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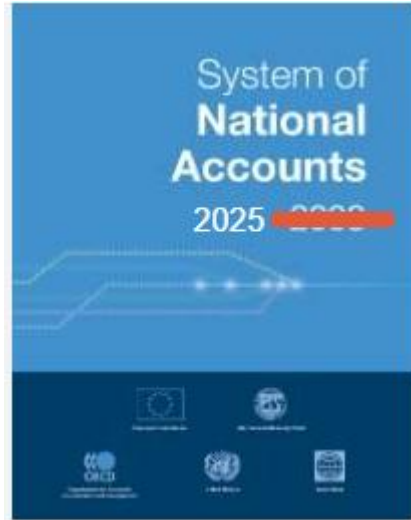


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Outline

- Digitalization
- Globalization
- Informal economy
- Islamic finance



Digitalization

- Digital products
 - Data
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Cloud computing
 - Digital intermediation platforms
- Improving visibility of digital products

Digital products

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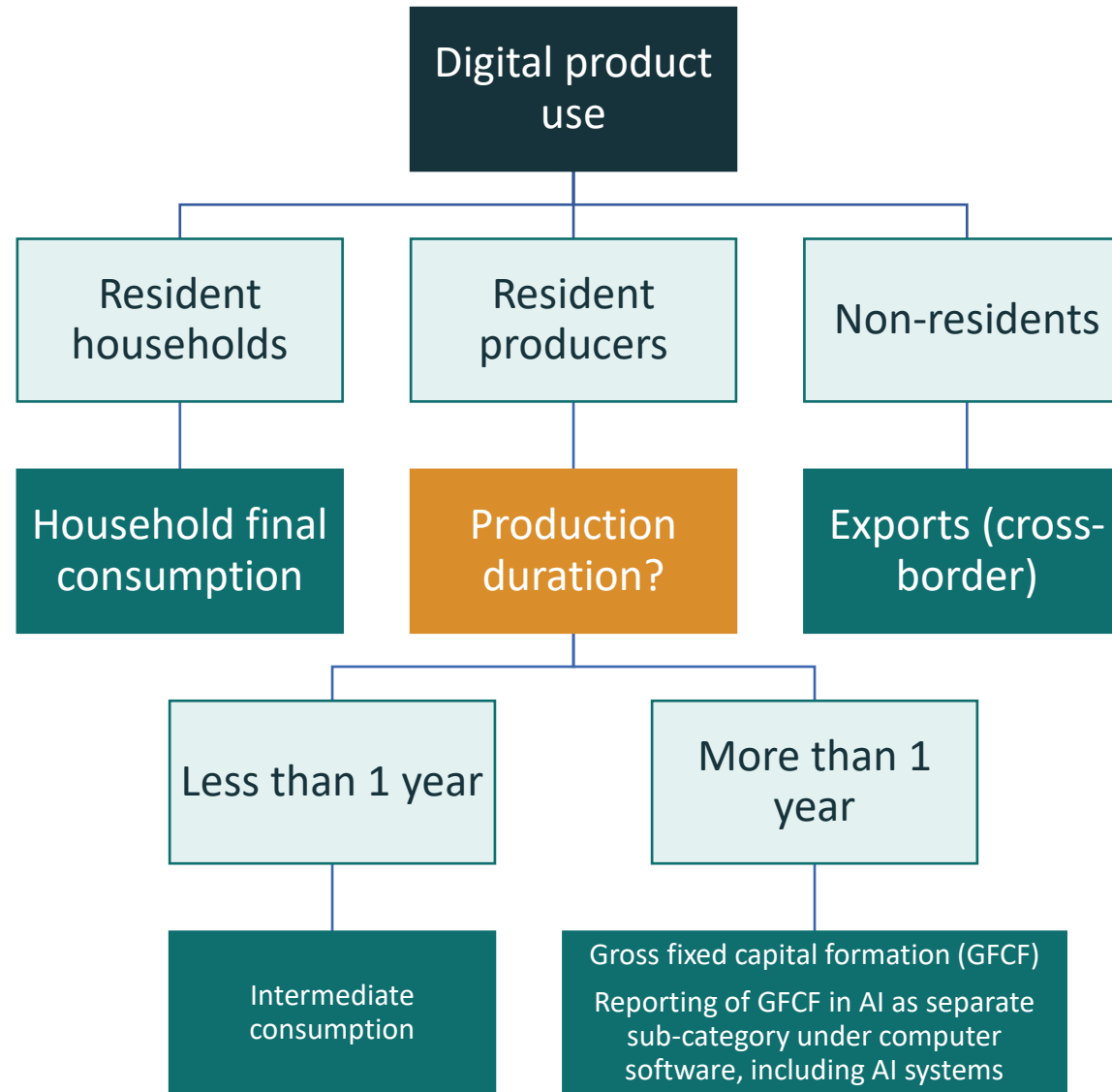
- 2025 SNA includes **data** as part of SNA production boundary
 - Increases GDP
- Clarification on recording of **artificial intelligence, cloud computing and digital intermediation platforms** is provided

Measurement of output

- Own-account production
 - Use sum of costs
- Sales or licensing to other entities



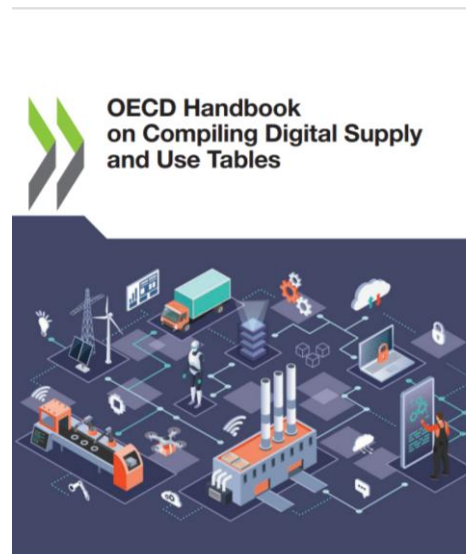
Use of digital products



Improving visibility of digital products

Digital supply and use tables

- Bring visibility to digital activities, products and transactions that are subsumed in broader aggregates
- Provide alternative aggregations and additional details on products and transactions



Globalization

Global production arrangements

- Improved guidance on global production arrangements to identify processing and factoryless goods production in figure 23.1 of 2025 SNA from point of view of principal enterprise
- Further guidance is provided in figure 23.2 (goods for processing arrangements) and figure 23.3 (factoryless goods production)

Breakdowns

- Breakdowns for the corporations sectors by foreign-controlled corporations, public corporations and national private corporations, are introduced as standard breakdowns
- Recommends distinguishing as standard items national private corporations and public corporations that are part of domestic multinational enterprise (MNE) groups



Informal economy

Informal economy

- Chapter 39 of 2025 SNA
 - Improves alignment with 21st ICLS framework
 - Clarifies informal sector, employment, and activities
 - Expands guidance on informal work
 - Addresses digitalization and cross-border informality



Islamic finance

Islamic finance in 2025 SNA and BPM7

- Chapter 26 of 2025 SNA provides a concise description of
 - Main Islamic financial instruments
 - Main economic agents active in Islamic finance
 - Application of the concept of economic ownership in Islamic finance
- To accommodate certain arrangements that are common to Islamic finance, the term “interest” in the sequence of economic accounts has been changed in the 2025 SNA to “interest and similar returns”; the definition has also been slightly changed
- Guidance is also reflected in chapter 17 of BPM7



Thank you for your attention



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