

**Title:** *Common uses of national accounts for economic policy and some implications for the next SNA*

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Compiling national accounts is an expensive business in most countries and national accountants must ensure that they give value for money. Value for money means providing the kinds of data that their customers actually want rather than elaborating a comprehensive set of national accounts most of which may be of purely academic interest. This paper looks at how national accounts are used by analysts at the OECD and draws some broad conclusions from this about the next version of the SNA.