intermediate inputs in their own production processes, not to resell.	(AN.121) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.99]
Inventories of work-in- progress	<i>Inventories of work-in-progress</i> consist of goods and services that are partially completed but that are not usually turned over to other units without further processing or that are not mature and whose production process will be continued in a subsequent period by the same producer.	(AN.122) - Annex to chapter XIII [6.40, 6.72, 10.102]
Inventories of other work-in- progress	<i>Inventories of other work-in-progress</i> consist of goods other than cultivated assets and services that have been partially processed, fabricated or assembled by the producer but that are not usually sold, shipped or turned over to others without further processing.	(AN.1222) - Annex to chapter XIII
Inventories of work-in- progress on cultivated assets	<i>Inventories of work-in-progress on cultivated assets</i> consist of livestock raised for products yielded only on slaughter, such as fowl and fish raised commercially, trees and other vegetation yielding once-only products on destruction and immature cultivated assets yielding repeat products.	(AN.1221) - Annex to chapter XIII
Inverse table - Leontief	The columns of the <i>Leontief inverse</i> (input-output) <i>table</i> show the input requirements, both direct and indirect, on all other producers, generated by one unit of output.	15.175
Investment grants	<i>Investment grants</i> consist of capital transfers in cash or in kind made by governments to other resident or non-resident institutional units to finance all or part of the costs of their acquiring fixed assets.	10.137

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Invoiced VAT	<i>Invoiced VAT</i> is the VAT payable on the sales of a producer; it is shown separately on the invoice which the producer presents to the purchaser.	6.209
ISIC	<i>ISIC</i> is the United Nations International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities; the third revision of ISIC is used in the 1993 SNA.	1.47
Jobs	<i>Jobs</i> are contracts (explicit or implicit) between a person and an institutional unit to perform work in return for compensation (or mixed income) for a defined period or until further notice.	15.102 [17.8]
Joint products	When two or more products are produced simultaneously by a single productive activity they are <i>joint products</i> .	5.43 [15.19]
Kind-of-activity unit	A <i>kind-of-activity unit</i> is an enterprise, or a part of an enterprise, which engages in only one kind of (non-ancillary) productive activity or in which the principal productive activity accounts for most of the value added.	5.19
Land	<i>Land</i> is the ground, including the soil covering and any associated surface waters, over which ownership rights are enforced; included are major improvements that cannot be physically separated from the land itself but it excludes any buildings or other structures situated on it or running through it; cultivated crops, trees and animals; subsoil assets; non-cultivated biological resources and water resources below the ground..	(AN.211) - Annex to chapter XIII [13.54]
Land under cultivation	<i>Land under cultivation</i> is land on which agricultural or horticultural production is carried on for commercial or subsistence purposes, including, in principle, land under plantations, orchards and vineyards.	(AN.212) - Annex to chapter XIII
Land underlying buildings and structures	<i>Land underlying buildings and structures</i> is land on which dwellings, non-residential buildings and structures are constructed or into which their foundations are dug, including yards and gardens deemed an integral part of farm and non-farm dwellings and access roads to farms.	(AN.211) - Annex to chapter XIII
Laspeyres price index	A <i>Laspeyres price index</i> is a weighted arithmetic average of price relatives using the values of the earlier period as weights.	16.16
Laspeyres volume index	A <i>Laspeyres volume index</i> is a weighted arithmetic average of quantity relatives using the values of the earlier period as weights.	16.16
Last-in-first-out (LIFO)	<i>Last-in-first-out (LIFO)</i> is an inventory valuation method based on the assumption that the first good withdrawn from inventory is the last one which entered.	6.70
Leases and other transferable contracts	<i>Leases and other transferable contracts</i> are leases or contracts where the lessee has the right to convey the lease to a third party independently of the lessor (e.g. leases of land and buildings and other structures, concessions or exclusive rights to exploit mineral deposits or fishing grounds, transferable contracts with athletes and authors and options to buy tangible assets not yet produced).	(AN.222) - Annex to chapter XIII
Legal entities	<i>Legal entities</i> are types of institutional units which are created for purposes of production, mainly corporations and non-profit institutions (NPIs), or government units, including social security funds; they are capable of owning goods and assets, incurring liabilities and engaging in economic activities and transactions with other units in their own right.	1.13 [4.5]
Leontief inverse table	The columns of the <i>Leontief inverse</i> (input-output) <i>table</i> show the input requirements, both direct and indirect, on all other producers, generated by one unit of output.	15.175

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Letters of credit	<i>Letters of credit</i> are promises to make payment only when certain documents specified by contract are presented.	11.25
Liability	A <i>liability</i> is an obligation which requires one unit (the debtor) to make a payment or a series of payments to the other unit (the creditor) in certain circumstances specified in a contract between them.	[10.4]
Licence fees	<i>Licence fees</i> See “Payments by households to obtain certain licences”.	
LIFO (last-in-first-out)	<i>LIFO (last-in-first-out)</i> is an inventory valuation method based on the assumption that the first good withdrawn from inventory is the last one which entered.	6.70
Lines of credit	<i>Lines of credit</i> provide a guarantee that funds will be made available but no financial asset exists until funds are actually advanced.	11.25
Livestock for breeding, dairy, draught, etc.	<i>Livestock for breeding, dairy, draught, etc</i> consist of livestock that are cultivated for the products they provide year after year.	(AN.11141) - Annex to chapter XIII
Loans	<i>Loans</i> are financial assets that are created when creditors lend funds directly to debtors, that are evidenced by non-negotiable documents, or for which the lender receives no security evidencing the transaction.	(AF.4) - Annex to chapter XIII [11.83]
Local government	<i>Local government</i> units are institutional units whose fiscal, legislative and executive authority extends over the smallest geographical areas distinguished for administrative and political purposes.	4.128
Local unit	A <i>local unit</i> is an enterprise, or a part of an enterprise, which engages in productive activity at or from one location.	5.20
Long-term loans	<i>Long-term loans</i> consist of loans that have an original maturity normally of more than one year, except that, to accommodate variations in practice between countries, long-term may be defined to require an original maturity in excess of two years.	(AF.42) - Annex to chapter XIII
Long-term securities other than shares	<i>Long-term securities other than shares</i> consist of securities other than shares that have an original maturity of more than one year; however, to accommodate variations in practice between countries, long-term may be defined to include an original maturity in excess of two years.	(AF.32) - Annex to chapter XIII
Losses of government trading organisations	<i>Losses of government trading organisations</i> consist of the losses incurred by government trading organisations whose function is to buy and sell the products of resident enterprises; when such organisations incur losses as a matter of deliberate government economic or social policy by selling at lower prices than those at which they purchased the goods, the difference between the purchase and the selling prices should be treated as a subsidy.	7.78
Machinery and equipment (assets)	<i>Machinery and equipment (assets)</i> consist of transport equipment and other machinery and equipment other than that acquired by households for final consumption.	(AN.1113) - Annex to chapter XIII
Maintenance and repairs (of fixed assets)	Ordinary <i>maintenance and repairs</i> of fixed assets are activities that owners or users of fixed assets are obliged to undertake periodically in order to be able to utilise assets over their expected service lives (they are current costs that cannot be avoided if the fixed assets are to continue to be used); maintenance and repairs do not change the fixed asset or its performance, but simply maintain it in good working order or restore it to its previous condition in the event of a breakdown (note the contrast between this item and “major renovations or enlargements”).	6.161

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Major renovations or enlargements (of fixed assets)	<i>Major renovations or enlargements</i> of fixed assets are activities which increase the performance or capacity of existing fixed assets or significantly extend their previously expected service lives and so are classified as part of gross fixed capital formation; the decision to renovate, reconstruct or enlarge a fixed asset is a deliberate investment decision which may be undertaken at any time and is not dictated by the condition of the asset (note the contrast between this item and “maintenance and repairs”).	6.162
Margin (trade)	A <i>trade margin</i> is the difference between the actual or imputed price realised on a good purchased for resale (either wholesale or retail) and the price that would have to be paid by the distributor to replace the good at the time it is sold or otherwise disposed of.	6.110
Margin (transport)	A <i>transport margin</i> consists of those transport charges paid separately by the purchaser in taking delivery of the goods at the required time and place.	15.40 [15.42]
Margins (financial)	<i>Margins</i> are payments of cash or collateral that cover actual or potential obligations under financial derivatives, especially futures or exchange-traded options.	11.43
Market establishments	<i>Market establishments</i> produce mostly goods and services for sale at prices which are economically significant.	2.46
Market non-profit institutions serving businesses	<i>Market non-profit institutions serving businesses</i> are created by associations of the businesses whose interests they are designed to promote and are usually financed by contributions or subscriptions from the group of businesses concerned; the subscriptions are treated not as transfers but as payments for services rendered.	4.59
Market output	<i>Market output</i> is output that is sold at prices that are economically significant or otherwise disposed of on the market, or intended for sale or disposal on the market.	6.45
Market prices	<i>Market prices</i> for transactions are the amounts of money willing buyers pay to acquire something from willing sellers.	BPM 92 [2.68]
Market price equivalents	<i>Market price equivalents</i> are proxies, or substitute measures, for market prices in those cases for which no actual market prices have been set; a customary approach is to construct such prices by analogy with known market prices established under conditions that are considered essentially the same.	BPM 95 and 96
Market producers	<i>Market producers</i> are producers that sell most or all of their output at prices that are economically significant.	4.58 [6.52]
Materials and supplies - inventories	<i>Inventories of materials and supplies</i> are goods that their owners intend to use as intermediate inputs in their own production processes, not to resell.	(AN.121) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.99]
Metallic mineral reserves	<i>Metallic mineral reserves</i> consist of ferrous and non-ferrous metal ore deposits.	(AN.2122) - Annex to chapter XIII
Mineral exploration	<i>Mineral exploration</i> consists of the value of expenditures on exploration for petroleum and natural gas and for non-petroleum deposits; it includes prelicence costs, licence and acquisition costs, appraisal costs and the costs of actual test drilling and boring, as well as the costs of aerial and other surveys, transportation costs, etc, incurred to make it possible to carry out the tests.	(AN.1121) - Annex to chapter XIII
Miscellaneous current taxes	<i>Miscellaneous current taxes</i> consist of various types of taxes paid periodically, usually once a year; the most common are poll taxes, expenditure taxes, payments by households to obtain certain licences, and taxes on international transactions.	8.54 [OECD 5127, 5200, 6000]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Miscellaneous current transfers	<i>Miscellaneous current transfers</i> consist of various different kinds of current transfers that may take place between resident institutional units or between resident and non-resident units; the most common are: (a) current transfers to NPISHs; (b) current transfers between households; (c) fines and penalties; (d) lotteries and gambling; (e) payments of compensation.	8.93 - 8.98
Mixed income	<i>Mixed income</i> is the surplus or deficit accruing from production by unincorporated enterprises owned by households; it implicitly contains an element of remuneration for work done by the owner, or other members of the household, that cannot be separately identified from the return to the owner as entrepreneur but it excludes the operating surplus coming from owner-occupied dwellings.	7.8 [4.143, 7.81]
Monetary gold	<i>Monetary gold</i> is gold owned by the monetary authorities or others subject to their effective control that is held as a financial asset and as a component of foreign reserves.	(AF.1) - Annex to chapter XIII
Monetary transactions	A <i>monetary transaction</i> is one in which one institutional unit makes a payment (receives a payment) or incurs a liability (receives an asset) stated in units of currency.	3.16
Monetisation (of gold)	If authorities add to their holdings of monetary gold by acquiring commodity gold, e.g. newly mined gold or existing gold offered on the private market, they are deemed to have <i>monetised gold</i> .	11.65
Money purchase pension plans	<i>Money purchase pension plans</i> are those for which the level of contributions to the fund is guaranteed, but benefits are directly dependent on the assets of the fund; (money purchase pension plans are also known as “defined contribution pension plans” in some countries).	13.79
Multiple official exchange rates	<i>Multiple official exchange rates</i> arise when the monetary authorities maintain a regime of applying two or more exchange rates to different categories of transactions.	14.80 [19 Annex A, BPM 134]
National disposable income	<i>National disposable income</i> may be derived from national income by adding all current transfers in cash or in kind receivable by resident institutional units from non-resident units and subtracting all current transfers in cash or in kind payable by resident institutional units to non-resident units.	8.16 [2.183]
National expenditure	Capital formation and final consumption grouped together constitute <i>national expenditure</i> .	2.187
National income	<i>National income</i> is the total value of the primary incomes receivable within an economy less the total of the primary incomes payable by resident units.	7.14
National private corporations (non-financial and financial)	<i>National private corporations</i> include all resident corporations and quasi-corporations that are not controlled by government or by non-resident institutional units.	4.75 and 4.84
National wealth	<i>National wealth</i> is the sum, for the economy as a whole, of non-financial assets and net claims on the rest of the world.	13.2
NDP (net domestic product)	<i>NDP (net domestic product)</i> is obtained by deducting the consumption of fixed capital from gross domestic product.	2.175
Net	The term “ <i>net</i> ” is a common means of referring to values after deducting consumption of fixed capital (generally used as in “net capital stock” or “net domestic product”); all the major balancing items in the accounts from value added through to saving may be recorded gross or net; it should be noted, however, that the term “net” can be used in different contexts in the national accounts, such as “net income from abroad” which is the difference between two income flows.	6.201

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Net adjusted disposable income	<i>Net adjusted disposable income</i> is obtained from the net disposable income of an institutional unit or sector by adding the value of the social transfers in kind receivable by that unit or sector and subtracting the value of the social transfers in kind payable by that unit or sector.	8.24
Net borrowing	<i>Net borrowing</i> See “net lending”.	
Net capital stock	The sum of the written-down values of all the fixed assets still in use is described as the <i>net capital stock</i> ; it can also be described as the difference between gross capital stock and consumption of fixed capital.	6.199
Net domestic product (NDP)	<i>Net domestic product (NDP)</i> is obtained by deducting the consumption of fixed capital from gross domestic product.	2.175
Net equity of households in life insurance reserves and in pension funds	<i>Net equity of households in life insurance reserves and in pension funds</i> consists of reserves held against life insurance and annuity policies by insurance enterprises, whether mutual or incorporated, and by pension funds; these reserves are considered to be assets of the policyholders and not of the institutional units that manage them.	(AF.61) - Annex to chapter XIII
Net fixed capital formation.	<i>Net fixed capital formation</i> consists of gross fixed capital formation less consumption of fixed capital.	10.27 [12.102]
Net income from abroad	<i>Net income from abroad</i> is the difference between the total values of the primary incomes receivable from, and payable to, non-residents.	7.15
Net international investment position	The <i>net international investment position</i> is the stock of external assets minus the stock of external liabilities.	BPM 55
Net lending	<i>Net lending</i> is the net amount a unit or a sector has available to finance, directly or indirectly, other units or other sectors; it is the balancing item in the capital account and is defined as: (Net saving plus capital transfers receivable minus capital transfers payable) minus (the value of acquisitions less disposals of non-financial assets, less consumption of fixed capital); negative net lending may also be described as “net borrowing”.	2.137 and Table 2.1 III.1 and 10.30
Net national disposable income	<i>Net national disposable income</i> may be derived from net national income by adding all current transfers in cash or in kind receivable by resident institutional units from non-resident units and subtracting all current transfers in cash or in kind payable by resident institutional units to non-resident units.	8.16
Net national income	The aggregate value of the balances of net primary incomes summed over all sectors is described as <i>net national income</i> .	7.16 and Table 7.2 [2.182]
Net non-life insurance premiums	<i>Net non-life insurance premiums</i> are total non-life insurance premiums less service charges.	8.86
Net recordings	Combinations in which the values of some elementary items are offset against items on the other side of the account or which have an opposite sign are called <i>net recordings</i> .	3.117
Net rent	<i>Net rent</i> is the total rent paid by a tenant to a landowner less the amounts paid by the landowner for land taxes or any maintenance expenses incurred solely as a consequence of owning the land (by convention, such taxes or expenses are treated as payable by the tenant who is deemed to deduct them from the rent that he would otherwise be obliged to pay to the landowner).	7.130
Net saving	<i>Net saving</i> is net disposable income less final consumption expenditure.	9.2

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Net value added	<i>Net value added</i> is the value of output less the values of both intermediate consumption and consumption of fixed capital.	6.4, 6.222 [1.6]
Net value of a fixed asset	The <i>net</i> (or written-down) <i>value of a fixed asset</i> is equal to the actual or estimated current purchaser's price of a new asset of the same type less the cumulative value of the consumption of fixed capital accrued up to that point in time.	6.199
Net worth	<i>Net worth</i> is the value of all the non-financial and financial assets owned by an institutional unit or sector less the value of all its outstanding liabilities; it is a measure of the wealth of a unit or sector at a point in time.	3.68 and 10.1 [13.10, 13.82]
Neutral holding gain	A <i>neutral holding gain</i> is the value of the holding gain that would accrue if the price of the asset changed in the same proportion as the general price level - i.e. merely kept pace with the general rate of inflation or deflation.	12.64
Neutral holding gain (by non-residents)	The <i>neutral holding gain (by non-residents)</i> is the value of the non-residents' holding gain that would be required to maintain the purchasing power of the asset - expressed in national currency - over the time period involved, i.e. the holding gain needed to keep pace with the overall change in the general price level.	14.145
Nominal holding gain	The <i>nominal holding gain</i> on a given quantity of an asset is the value of the benefit accruing to the owner of that asset as a result of a change in its price or, more generally, its monetary value over time.	12.63
Nominal holding gain (by non-residents)	The <i>nominal holding gain (by non-residents)</i> is that value accruing to the non-resident creditors and debtors as a result of a change in their assets'/liabilities' monetary value, during the time that they are held, from the beginning to the end of the accounting period; the change in the monetary value of the asset may reflect a change in its price (in national currency) and/or a change in the relevant exchange rate.	14.144
Nominal interest	When a debtor is able to discharge his liability to the creditor by repaying principal equal in money value to the funds borrowed, the associated <i>interest</i> payments are described as " <i>nominal</i> ".	7.109
Non-cultivated biological resources	<i>Non-cultivated biological resources</i> consist of animals and plants that yield both once-only and repeat products over which ownership rights are enforced but for which natural growth and/or regeneration is not under the direct control, responsibility and management of institutional units.	(AN.213) - Annex to chapter XIII
Non-deductible VAT	<i>Non-deductible VAT</i> is the VAT payable by a purchaser which is not deductible from his own VAT liability, if any.	6.209
Non-durable good	A <i>non-durable good</i> is one which is used up entirely in less than a year, assuming a normal or average rate of physical usage.	[9.38]
Non-financial assets	<i>Non-financial assets</i> are entities, over which ownership rights are enforced by institutional units, individually or collectively, and from which economic benefits may be derived by their owners by holding them, or using them over a period of time, that consist of tangible assets, both produced and non-produced, and most intangible assets for which no corresponding liabilities are recorded.	(AN) - Annex to chapter XIII
Non-financial corporations	<i>Non-financial corporations</i> are corporations whose principal activity is the production of market goods or non-financial services.	4.68 [2.20]
Non-financial quasi-corporations	<i>Non-financial quasi-corporations</i> are quasi-corporations whose principal activity is the production of market goods or non-financial services.	4.68

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Non-life insurance claims	<i>Non-life insurance claims</i> are the amounts payable in settlement of claims that become due during the current accounting period (claims become due at the moment when the eventuality occurs which gives rise to a valid claim accepted by the insurance enterprise), but excluding payments to households in the form of social insurance benefits.	8.87
Non-life insurance premiums	<i>Non-life insurance premiums</i> comprise both the actual premiums payable by policyholders to obtain insurance cover during the accounting period (premiums earned) and the premium supplements payable out of the property income attributed to insurance policyholders, but excluding social contributions.	8.86
Non-market output - other	<i>Other non-market output</i> consists of goods and individual or collective services produced by non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs) or government that are supplied free, or at prices that are not economically significant, to other institutional units or the community as a whole; such output is one of three broad categories of output in the SNA, with the others being market output and output produced for own final use.	6.49
Non-market producers	<i>Non-market producers</i> are producers that provide most of their output to others free or at prices which are not economically significant.	4.60 [6.52]
Non-metallic mineral reserves	<i>Non-metallic mineral reserves</i> consist of stone quarries and clay and sand pits; chemical and fertiliser mineral deposits; salt deposits; deposits of quartz, gypsum, natural gem stones, asphalt and bitumen, peat and other non-metallic minerals other than coal and petroleum.	(AN.2123) - Annex to chapter XIII
Non-monetary gold	<i>Non-monetary gold</i> covers all gold not held as reserve assets (monetary gold) by the authorities.	BPM 202
Non-monetary transactions	<i>Non-monetary transactions</i> are transactions that are not initially stated in units of currency; barter is an obvious example.	3.34
Non-produced assets	<i>Non-produced assets</i> are non-financial assets that come into existence other than through processes of production; they include both tangible assets and intangible assets and also include costs of ownership transfer on and major improvements to these assets.	(AN.2) - Annex to chapter XIII, 10.6 [10.8, 13.17]
Non-profit institutions (NPIs)	<i>Non-profit institutions (NPIs)</i> are legal or social entities created for the purpose of producing goods and services whose status does not permit them to be a source of income, profit or other financial gain for the units that establish, control or finance them.	4.54 [4.18, 4.161]
Non-profit institutions controlled and mainly financed by government	<i>Non-profit institutions controlled and mainly financed by government</i> are properly constituted legal entities which exist separately from government but which are financed mainly by government and over which government exercises control.	4.62
Non-profit institutions engaged in market production	<i>Non-profit institutions engaged in market production</i> consist of those NPIs which charge fees determined by their costs of production and which are sufficiently high to have a significant influence on the demand for their services, but any surpluses such institutions make must be retained within those institutions as their status as "Non-profit institutions (NPIs)" prevents them from distributing them to others.	4.58
Non-profit institutions engaged in non-market production	<i>Non-profit institutions engaged in non-market production</i> are NPIs that are incapable of providing financial gain to the units which control or manage them, and which must rely principally on funds other than receipts from sales to cover their costs of production or other activities.	4.60

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs)	<i>Non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs)</i> consist of NPIs which are not predominantly financed and controlled by government and which provide goods or services to households free or at prices that are not economically significant.	4.64 and 4.65 [2.20]
Non-repayable margins	<i>Non-repayable margins</i> reduce a financial liability created under a financial derivative contract; the entity that pays a non-repayable margin no longer retains ownership of the margin nor has the right to the risks and rewards of ownership, such as the receipt of income or exposure to holding gains and losses.	11.43
Non-resident	A unit is <i>non-resident</i> if its centre of economic interest is not in the economic territory of a country.	BPM 58 [1.14]
Non-residential buildings	<i>Non-residential buildings</i> are buildings other than dwellings, including fixtures, facilities and equipment that are integral parts of the structures and costs of site clearance and preparation.	(AN.11121) - Annex to chapter XIII
Note issuance facilities	Underwritten <i>note issuance facilities</i> (NIFs) provide a guarantee that a potential debtor will be able to sell short-term securities (notes) that he issues and that the bank or banks issuing the facility will take up any notes not sold in the market or will provide equivalent advances; the facility itself is contingent, and the creation of the facility gives rise to no entry in the financial account; only if the underwriting institution is requested to make funds available will it acquire an actual asset, which is recorded in the financial account.	11.25
NPIs (non-profit institutions)	<i>NPIs (non-profit institutions)</i> are legal or social entities created for the purpose of producing goods and services whose status does not permit them to be a source of income, profit or other financial gain for the units that establish, control or finance them.	4.54 [4.18, 4.161]
NPISH final consumption expenditure	<i>Final consumption expenditure of NPISHs</i> consists of the expenditure, including imputed expenditure, incurred by resident NPISHs on individual consumption goods and services.	9.94
NPISHs (non-profit institutions serving households)	<i>NPISHs (non-profit institutions serving households)</i> consist of NPIs which are not predominantly financed and controlled by government and which provide goods or services to households free or at prices that are not economically significant.	4.64 and 4.65 [2.20]
Occupied persons	In order to be classified as <i>occupied</i> - i.e. either employed or self-employed - the <i>person</i> must be engaged in an activity that falls within the production boundary of the SNA.	7.23
Operating lease	An <i>operating lease</i> is an agreement between a lessor and lessee for the rental of machinery or equipment for specified periods of time which are shorter than the total expected service lives of that machinery or equipment; the lessor normally maintains a stock of equipment in good working order which can be hired on demand, or at short notice, by users and is frequently responsible for the maintenance and repair of the equipment as part of the service which he provides to the lessee.	6.115 and 6.116
Operating surplus	The <i>operating surplus</i> measures the surplus or deficit accruing from production before taking account of any interest, rent or similar charges payable on financial or tangible non-produced assets borrowed or rented by the enterprise, or any interest, rent or similar receipts receivable on financial or tangible non-produced assets owned by the enterprise; (note: for unincorporated enterprises owned by households, this component is called "mixed income").	7.8

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Opportunity cost	The concept of <i>opportunity cost</i> is commonly used in economics; it is measured by reference to the opportunities foregone at the time an asset or resource is used, as distinct from the costs incurred at some time in the past to acquire the asset, or the payments which could be realised by an alternative use of a resource (e.g. the use of labour in a voluntary capacity being valued at the wages which could have been earned in a paid job).	1.60
Options	<i>Options</i> are contracts that give the purchaser of the option the right, but not the obligation, to buy (a “call” option) or to sell (a “put” option) a particular financial instrument or commodity at a predetermined price (the “strike” price) within a given time span (American option) or on a given date (European option); many options contracts, if exercised, are settled by a cash payment rather than by delivery of the underlying assets or commodities to which the contract relates.	11.39
Other accounts receivable/ payable	<i>Other accounts receivable/ payable</i> are financial assets consisting of trade credit and advances and other items due to be received or paid.	(AF.7) - Annex to chapter XIII [11.100]
Other accumulation entries	<i>Other accumulation entries</i> cover transactions and other economic flows not taken into account elsewhere which change the quantity or value of assets and liabilities; they include consumption of fixed capital and acquisitions less disposals of non-produced non-financial assets; other economic flows of non-produced assets, such as discovery or depletion of subsoil resources or transfers of other natural assets to economic activities; the effects of non-economic phenomena such as natural catastrophes and political events (wars for example); and holding gains or losses due to changes in prices.	2.33
Other buildings and structures	The <i>other buildings and structures</i> category of non-financial, produced, tangible fixed assets consists of non-residential buildings and other structures, such as civil engineering works.	(AN.1112) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other capital taxes n.e.c.	<i>Other capital taxes n.e.c.</i> consist of capital taxes other than those classified as capital levies or as taxes on capital transfers.	10.136
Other capital transfers	<i>Other capital transfers</i> consist of all capital transfers except capital taxes and investment grants; they include, among others, cancellation of debt by mutual agreement between the creditor and debtor.	10.139
Other changes in assets account	The <i>other changes in assets account</i> consists of two sub-accounts: the other changes in volume of assets account and the revaluation account; it records changes in the values of assets, liabilities, and net worth between opening and closing balance sheets that result from other flows, i.e. flows that are not transactions.	1.9 and 12.1
Other changes in the volume of assets account	The <i>other changes in the volume of assets account</i> records the changes in assets, liabilities, and net worth between opening and closing balance sheets that are due neither to transactions between institutional units, as recorded in the capital and financial accounts, nor to holding gains and losses.	12.4 [1.9, 3.58 - 3.61]
Other current taxes	<i>Other current taxes</i> consist of current taxes on capital plus miscellaneous current taxes.	8.53 and 8.54 [OECD 4100, 4200, 4600, 5200, 5217, 6000]
Other current taxes n.e.c.	<i>Other current taxes n.e.c.</i> comprise any current taxes other than taxes on income, current taxes on capital and miscellaneous current taxes.	8.53 and 8.54
Other current transfers	<i>Other current transfers</i> consist of net premiums and claims for non-life insurance, current transfers between different kinds of government units, usually at different levels of government and also between general government and foreign governments, and current transfers such as those between different households.	8.9 and 8.10

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Other depository corporations	The <i>other depository corporations</i> sub-sector consists of all resident financial corporations and quasi-corporations, except the central bank, whose principal activity is financial intermediation and which have liabilities in the form of deposits or financial instruments such as short-term certificates of deposit which are close substitutes for deposits in mobilising financial resources and which are included in measures of money broadly defined.	4.88
Other depository corporations - other	The “other” <i>other depository corporations</i> consist of all resident depository corporations and quasi-corporations, other than “deposit money corporations” which have liabilities in the form of deposits that may not be readily transferable or in the form of financial instruments such as short-term certificates of deposit which are close substitutes for deposits and included in measures of money broadly defined; they may include corporations described as savings banks (including trustee savings banks and savings banks and loan associations), credit cooperatives and mortgage banks or building societies.	4.94
Other deposits	In the financial accounts, the item <i>other deposits</i> includes all claims, other than transferable deposits, on the central bank, other depository institutions, government units and, in some cases, other institutional units that are represented by evidence of deposit.	11.72, (AF.29) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other equities (and shares)	<i>Shares and other equities</i> are financial assets that are instruments and records acknowledging, after the claims of all creditors have been met, claims to the residual value of incorporated enterprises.	(AF.5) - Annex to chapter XIII [11.86]
Other financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds	The <i>other financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds</i> sub-sector consists of all resident corporations and quasi-corporations primarily engaged in financial intermediation except depository corporations, insurance corporations and pension funds.	4.95
Other flows	<i>Other flows</i> are changes in the value of assets and liabilities that do not take place in transactions; these entries are of two broad kinds - the first kind consists of changes due to factors such as discoveries or depletion of subsoil resources, or destruction by war or other political events or by natural catastrophes while the second kind consists of changes in the value of assets, liabilities, and net worth due to changes in the level and structure of prices, which are reflected in holding gains and losses.	3.57
Other intangible fixed assets	<i>Other intangible fixed assets</i> are new information, specialised knowledge, etc, not elsewhere classified, whose use in production is restricted to the units that have established ownership rights over them or to other units licensed by the latter.	(AN.1129) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other intangible non-produced assets	<i>Other intangible non-produced assets</i> are intangible non-produced assets not elsewhere classified.	(AN.229) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other land and associated surface water	<i>Other land and associated surface water</i> consist of land not elsewhere classified, including private gardens and plots not cultivated for subsistence or commercial purposes, communal grazing land, land surrounding dwellings in excess of those yards and gardens deemed an integral part of farm and non-farm dwellings and associated surface water.	(AN.2119) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other machinery and equipment	The <i>other machinery and equipment</i> category of non-financial, produced, tangible fixed assets consists of machinery and equipment assets not classified as “transport equipment”.	(AN.11132) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other non-market establishments	<i>Other non-market establishments</i> supply most of the goods and services they produce without charge or at prices which are not economically significant; they are one of three broad types of producer, with the others being market producers and producers for own final use.	2.46

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Other non-market output	<i>Other non-market output</i> consists of goods and individual or collective services produced by non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs) or government that are supplied free, or at prices that are not economically significant, to other institutional units or the community as a whole; such output is one of three broad categories of output in the SNA, with the others being market output and output produced for own final use.	6.49
Other non-market producers	<i>Other non-market producers</i> consist of establishments owned by government units or NPISHs that supply goods or services free, or at prices that are not economically significant, to households or the community as a whole; these producers may also have some sales of secondary market output whose prices are intended to cover their costs or earn a surplus.	6.52
Other social security benefits in kind	<i>Other social security benefits in kind</i> consist of social transfers in kind, except reimbursements, made by social security funds to households (also see "Social transfers in kind").	8.103
Other structures	The <i>other structures</i> category of non-financial, produced, tangible fixed assets consists of structures other than buildings, including the cost of the streets, sewers and site clearance and preparation other than for residential or non-residential buildings; also included are historic monuments for which identification as dwellings or non-residential buildings is not possible and shafts, tunnels and other structures associated with mining subsoil assets.	(AN.11122) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other subsidies on production	<i>Other subsidies on production</i> consist of subsidies, except subsidies on products, which resident enterprises may receive as a consequence of engaging in production (e.g. subsidies on payroll or workforce or subsidies to reduce pollution).	7.79
Other subsidies on products	<i>Other subsidies on products</i> (other than export or import subsidies) consist of subsidies on goods or services produced as the outputs of resident enterprises that become payable as a result of the production, sale, transfer, leasing or delivery of those goods or services, or as a result of their use for own consumption or own capital formation; there are three broad categories: (a) subsidies on products used domestically, (b) losses of government trading organisations, and (c) subsidies to public corporations and quasi-corporations.	7.78
Other taxes on income n.e.c.	<i>Other taxes on income n.e.c.</i> consist of any income taxes other than taxes on individual or household income, taxes on the income of corporations, taxes on capital gains, and taxes on winnings from lotteries or gambling.	8.52 [OECD 1110, 1120, 1130, 1210]
Other taxes on production	<i>Other taxes on production</i> consist of taxes other than those incurred directly as a result of engaging in production; they mainly consist of current taxes on the labour or capital employed in the enterprise, such as payroll taxes or current taxes on vehicles or buildings.	6.229
Other valuables	The <i>other valuables</i> category of non-financial, tangible, non-produced fixed assets consists of valuables not elsewhere classified, such as collections and jewellery of significant value fashioned out of precious stones and metals.	(AN.139) - Annex to chapter XIII
Other work-in-progress - inventories	<i>Inventories of other work-in-progress</i> consist of goods other than cultivated assets and services that have been partially processed, fabricated or assembled by the producer but that are not usually sold, shipped or turned over to others without further processing.	(AN.1222) - Annex to chapter XIII
Output	<i>Output</i> consists of those goods or services that are produced within an establishment that become available for use outside that establishment, plus any goods and services produced for own final use.	6.38
Output produced for own final use	<i>Output produced for own final use</i> consists of goods or services that are retained for their own final use by the owners of the enterprises in which they are produced.	6.46

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Outworker	An <i>outworker</i> is a person who agrees to work for a particular enterprise or to supply a certain quantity of goods or services to a particular enterprise, by prior arrangement or contract with that enterprise, but whose place of work is not within any of the establishments which make up that enterprise; the enterprise does not control the time spent at work by an outworker and does not assume responsibility for the conditions in which that work is carried out.	7.26
Own-account producers	<i>Own-account producers</i> consist of establishments engaged in gross fixed capital formation for the enterprises of which they form part, or unincorporated enterprises owned by households all or most of whose output is intended for final consumption or gross fixed capital formation by those households.	6.52
Own-account workers	<i>Own-account workers</i> are self-employed persons without paid employees.	7.25
Paasche price index	A <i>Paasche price index</i> is the harmonic average of price relatives using the values of the later period as weights.	16.17
Paasche volume index	A <i>Paasche volume index</i> is the harmonic average of volume relatives using the values of the later period as weights.	16.17
Parent corporation	A <i>parent corporation</i> is one which controls more than half of the shareholders' voting power in another corporation or is a shareholder in another corporation, with the right to appoint or remove a majority of the directors of that corporation.	4.32 and 4.33
Partitioning (transactions)	<i>Partitioning</i> records a transaction that is a single transaction from the perspective of the parties involved as two or more differently classified transactions (e.g. the single rental payment actually made by a lessee under a financial lease can be partitioned into a repayment of principal and a payment of interest).	3.28
Partnerships	<i>Partnerships</i> are separate legal entities which behave like corporations but whose members enjoy limited liability; in effect, the partners are at the same time both shareholders and managers.	4.46
Patented entities	<i>Patented entities</i> are inventions in categories of technical novelty that, by law or by judicial decision, can be afforded patent protection.	(AN.221) - Annex to chapter XIII
Payments by households to obtain certain licences	<i>Payments by households to obtain certain licences</i> are payments by persons or households for licences to own or use vehicles, boats or aircraft and for licences to hunt, shoot or fish; they are part of "miscellaneous current taxes" but it should be noted that some other licence fees are treated as purchases of services rendered by government.	8.54 [OECD 5200]
Payments in kind other than remuneration in kind	<i>Payments in kind other than remuneration in kind</i> occur when any of a wide variety of payments are made in the form of goods and services rather than money, excluding payments in kind to employees.	3.39
Payments of compensation	<i>Payments of compensation</i> consist of current transfers paid by institutional units to other institutional units in compensation for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the former, but excluding payments of non-life insurance claims; they can be either compulsory payments awarded by courts of law, or ex gratia payments agreed out of court but they include only compensation for injuries or damages caused by other institutional units, or ex gratia payments made by government units or NPISHs in compensation for injuries or damages caused by natural disasters.	8.98
Payroll taxes	<i>Payroll taxes</i> consist of taxes payable by enterprises assessed either as a proportion of the wages and salaries paid or as a fixed amount per person employed.	7.70 [OECD 3000]

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Pension funds	<i>Pension funds</i> are units established for purposes of providing benefits on retirement for specific groups of employees; they have their own assets and liabilities, and they engage in financial transactions in the market on their own account; these funds are organised, and directed, by individual private or government employers, or jointly by individual employers and their employees.	4.98 [7.127]
Perpetual inventory method (PIM)	The <i>perpetual inventory method (PIM)</i> is a method of constructing estimates of capital stock and consumption of fixed capital from time series of gross fixed capital formation; it allows an estimate to be made of the stock of fixed assets in existence and in the hands of producers which is generally based on estimating how many of the fixed assets installed as a result of gross fixed capital formation undertaken in previous years have survived to the current period; a PIM approach is also commonly used in valuing changes in inventories.	6.189 [6.58]
Poll taxes	<i>Poll taxes</i> are taxes levied as specific amounts of money per adult person, or per household, independently of actual or presumed income or wealth; they are part of “miscellaneous current taxes”.	8.54 [OECD 6000]
PPP (purchasing power parity)	A <i>PPP (purchasing power parity)</i> is a price relative which measures the number of units of country B’s currency that are needed in country B to purchase the same quantity of an individual good or service as 1 unit of country A’s currency will purchase in country A.	16.82
Premium supplements	The value of the <i>premium</i> or contribution <i>supplements</i> paid by the policyholders or beneficiaries is equal in total to the entirety of the income earned by the insurance corporations or pension funds by investing their technical or pension reserves; although the income earned by the insurance corporation may not all have been earned as property income, when attributed to policyholders the whole amount is so regarded and appears as the item “property income attributed to policyholders”.	22, Annex IV
Price	The <i>price</i> of a good or service is the value of one unit of that good or service.	16.9
Price index	A <i>price index</i> reflects an average of the proportionate changes in the prices of a specified set of goods and services between two periods of time.	16.14
Price relative	A <i>price relative</i> is the ratio of the price of a specific product in one period to the price of the same product in some other period; in PPP comparisons a <i>price relative</i> refers to the ratios of the same product in two countries.	16.15 and 16.81
Primary incomes	<i>Primary incomes</i> are incomes that accrue to institutional units as a consequence of their involvement in processes of production or ownership of assets that may be needed for purposes of production.	7.2
Principal activity	The <i>principal activity</i> of a producer unit is the activity whose value added exceeds that of any other activity carried out within the same unit (the output of the principal activity must consist of goods or services that are capable of being delivered to other units even though they may be used for own consumption or own capital formation).	5.7 [15.16]
Principal party (to a transaction)	When a unit carries out a transaction on behalf of another unit, the transaction is recorded exclusively in the accounts of the <i>principal party</i> , although some service output may be recognised with the intermediary; for example, purchases a commercial agent makes under the orders of, and at the expense of, another party are directly attributed to the latter while the accounts of the agent only show the fee charged to the principal for intermediation services rendered.	3.31 and 3.32
Private funded social insurance benefits	<i>Private funded social insurance benefits</i> are social insurance benefits payable to households by insurance enterprises or other institutional units administering private funded social insurance schemes.	8.79

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Private corporations (non-financial and financial)	<i>Private corporations</i> are all resident corporations and quasi-corporations that are not controlled by government.	4.75
Produced assets	<i>Produced assets</i> are non-financial assets that have come into existence as outputs from processes that fall within the production boundary of the SNA; produced assets consist of fixed assets, inventories and valuables.	10.6 and 10.7 [13.14, (AN.1) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Producer's price	The <i>producer's price</i> is the amount receivable by the producer from the purchaser for a unit of a good or service produced as output minus any VAT, or similar deductible tax, invoiced to the purchaser; it excludes any transport charges invoiced separately by the producer.	6.205, 15.28 [3.82]
Producers for own final use	<i>Producers for own final use</i> produce mostly goods and services for final consumption or fixed capital formation by the owners of the enterprises in which they are produced.	2.46
Product (commodity) technology	<i>Product (commodity) technology</i> is one of two types of technology assumptions used in converting supply and use tables into symmetric input-output tables; it assumes that a product has the same input structure in whichever industry it is produced.	15.144
Product-by-product table	A <i>product-by-product table</i> is a symmetric input-output table with products as the dimension of both rows and columns; as a result it shows which products are used in the production of which other products.	15.150
Production	<i>Production</i> is an activity, carried out under the responsibility, control and management of an institutional unit, that uses inputs of labour, capital and goods and services to produce outputs of goods and services.	6.15 [1.20 5.4, 6.6]
Production account	The <i>production account</i> records the activity of producing goods and services as defined within the SNA; its balancing item, gross value added, is a measure of the contribution to GDP made by an individual producer, industry or sector.	1.6
Production boundary	The <i>production boundary</i> includes (a) the production of all individual or collective goods or services that are supplied to units other than their producers, or intended to be so supplied, including the production of goods or services used up in the process of producing such goods or services; (b) the own-account production of all goods that are retained by their producers for their own final consumption or gross capital formation; (c) the own-account production of housing services by owner-occupiers and of domestic and personal services produced by employing paid domestic staff.	6.18 [1.20 and 1.22]
Products	<i>Products</i> , also called "goods and services", are the result of production; they are exchanged and used for various purposes: as inputs in the production of other goods and services, as final consumption or for investment.	2.49
Profits of export monopolies	The <i>profits of export monopolies</i> consist of the profits transferred to governments of export marketing boards, or other public enterprises exercising a monopoly over the exports of some good or service.	7.68 [OECD 5124]
Profits of fiscal monopolies	The <i>profits of fiscal monopolies</i> consist of the profits of fiscal monopolies which are transferred to government (fiscal monopolies are public corporations, public quasi-corporations, or government-owned unincorporated enterprises that have been granted a legal monopoly over the production or distribution of a particular kind of good or service in order to raise revenue; the products involved are those which are often subjected to excise taxes, such as tobacco, alcoholic beverages, fuels etc).	7.69 [OECD 5122]
Profits of import monopolies	The <i>profits of import monopolies</i> consist of the profits transferred to governments of import marketing boards, or other public enterprises exercising a monopoly over the import of some good or service.	[7.68, 7.69, OECD 5127]

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Property income	<i>Property income</i> is the income receivable by the owner of a financial asset or a tangible non-produced asset in return for providing funds to or putting the tangible non-produced asset at the disposal of, another institutional unit; it consists of interest, the distributed income of corporations (i.e. dividends and withdrawals from income of quasi-corporations), reinvested earnings on direct foreign investment, property income attributed to insurance policy holders, and rent.	7.88 and 7.89 [7.2]
Property income attributed to insurance policyholders	The <i>property income attributed to insurance policyholders</i> is the investment income receivable by insurance enterprises on insurance technical reserves; it is shown in the accounts as being paid by the insurance enterprises to the insurance policyholders because the technical reserves are assets of the policyholders.	7.124
Provincial government	<i>Provincial government</i> See "State government".	
Public corporations (non-financial and financial)	<i>Public corporations</i> are resident corporations and quasi-corporations that are subject to control by government units, with control over a corporation being defined as the ability to determine general corporate policy by choosing appropriate directors, if necessary.	4.72 and 4.84
Purchased goodwill	<i>Purchased goodwill</i> is the difference between the value paid for an enterprise as a going concern and the sum of its assets less the sum of its liabilities, each item of which has been separately identified and valued; the value of goodwill includes anything of long-term benefit to the business that has not been separately identified as an asset, as well as the value of the fact that the group of assets is used jointly and is not simply a collection of separable assets.	(AN.223) - Annex to chapter XIII [12.22]
Purchaser's price	The <i>purchaser's price</i> is the amount paid by the purchaser, excluding any deductible VAT or similar deductible tax, in order to take delivery of a unit of a good or service at the time and place required by the purchaser; the purchaser's price of a good includes any transport charges paid separately by the purchaser to take delivery at the required time and place.	6.215, 15.28 [2.73, 3.83]
Purchasing power parity (PPP)	A <i>purchasing power parity (PPP)</i> is a price relative which measures the number of units of country B's currency that are needed in country B to purchase the same quantity of an individual good or service as 1 unit of country A's currency will purchase in country A.	16.82
Purpose	The concept of <i>purpose</i> , or function, relates to the type of need a transaction or group of transactions aims to satisfy or the kind of objective it pursues.	2.50
Quantity index	A <i>quantity index</i> is built up from information on quantities such as the number or total weight of goods or the number of services; the quantity index has no meaning from an economic point of view if it involves adding quantities that are not commensurate, although it is often used as a proxy for a volume index.	[16.12 and 16.13]
Quantity relative	A <i>quantity relative</i> is the ratio of the quantity of a specific product in one period to the quantity of the same product in some other period.	16.15
Quasi-corporations	<i>Quasi-corporations</i> are unincorporated enterprises that function as if they were corporations, and which have complete sets of accounts, including balance sheets.	4.49
Real gross domestic income (real GDI)	<i>Real gross domestic income (real GDI)</i> measures the purchasing power of the total incomes generated by domestic production (including the impact on those incomes of changes in the terms of trade); it is equal to gross domestic product at constant prices plus the trading gain (or less the trading loss) resulting from changes in the terms of trade.	16.152

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Real holding gain	A <i>real holding gain</i> is the value of the additional command over real resources accruing to the holder of an asset as a result of a change in its price relatively to the prices of goods and services in general in the economy.	12.64
Real holding gains/losses (non-residents)	The <i>real holding gain/loss</i> (non-residents) is that value - expressed in national currency - of the asset resulting from the difference between the nominal and the neutral gain/loss.	14.145
Real income	<i>Real income</i> is obtained by deflating any income flow by a price index in order to measure the purchasing power of the item in question over a designated numeraire set of goods and services.	16.148
Real interest	<i>Real interest</i> is the difference between nominal interest and an amount equal to the loss of purchasing power on the monetary value of the principal during the accounting period.	7.110
Rebasing	In the course of time, the pattern of relative prices in the base period tends to become progressively less relevant to the economic situations of later periods to the point at which it becomes unacceptable to continue using them to measure volume measures from one period to the next; it may then be necessary to update the base period, a process which is commonly referred to as “ <i>rebasing</i> ”.	16.31
Recreational land and associated surface water	<i>Recreational land and associated surface water</i> consist of land that is used as privately owned amenity land, parklands and pleasure grounds and publicly owned parks and recreational areas, together with associated surface water.	(AN.2113) - Annex to chapter XIII
Recurrent losses (from inventories)	<i>Recurrent losses (from inventories)</i> are those losses incurred on goods held in inventories due to normal rates of wastage, theft and accidental damage which reduce the value of the total change in inventories, and hence output.	6.62
Recurrent taxes on land, buildings or other structures	<i>Recurrent taxes on land, buildings or other structures</i> consist of taxes payable regularly, usually each year, in respect of the use or ownership of land, buildings or other structures utilised by enterprises in production, whether the enterprises own or rent such assets.	7.70 [OECD 4100]
Redistribution of income in kind account	The <i>redistribution of income in kind account</i> shows how the disposable incomes of households, non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs) and government units are transformed into their adjusted disposable income by the receipt and payment of social transfers in kind.	8.2
Reference period	In connection with price or volume indices, the <i>reference period</i> means the period to which the indices relate; it is typically set equal to 100 and it does not necessarily coincide with the “base” period that provides the weights for the indices.	[16.16]
Reference rate of interest	The <i>reference rate of interest</i> (to be used in allocating FISIM) is the pure cost of borrowing funds (i.e. a rate from which the risk premium has been eliminated to the greatest extent possible and which does not include any intermediation services).	6.128
Regional central bank	A <i>regional central bank</i> is an international financial institution which acts as a common central bank for a group of member countries.	14.34
Regulatory bodies	<i>Regulatory bodies</i> are bodies which regulate or supervise financial corporations; they may be classified as financial or non-financial according to their status.	4.101
Reimbursements - social security benefits	<i>Reimbursements (social security benefits)</i> are repayments (partial or complete) by social security funds of approved expenditures made by households on specified goods or services.	8.101

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Reinvested earnings on direct foreign investment	<i>Reinvested earnings on direct foreign investment</i> consist of the retained earnings of a direct foreign investment enterprise which are treated as if they were distributed and remitted to foreign direct investors in proportion to their ownership of the equity of the enterprise and then reinvested by them in the enterprise.	7.120
Remuneration in kind	<i>Remuneration in kind</i> occurs when an employee accepts payment in the form of goods and services instead of money.	3.38
Rental on fixed assets	<i>Rental on fixed assets</i> is the amount payable by the user of a fixed asset to its owner, under an operating lease or similar contract, for the right to use that asset in production for a specified period of time.	6.181
Rent	<i>Rent</i> is the sum of rents on land and rents on subsoil assets.	7.128 and 7.132
Rents on land	<i>Rents on land</i> are a form of property income; they consist of the amounts paid to a landowner by a tenant for the use of the land.	7.128
Rents on subsoil assets	<i>Rents on subsoil assets</i> are a form of property income; they consist of the payments made to the owners of the subsoil assets by institutional units permitting them to extract the subsoil deposits over a specified period.	[7.133]
Repayable margins	<i>Repayable margins</i> consist of deposits or other collateral deposited to protect a counterparty against default risk, but which remain under the ownership of the unit that placed the margins.	11.43
Replacement cost accounting	<i>Replacement cost accounting</i> See “Current cost accounting”.	
Repurchase agreements	<i>Repurchase agreements</i> are arrangements whereby an institutional unit sells securities at a specified price to another unit; the sale is made under a commitment to repurchase the same or similar securities at a fixed price on a specified future date (usually very short-term, e.g. overnight or one day) or at a date subject to the discretion of the purchaser.	11.32
Rerouting (transactions)	<i>Rerouting (transactions)</i> records a transaction as taking place in channels that differ from the actual ones or as taking place in an economic sense when it actually does not, such as a direct transaction between unit A and unit C being recorded as taking place indirectly through a third unit B, usually, however, with some change in the transaction category.	3.24
Research and development	<i>Research and development</i> by a market producer is an activity undertaken for the purpose of discovering or developing new products, including improved versions or qualities of existing products, or discovering or developing new or more efficient processes of production.	6.142 [6.163]
Reserve assets	<i>Reserve assets</i> consist of those external assets that are readily available to and controlled by a country’s authorities for direct financing of international payments imbalances, for indirect regulation of the magnitude of such imbalances through intervention in foreign exchange markets to affect their currency’s exchange rate, and for other purposes.	11.61 [14.155]
Resident	An institutional unit is <i>resident</i> in a country when it has a centre of economic interest in the economic territory of that country.	4.15 [1.28, 14.8]
Resources	<i>Resources</i> refers to the side of the current accounts where transactions which add to the amount of economic value of a unit or a sector appear (for example, wages and salaries are a resource for the unit or sector receiving them); by convention, resources are put on the right side of the account.	2.54

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Rest of the world	The <i>rest of the world</i> consists of all non-resident institutional units that enter into transactions with resident units, or have other economic links with resident units.	4.163 [1.14, 14.3]
Rest of the world account	The <i>rest of the world account</i> comprises those categories of accounts necessary to capture the full range of transactions that take place between the total economy and the rest of the world (i.e. between residents and non-residents).	14.3 [1.14]
Revaluation account	The <i>revaluation account</i> records the positive or negative holding gains accruing during the accounting period to the owners of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.	12.63 [1.9]
Royalties	“ <i>Royalties</i> ” is the term often used to describe either the regular payments made by the lessees of subsoil assets to the owners of the assets (these payments are treated as rents in the SNA) or the payments made by units using processes or producing products covered by patents (these are treated as purchases of services produced by the owners of the patents in the SNA).	7.87 and 7.92
SAM (social accounting matrix)	A <i>SAM (social accounting matrix)</i> is a means of presenting the SNA accounts in a matrix which elaborates the linkages between a supply and use table and institutional sector accounts; a typical focus of a SAM on the role of people in the economy may be reflected by, among other things, extra breakdowns of the household sector and a disaggregated representation of labour markets (i.e., distinguishing various categories of employed persons).	20.4
Satellite accounts	<i>Satellite accounts</i> provide a framework linked to the central accounts and which enables attention to be focussed on a certain field or aspect of economic and social life in the context of national accounts; common examples are satellite accounts for the environment, or tourism, or unpaid household work.	2.246 [21.4]
Saving	<i>Saving</i> is disposable income less final consumption expenditure (or adjusted disposable income less actual final consumption), in both cases after taking account of an adjustment for pension funds; saving is an important aggregate which can be calculated for each institutional sector or for the whole economy.	9.17 [1.10, 9.2, 9.19]
SDRs (Special Drawing Rights)	<i>SDRs (Special Drawing Rights)</i> are international reserve assets created by the International Monetary Fund and allocated to its members to supplement existing reserve assets.	11.67, (AF.1) - Annex to chapter XIII
Secondary activity	A <i>secondary activity</i> is an activity carried out within a single producer unit in addition to the principal activity and whose output, like that of the principal activity, must be suitable for delivery outside the producer unit.	5.8 [15.16]
Secondary distribution of income account	The <i>secondary distribution of income account</i> shows how the balance of primary incomes of an institutional unit or sector is transformed into its disposable income by the receipt and payment of current transfers excluding social transfers in kind.	8.1
Sectors (or “institutional sectors”)	Institutional units are grouped together to form <i>institutional sectors</i> , on the basis of their principal functions, behaviour, and objectives.	2.20
Securities other than shares	<i>Securities other than shares</i> consist of bills, bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, debentures, and similar instruments normally traded in the financial markets.	11.74 [(AF.3) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Securitisation	<i>Securitisation</i> is the process of issuing new negotiable securities backed by existing assets such as loans, mortgages, credit card debt, or other assets (including accounts receivable).	11.75

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Self-employed workers	<i>Self-employed workers</i> are persons who are the sole owners, or joint owners, of the unincorporated enterprises in which they work, excluding those unincorporated enterprises that are classified as quasi-corporations.	7.24
Services	<i>Services</i> are outputs produced to order and which cannot be traded separately from their production; ownership rights cannot be established over services and by the time their production is completed they must have been provided to the consumers; however as an exception to this rule there is a group of industries, generally classified as service industries, some of whose outputs have characteristics of goods, i.e. those concerned with the provision, storage, communication and dissemination of information, advice and entertainment in the broadest sense of those terms; the products of these industries, where ownership rights can be established, may be classified either as goods or services depending on the medium by which these outputs are supplied.	6.8 [6.13]
Shareholders	<i>Shareholders</i> are the collective owners of a corporation.	7.112
Shares and other equities	<i>Shares and other equities</i> are financial assets that are instruments and records acknowledging, after the claims of all creditors have been met, claims to the residual value of incorporated enterprises.	(AF.5) - Annex to chapter XIII [11.86]
Short-term loans	<i>Short-term loans</i> are loans that have an original maturity normally of one year or less, but with a maximum of two years or less to accommodate variations in practice between countries.	(AF.41) - Annex to chapter XIII
Short-term securities other than shares	<i>Short-term securities other than shares</i> consist of securities other than shares that have an original maturity of one year or less but with a maximum of two years or less to accommodate variations in practice between countries.	(AF.31) - Annex to chapter XIII
Single indicator method of deflation	A <i>single indicator method of deflation</i> is a means of estimating the volume movements of value added directly using only one time series as an indicator (e.g. deflated output or deflated value added) instead of double deflation.	16.68
SNA (System of National Accounts)	The <i>System of National Accounts (SNA)</i> consists of a coherent, consistent and integrated set of macroeconomic accounts, balance sheets and tables based on a set of internationally agreed concepts, definitions, classifications and accounting rules.	1.1
Social accounting matrix (SAM)	A <i>social accounting matrix (SAM)</i> is a means of presenting the SNA accounts in a matrix which elaborates the linkages between a supply and use table and institutional sector accounts; a typical focus of a SAM on the role of people in the economy may be reflected by, among other things, extra breakdowns of the household sector and a disaggregated representation of labour markets (i.e., distinguishing various categories of employed persons).	20.4
Social assistance benefits	<i>Social assistance benefits</i> are transfers made by government units or NPIs to households intended to meet the same kinds of needs as social insurance benefits but are provided outside of an organised social insurance scheme and are not conditional on previous payments of contributions.	8.7 [8.75]
Social assistance benefits in cash	<i>Social assistance benefits in cash</i> consist of current transfers payable in cash to households by government units or NPISHs to meet the same needs as social insurance benefits but which are not made under a social insurance scheme incorporating social contributions and social insurance benefits.	8.81
Social assistance benefits in kind	<i>Social assistance benefits in kind</i> consist of transfers in kind provided to households by government units or NPISHs that are similar in nature to social security benefits in kind but are not provided in the context of a social insurance scheme.	8.104

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Social benefits	<i>Social benefits</i> are current transfers received by households intended to provide for the needs that arise from certain events or circumstances, for example, sickness, unemployment, retirement, housing, education or family circumstances.	8.7
Social benefits in kind	<i>Social benefits in kind</i> consist of (a) social security benefits, reimbursements, (b) other social security benefits in kind, (c) social assistance benefits in kind; in other words they are equal to social transfers in kind excluding transfers of individual non-market goods and services.	8.22 [8.99 - 8.106]
Social benefits other than social transfers in kind	<i>Social benefits other than social transfers in kind</i> consist of all social benefits except social transfers in kind; in other words, they consist of: (a) all social benefits in cash - both social insurance and social assistance benefits - provided by government units, including social security funds, and NPISHs; and (b) all social insurance benefits provided under private funded and unfunded social insurance schemes, whether in cash or in kind.	8.77
Social contributions	<i>Social contributions</i> are actual or imputed payments to social insurance schemes to make provision for social insurance benefits to be paid.	8.8
Social contributions by self-employed and non-employed persons	<i>Social contributions by self-employed and non-employed persons</i> are social contributions payable for their own benefit by persons who are not employees - i.e. self-employed persons (employers or own-account workers), or non-employed persons.	8.70
Social insurance benefits	<i>Social insurance benefits</i> are transfers provided under organised social insurance schemes; social insurance benefits may be provided under general social security schemes, under private funded social insurance schemes or by unfunded schemes managed by employers for the benefit of their existing or former employees without involving third parties in the form of insurance enterprises or pension funds.	8.7
Social insurance schemes	<i>Social insurance schemes</i> are schemes in which social contributions are paid by employees or others, or by employers on behalf of their employees, in order to secure entitlement to social insurance benefits, in the current or subsequent periods, for the employees or other contributors, their dependants or survivors.	8.55
Social security benefits, reimbursements	<i>Reimbursements (social security benefits)</i> are repayments (partial or complete) by social security funds of approved expenditures made by households on specified goods or services.	8.101
Social security benefits in cash	<i>Social security benefits in cash</i> are social insurance benefits payable in cash to households by social security funds; they may take the form of sickness and invalidity benefits, maternity allowances, children's or family allowances, other dependants' allowances, unemployment benefits, retirement and survivors' pensions, death benefits or other allowances or benefits.	8.78
Social security funds	<i>Social security funds</i> are separately organised from the other activities of government units and hold their assets and liabilities separately from the latter; they are separate institutional units because they are autonomous funds, they have their own assets and liabilities and engage in financial transactions on their own account.	4.112 [4.130]
Social security schemes	<i>Social security schemes</i> are schemes imposed and controlled by government units for the purpose of providing social benefits to members of the community as a whole, or of particular sections of the community.	8.64

Term	Definition	Paragraph(s)
Social transfers in kind	<i>Social transfers in kind</i> consist of individual goods and services provided as transfers in kind to individual households by government units (including social security funds) and NPISHs, whether purchased on the market or produced as non-market output by government units or NPISHs; the items included are: (a) social security benefits, reimbursements, (b) other social security benefits in kind, (c) social assistance benefits in kind, and (d) transfers of individual non-market goods or services.	8.99
Special drawing rights (SDRs)	<i>Special drawing rights (SDRs)</i> are international reserve assets created by the International Monetary Fund and allocated to its members to supplement existing reserve assets.	11.67, (AF.1) - Annex to chapter XIII
Stamp taxes	The category <i>stamp taxes</i> consists of those stamp taxes which do not fall on particular classes of transactions elsewhere identified, particularly in paragraphs 7.69 and 7.70 of the SNA (e.g. stamps on legal documents or cheques, which are treated as taxes on the production of business or financial services).	7.70 [OECD 6200]
State government	<i>State governments</i> are institutional units exercising some of the functions of government at a level below that of central government and above that of the governmental institutional units existing at a local level; they are institutional units whose fiscal, legislative and executive authority extends only over the individual “states” (often referred to as “provinces”) into which the country as a whole may be divided.	4.124
Stocks	<i>Stocks</i> are a position in, or holdings of, assets and liabilities at a point in time and the SNA records stocks in accounts, usually referred to as balance sheets, and tables at the beginning and end of the accounting period; stocks result from the accumulation of prior transactions and other flows, and they are changed by transactions and other flows in the period (note that stocks of goods are referred to as “inventories” in the SNA).	3.66
Straight-line depreciation	<i>Straight-line depreciation</i> is a depreciation profile based on a constant annual amount of capital consumption over the life of the asset.	6.193
Subsidiary corporation	<i>Corporation B</i> is said to be a <i>subsidiary</i> of corporation A when either (a) corporation A controls more than half of the shareholders’ voting power in corporation B; or (b) corporation A is a shareholder in corporation B with the right to appoint or remove a majority of the directors of corporation B.	4.32
Subsidies	<i>Subsidies</i> are current unrequited payments that government units, including non-resident government units, make to enterprises on the basis of the levels of their production activities or the quantities or values of the goods or services which they produce, sell or import.	7.71 [15.52]
(Subsidies on) losses of government trading organisations	<i>Losses of government trading organisations</i> consist of the losses incurred by government trading organisations whose function is to buy and sell the products of resident enterprises; when such organisations incur losses as a matter of deliberate government economic or social policy by selling at lower prices than those at which they purchased the goods, the difference between the purchase and the selling prices should be treated as a <i>subsidy</i> .	7.78
Subsidies on payroll or workforce	<i>Subsidies on payroll or workforce</i> consist of subsidies payable on the total wage or salary bill, or total workforce, or on the employment of particular types of persons such as physically handicapped persons or persons who have been unemployed for long periods.	7.79
Subsidies on production - other	<i>Other subsidies on production</i> consist of subsidies, except subsidies on products, which resident enterprises may receive as a consequence of engaging in production (e.g. subsidies on payroll or workforce or subsidies to reduce pollution).	7.79

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Subsidies on products - other	<i>Other subsidies on products</i> (other than export or import subsidies) consist of subsidies on goods or services produced as the outputs of resident enterprises that become payable as a result of the production, sale, transfer, leasing or delivery of those goods or services, or as a result of their use for own consumption or own capital formation; there are three broad categories: (a) subsidies on products used domestically, (b) losses of government trading organisations, and (c) subsidies to public corporations and quasi-corporations.	7.78
Subsidies on products used domestically	<i>Subsidies on products used domestically</i> consist of subsidies payable to resident enterprises in respect of their outputs which are used or consumed within the economic territory.	7.78
Subsidies to public corporations and quasi-corporations	<i>Subsidies to public corporations and quasi-corporations</i> consist of regular transfers paid to public corporations and quasi-corporations which are intended to compensate for persistent losses - i.e. negative operating surpluses - which they incur on their productive activities as a result of charging prices which are lower than their average costs of production as a matter of deliberate government economic and social policy; by convention, these subsidies are treated as subsidies on products.	7.78
Subsidies to reduce pollution	<i>Subsidies to reduce pollution</i> consist of subsidies intended to cover some or all of the costs of additional processing undertaken to reduce or eliminate the discharge of pollutants into the environment.	7.79
Subsidy on a product	A <i>subsidy on a product</i> is a subsidy payable per unit of a good or service produced, either as a specific amount of money per unit of quantity of a good or service or as a specified percentage of the price per unit; it may also be calculated as the difference between a specified target price and the market price actually paid by a buyer.	15.53
Subsoil assets	<i>Subsoil assets</i> are proven reserves of mineral deposits located on or below the earth's surface that are economically exploitable, given current technology and relative prices.	(AN.212) - Annex to chapter XIII, 13.59 [12.15]
Supply and use tables	<i>Supply and use tables</i> are in the form of matrices that record how supplies of different kinds of goods and services originate from domestic industries and imports and how those supplies are allocated between various intermediate or final uses, including exports.	1.16 [15.1]
Swaps	<i>Swaps</i> See "Interest rate swaps"; "Foreign exchange swaps"; and/or "Cross-currency interest rate swaps".	
Swap - foreign exchange	A <i>foreign exchange swap</i> is a spot sale/purchase of currencies and a simultaneous forward purchase/sale of the same currencies.	11.38
Swap - interest rate	An <i>interest rate swap</i> contract involves an exchange of cash flows related to interest payments, or receipts, on a notional amount of principal, which is never exchanged, on one currency over a period of time; settlements are often made through net cash payments by one counterparty to the other.	11.38
Swaps - cross-currency interest rate	<i>Cross-currency interest rate swaps</i> (sometimes known as "currency swaps") involve an exchange of cash flows related to interest payments and an exchange of principal amounts at an agreed exchange rate at the end of the contract; there might also be an exchange of principal at the beginning of the contract and, in these circumstances, there may be subsequent repayments, which include both interest and principal, over time according to the predetermined rules.	11.38

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Symmetric tables	<i>Symmetric</i> (input-output) <i>tables</i> are tables in which the same classifications or units (i.e. the same groups of products or industries) are used in both rows and columns.	15.2
System of National Accounts (SNA)	The <i>System of National Accounts</i> (SNA) consists of a coherent, consistent and integrated set of macroeconomic accounts, balance sheets and tables based on a set of internationally agreed concepts, definitions, classifications and accounting rules.	1.1
Tangible fixed assets	<i>Tangible fixed assets</i> are non-financial produced assets that consist of dwellings, other buildings and structures, machinery and equipment and cultivated assets.	(AN.111) - Annex to chapter XIII
Tangible non-produced assets	<i>Tangible non-produced assets</i> are natural assets - land, subsoil assets, non-cultivated biological resources and water resources - over which ownership may be established and transferred.	13.18 [13.53, (AN.21) - Annex to chapter XIII]
Tax on a product	A <i>tax on a product</i> is a tax that is payable per unit of some good or service, either as a specified amount of money per unit of quantity or as a specified percentage of the price per unit or value of the good or service transacted.	15.47 [7.62]
Taxes	<i>Taxes</i> are compulsory, unrequited payments, in cash or in kind, made by institutional units to government units; they are described as unrequited because the government provides nothing in return to the individual unit making the payment, although governments may use the funds raised in taxes to provide goods or services to other units, either individually or collectively, or to the community as a whole.	7.48 [8.43]
Taxes and duties on imports	<i>Taxes and duties on imports</i> , excluding VAT, consist of taxes on goods and services that become payable at the moment when the goods cross the national or customs frontiers of the economic territory or when the services are delivered by non-resident producers to resident institutional units.	15.47 [7.49, 7.64]
Taxes on capital gains	<i>Taxes on capital gains</i> consist of taxes on the capital gains (described as holding gains in the SNA's terminology) of persons or corporations which become due for payment during the current accounting period, irrespective of the periods over which the gains have accrued.	8.52 [OECD 1120, 1220]
Taxes on capital transfers	<i>Taxes on capital transfers</i> consist of taxes on the values of assets transferred between institutional units.	10.136
Taxes on entertainment	<i>Taxes on entertainment</i> consist of any taxes which are levied specifically on the entertainment itself (such as on an entry ticket) and which are not part of some broader tax such as a VAT.	[7.69, OECD 5126]
Taxes on financial and capital transactions	<i>Taxes on financial and capital transactions</i> consist of taxes payable on the purchase or sale of non-financial and financial assets including foreign exchange.	7.69 [OECD 4400]
Taxes on income	<i>Taxes on income</i> consist of taxes on incomes, profits and capital gains; they are assessed on the actual or presumed incomes of individuals, households, NPIs or corporations.	8.52 [OECD 1110, 1120, 1130, 1210]
Taxes on individual or household income	<i>Taxes on individual or household income</i> consist of personal income taxes, including those deducted by employers (pay-as-you-earn taxes), and surtaxes.	8.52 [OECD 1110]
Taxes on international transactions	<i>Taxes on international transactions</i> consist of taxes on travel abroad, foreign remittances, foreign investments, etc except those payable by producers (such taxes payable by producers are part of taxes on production while those payable by non-producers are part of other current taxes); they are part of "miscellaneous current taxes".	7.70 and 8.54 [OECD 5127]

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Taxes (recurrent) on land, buildings or other structures	<i>Taxes (recurrent) on land, buildings or other structures</i> consist of taxes payable regularly, usually each year, in respect of the use or ownership of land, buildings or other structures utilised by enterprises in production, whether the enterprises own or rent such assets.	7.70 [OECD 4100]
Taxes on lotteries, gambling and betting	<i>Taxes on lotteries, gambling and betting</i> consist of any taxes, other than taxes on winnings, which are levied on these types of operations; they are typically levied as a percentage of the operator's turnover.	[7.69, OECD 5126]
Taxes on pollution	<i>Taxes on pollution</i> consist of taxes levied on the emission or discharge into the environment of noxious gases, liquids or other harmful substances; they do not include payments made for the collection and disposal of waste or noxious substances by public authorities.	7.70 [OECD 5200]
Taxes on production and imports	<i>Taxes on production and imports</i> consist of taxes payable on goods and services when they are produced, delivered, sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by their producers plus taxes and duties on imports that become payable when goods enter the economic territory by crossing the frontier or when services are delivered to resident units by non-resident units; they also include other taxes on production, which consist mainly of taxes on the ownership or use of land, buildings or other assets used in production or on the labour employed, or compensation of employees paid.	7.49
Taxes on products	<i>Taxes on products</i> , excluding VAT, import and export taxes, consist of taxes on goods and services that become payable as a result of the production, sale, transfer, leasing or delivery of those goods or services, or as a result of their use for own consumption or own capital formation.	7.69, 15.47 [OECD 5110 - 5113, 5121, 5122, 5126, 4400]
Taxes on specific services	<i>Taxes on specific services</i> consist of all taxes assessed on the payment for specific services such as taxes on transportation, communications, insurance, advertising, hotels or lodging, restaurants, entertainments, gambling and lotteries, sporting events, etc.	7.69 and OECD 5126
Taxes on the income of corporations	<i>Taxes on the income of corporations</i> consist of corporate income taxes, corporate profits taxes, corporate surtaxes, etc.	8.52 [OECD 1210]
Taxes on the use of fixed assets	<i>Taxes on the use of fixed assets</i> include taxes levied periodically on the use of vehicles, ships, aircraft or other machinery or equipment used by enterprises for purposes of production, whether such assets are owned or rented.	7.70 [OECD 5200]
Taxes on winnings from lotteries or gambling	<i>Taxes on winnings from lotteries or gambling</i> are taxes payable on the amounts received by winners.	8.52 [OECD 1130]
Taxes paid to obtain business and professional licences	<i>Taxes paid to obtain business and professional licences</i> consist of those taxes paid by enterprises in order to obtain a licence to carry on a particular kind of business or profession; in some circumstances when the payments are not unrequited they should be treated as payments for services rendered.	7.70 [OECD 5210]
Taxes resulting from multiple exchange rates	<i>Taxes resulting from multiple exchange rates</i> consist of implicit taxes resulting from the operation of an official system of multiple exchange rates by the central bank or other official agency.	7.67
Time of acquisition	The <i>time</i> at which goods and services are <i>acquired</i> is when the change of ownership occurs or the delivery of the services is completed.	9.34

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Time reversal test	The <i>time reversal test</i> requires that the index for the later period based on the earlier period should be the reciprocal of that for the earlier period based on the later period; one of the desirable features of the “Fisher Ideal” price and volume indexes is that they satisfy this test (unlike either the Paasche or Laspeyres indexes).	16.24
Törnqvist price index	A <i>Törnqvist price index</i> is a weighted geometric average of the price relatives using arithmetic averages of the value shares in the two periods as weights.	16.27
Törnqvist volume index	A <i>Törnqvist volume index</i> is a weighted geometric average of the quantity relatives using arithmetic averages of the value shares in the two periods as weights.	16.27
Total economy	The <i>total economy</i> consists of all the institutional units which are resident in the economic territory of a country.	2.22
Total final consumption	<i>Total final consumption</i> is the total value of all expenditures on individual and collective consumption goods and services incurred by resident households, resident NPISHs and general government units; it may also be defined in terms of actual final consumption as the value of all the individual goods and services acquired by resident households plus the value of the collective services provided by general government to the community or large sections of the community.	9.98
Total hours worked	<i>Total hours worked</i> consist of the aggregate number of hours actually worked during the period in employee and self-employment jobs.	15.102 [17.12, 17.27]
Trade credits and advances	<i>Trade credits and advances</i> are trade credit for goods and services extended directly to corporations, to government, to non-profit institutions, to households and to the rest of the world and also advances for work that is in progress (if classified as such under inventories) or is to be undertaken.	(AF.71) - Annex to chapter XIII
Trade margin	A <i>trade margin</i> is the difference between the actual or imputed price realised on a good purchased for resale (either wholesale or retail) and the price that would have to be paid by the distributor to replace the good at the time it is sold or otherwise disposed of.	6.110
Trading gains and losses	<i>Trading gains and losses</i> arise from changes in a country’s terms of trade; for example, if the prices of a country’s exports rise faster (or fall more slowly) than the prices of its imports (i.e. if its terms of trade improve) then an increased volume of imports of goods and services can be purchased by residents out of the receipts generated by a given level of exports.	16.152
Transaction	A <i>transaction</i> is an economic flow that is an interaction between institutional units by mutual agreement or an action within an institutional unit that it is analytically useful to treat like a transaction, often because the unit is operating in two different capacities.	3.12
Transactions account	A <i>transactions account</i> shows, for a given transaction or group of transactions (for example, interest), resources and uses for each sector (or industry if relevant) engaged in this type of transaction, but it does not show direct relations between transacting sectors.	2.152
Transfer	A <i>transfer</i> is a transaction in which one institutional unit provides a good, service or asset to another unit without receiving from the latter any good, service or asset in return as counterpart.	8.3, 8.27
Transfer in kind	A <i>transfer in kind</i> consists either of the transfer of ownership of a good or asset, other than cash, or the provision of a service, without any counterpart.	8.27 [3.40]

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Transfer price	A <i>transfer price</i> is a price, adopted for book-keeping purposes, which is used to value transactions between affiliated enterprises integrated under the same management at artificially high or low levels in order to effect an unspecified income payment or capital transfer between those enterprises.	[3.79, BPM 97]
Transferable deposits	<i>Transferable deposits</i> comprise all deposits that are (a) exchangeable on demand at par, without penalty or restriction; (b) freely transferable by cheque or giro-order and (c) otherwise commonly used to make payments.	11.71, (AF.22) - Annex to chapter XIII
Transfers of individual non-market goods or services	<i>Transfers of individual non-market goods or services</i> consist of goods or services provided to individual households free, or at prices which are not economically significant, by non-market producers of government units or NPISHs; although some of the non-market services produced by NPISHs have some of the characteristics of collective services, all the non-market services produced by NPISHs are, for simplicity and by convention, treated as individual in nature.	8.105
Transitivity (in international comparisons)	<i>Transitivity</i> (in international comparisons) is a condition which implies that the direct (binary) index for country k based on country i is equal to the indirect index obtained by multiplying the direct (binary) index for country k based on country j by the direct (binary) index for country j based on country i.	16.88
Transport equipment (as assets)	<i>Transport equipment</i> (as assets) consists of equipment for moving people and objects, other than any such equipment acquired by households for final consumption.	(AN.11131) - Annex to chapter XIII
Transport margin	A <i>transport margin</i> consists of those transport charges paid separately by the purchaser in taking delivery of the goods at the required time and place.	15.40 [15.42]
Uncompensated seizures	<i>Uncompensated seizures</i> occur when governments or other institutional units take possession of the assets of other institutional units, including non-resident units, without full compensation for reasons other than the payment of taxes, fines, or similar levies.	12.38
Underground economy	The <i>underground economy</i> consists of activities which may be both productive in an economic sense and also quite legal (provided certain standards or regulations are complied with) but which are deliberately concealed from public authorities (e.g. to avoid the payment of taxes and/or social security contributions or to avoid meeting certain standards or administrative requirements).	6.34
Unforeseen obsolescence	<i>Unforeseen obsolescence</i> arises when the amount included in consumption of fixed capital for an asset's normally expected obsolescence falls short of the amount required to cover its actual obsolescence.	[12.43]
Unfunded employee social insurance benefits	<i>Unfunded employee social insurance benefits</i> are social benefits payable to their employees, their dependants or survivors by employers administering unfunded social insurance schemes.	8.80
Unincorporated enterprise	An <i>unincorporated enterprise</i> is a producer unit which is not incorporated as a legal entity separate from the owner (household, government or foreign resident); the fixed and other assets used in unincorporated enterprises do not belong to the enterprises but to their owners, the enterprises as such cannot engage in transactions with other economic units nor can they enter into contractual relationships with other units nor incur liabilities on their own behalf; in addition, their owners are personally liable, without limit, for any debts or obligations incurred in the course of production.	4.140 and 4.141

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Unit value index	A <i>unit value index</i> is a “price” index which measures the change in the average value of units that are not homogeneous and which may therefore be affected by changes in the mix of items as well as by changes in their prices.	16.13
Unquoted shares	<i>Unquoted shares</i> are shares which are not traded on stock exchanges or other organised financial markets.	13.73
Uses	The term <i>uses</i> refers to transactions in the current accounts that reduce the amount of economic value of a unit or sector (for example, wages and salaries are a use for the unit or sector that must pay them); by convention, uses are put on the left side of the account.	2.54
Uses of value added quadrant	The <i>uses of value added quadrant</i> (of an input-output table) shows those production costs of producers other than intermediate consumption.	15.74
Valuables	<i>Valuables</i> are produced assets that are not used primarily for production or consumption, that are expected to appreciate or at least not to decline in real value, that do not deteriorate over time under normal conditions and that are acquired and held primarily as stores of value.	(AN.13) - Annex to chapter XIII [10.7, 10.116, 13.15, 13.50]
Value	<i>Value</i> at the level of a single, homogeneous good or service is equal to the price per unit of quantity multiplied by the number of quantity units of that good or service; in contrast to price, value is independent of the choice of quantity unit.	16.9
Value added - gross	<i>Gross value added</i> is the value of output less the value of intermediate consumption; it is a measure of the contribution to GDP made by an individual producer, industry or sector; gross value added is the source from which the primary incomes of the SNA are generated and is therefore carried forward into the primary distribution of income account.	1.6 [2.172, 6.4, 6.222]
Value added - net	<i>Net value added</i> is the value of output less the values of both intermediate consumption and consumption of fixed capital.	6.4, 6.222 [1.6]
Value added tax (VAT)	A <i>value added tax (VAT)</i> is a tax on products collected in stages by enterprises; it is a wide-ranging tax usually designed to cover most or all goods and services but producers are obliged to pay to government only the difference between the VAT on their sales and the VAT on their purchases for intermediate consumption or capital formation, while VAT is not usually charged on sales to non-residents (i.e. exports).	6.207 and 6.208 [15.47]
VAT - deductible	<i>Deductible VAT</i> is the VAT payable on purchases of goods or services intended for intermediate consumption, gross fixed capital formation or for resale which a producer is permitted to deduct from his own VAT liability to the government in respect of VAT invoiced to his customers.	6.209
VAT - invoiced	<i>Invoiced VAT</i> is the VAT payable on the sales of a producer; it is shown separately on the invoice which the producer presents to the purchaser.	6.209
VAT - non-deductible	<i>Non-deductible VAT</i> is VAT payable by a purchaser which is not deductible from his own VAT liability, if any.	6.209
Vertically integrated enterprise	A <i>vertically integrated enterprise</i> is one in which different stages of production, which are usually carried out by different enterprises, are carried out in succession by different parts of the same enterprise (the output of one stage becomes an input into the next stage, only the output from the final stage being actually sold on the market).	5.31

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Volume index	A <i>volume index</i> is most commonly presented as a weighted average of the proportionate changes in the quantities of a specified set of goods or services between two periods of time; volume indices may also compare the relative levels of activity in different countries (e.g. those calculated using PPPs).	16.11
Wages and salaries	<i>Wages and salaries</i> consist of the sum of wages and salaries in cash and wages and salaries in kind.	7.33 and 7.37
Wages and salaries in cash	<i>Wages and salaries in cash</i> consist of wages or salaries payable at regular weekly, monthly or other intervals, including payments by results and piecework payments; plus allowances such as those for working overtime; plus amounts paid to employees away from work for short periods (e.g. on holiday); plus ad hoc bonuses and similar payments; plus commissions, gratuities and tips received by employees.	7.33
Wages and salaries in kind	<i>Wages and salaries in kind</i> consist of remuneration in the form of goods and/or services that are not necessary for work and can be used by employees in their own time, and at their own discretion, for the satisfaction of their own needs or wants or those of other members of their households.	7.39
Warrants	<i>Warrants</i> are a form of options that are treated in the financial account in the same way as other options; they are tradable instruments giving the holder the right to buy, under specified terms for a specified period of time, from the issuer of the warrant (usually a corporation) a certain number of shares or bonds.	11.41
Water resources	<i>Water resources</i> consist of aquifers and other groundwater resources to the extent that their scarcity leads to the enforcement of ownership and/or use rights, market valuation and some measure of economic control.	(AN.214) - Annex to chapter XIII
Withdrawals from income of quasi-corporations	The <i>income</i> that the owners of <i>quasi-corporations</i> <i>withdraw</i> from them is analogous to the income withdrawn from corporations by paying out dividends to their shareholders.	7.89 [7.115]
Work	<i>Work</i> is any activity which contributes to the production of goods or services within the production boundary.	17.9
Work-in-progress - inventories	<i>Inventories of work-in-progress</i> consist of goods and services that are partially completed but that are not usually turned over to other units without further processing or that are not mature and whose production process will be continued in a subsequent period by the same producer.	(AN.122) - Annex to chapter XIII [6.40, 6.72, 10.102]
Work-in-progress on cultivated assets - inventories	<i>Inventories of work-in-progress on cultivated assets</i> consist of livestock raised for products yielded only on slaughter, including fowl and fish raised commercially, trees and other vegetation yielding once-only products on destruction and immature cultivated assets yielding repeat products.	(AN.1221) - Annex to chapter XIII
Written-down (net) value of a fixed asset	The <i>written-down (net) value of a fixed asset</i> is the actual or estimated current purchaser's price of a new asset of the same type less the cumulative value of the consumption of fixed capital accrued up to that point in time.	6.199
Zero-coupon bonds	<i>Zero-coupon bonds</i> are long-term securities that do not involve periodic interest payments during the life of the bond; instead, they are sold at a discount from par value and the full return is paid at maturity.	11.77 [7.101]

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