

**National Seminar on Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA  
and Supporting Statistics in Turkey  
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Dear Distinguished Participants,

I would like to welcome you on behalf of Turkish Statistical Institute. We are very happy for hosting you in our Institute.

As you know, Turkey has big tradition on statistics. Our institute was established almost ninety years ago and every government unit has a statistics branch.

National accounts have also very old tradition in our country and it is well known for a long time.

System of National Accounts, SNA in short, is implemented in a great extent in our country. Because of some constraints, we couldn't implement it fully.

But, System of National Accounts has always been followed in terms of GDP and GNP estimates in our country.

Recently, we realized a lot of improvements in our statistical system. We changed our statistical law, we established statistical council and we constituted official statistical program.

Our stakeholders related with national account statistics are collaborating with us and sharing their knowledge.

Again, I would like to welcome you on behalf of our Institute and on behalf of our stakeholders.

And, I hope this seminar will be a good opportunity to start full implementation of SNA-2008 and supporting statistics.

Thank you.