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Title: Incorporating Distributional and Environmental Accounts into the National Accounts

Speaker: Dennis Fixler, PhD, Chief Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 PM EDT

Abstract:

Since the recession of 2008 there has been much discussion of the limitations of the National Accounts, particularly the headline GDP estimate, in providing a comprehensive picture of the performance of the economy. Given that GDP provides both a measure of output and the income generated in the production of that output, two types of missing measures are often discussed: measures of the distribution of aggregate income to population units—either households or individuals and measures that reflect the use of environmental assets, goods and services in the provision aggregate output. In providing these measures there are many methodological and statistical issues that must be resolved. I will discuss these measurement issues, how they are being addressed, and recent empirical findings.

About the speaker:

Dennis Fixler is Chief Economist of the Bureau of Economic Analysis and is primarily responsible for statistical quality, methodology, and leads selected research efforts. His research is in the area of economic measurement with a current emphasis on the distribution of income and environmental economic accounting. He served as a member of several international committees writing manuals on price indexes and indicators and has been a long-standing member of the UN Committee writing the suite of manuals that form the System of Environmental Economic Accounts. His research has appeared in such journals as *Economica*, *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, *European Economic Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Review of Income and Wealth* and *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*.

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