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Abstract: National accounts statistics are at the heart of data requirements for developing and monitoring macroeconomic policy in countries. The international standard for national accounts is the System of National Accounts (SNA).

This paper examines a number of aspects of the implementation and use of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA93) in Vietnam. Firstly, a discussion of the results of national accounts compilation in accordance with the SNA93 as well as the development of integrated economic indicators takes place. Secondly, the use of national accounts data for development planning and policy making in Vietnam is presented. This includes examples of the use of national accounts data for planning and policy making by the public sector (within the National Assembly; Government Ministries and Agencies; and policy development in provinces, cities and regions of Vietnam) and the private sector (research institutes; and the business community generally). Finally, the paper outlines future work for the development of national accounts in Vietnam to the year 2010 as well as some suggestions and proposals for the role of the SNA for sustainable growth and development.

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