

Sanjiv Mahajan gained a BSc Honours Degree in Mathematics from Royal Holloway College, University of London before working both in the public sector and private sector (as a stockbroker and a retail manager). Sanjiv has developed a blend of knowledge and experience gained over many years of National Accounts practical compilation, conceptual development and leading the introduction of many initiatives.

Sanjiv has worked in various posts across the UK National Accounts: GFCF, Capital Stock, Supply Modelling, Balancing Quarterly GDP, Institutional Sector and Financial Accounts, I-O Tables, Supply and Use Tables (SUTs) and GNI as well as Head of National Accounts Strategy and Development.

For 15 years, Sanjiv led the team responsible for successfully introducing, and then the regular production SUTs and I-O Tables used to produce coherent UK National Accounts, and annual UK GDP. This included development, coordination, classifications, compilation, balancing, analyses, articles and publication of these tables and accounts. Sanjiv also led a wide-range of quality improvements to the UK business register, existing business surveys and development of new business surveys (e.g. purchases survey, business spending).

Sanjiv has developed and led delivery of several successful implementation strategies covering major ONS office-wide projects such as:

- Industrial, product and institutional sector reclassifications.
- Incorporation of survey results based on a new Business Register across the whole National Accounts.
- Major transition of UK National Accounts onto ESA 1995.
- Several large data revision packages improving quality and methodologies.
- UK inputs to ESA 2010 covering the Legal Text, Methodology, Transmission Programme and Derogations as well as influential inputs to the EU Parliament and Council processes saving the UK millions of pounds.

Sanjiv is presently Head of International Strategy and Coordination leading various inputs to UK National Accounts international work as well as a range of strategic cross-cutting issues.

Sanjiv has represented ONS, and the UK, in various fora such as international meetings, conferences, presentations, seminars, and provided training and teach-in's to suppliers and users within the UK and based overseas. Sanjiv has also produced, and contributed to, numerous economic-based articles, technical papers and products produced within the ONS, and outside the ONS, for example, by other government departments, regional and international statistical offices, academics, researchers, economists, analysts, and the media. Major contributions and advice underpinning Peter Snow and Dan Snow's BBC television programme examining 'What Makes Britain Rich?' broadcast on BBC2 on 4th January 2007.

In 2012, Sanjiv was successfully elected to become a Council Member of the International Input-Output Association, and in 2015, Sanjiv was elected to the OECD Bureau of National Accounts. In both cases, Sanjiv was the first ever person from the UK Statistical Office.

Sanjiv is also the Chief Editor of the new UN Handbook on Supply, Use and Input-Output Tables with Extensions and Applications to be published in 2016.