

Part I: Questionnaire for Country Participants

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1. What types of environmental and economic accounts have already been implemented in your country and for how long? (If none, go to question 6)

Most accounts are in the phases of research and related departments are organizing some institutions to do this work this year.

2. Have you used or are you aware of any use made by others in your country of the handbook of National Accounting *Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting 2003*, commonly referred to as SEEA-2003 and/or of the handbook of National Accounting *Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting – An Operational Manual (2000)*? How useful were these documents in the implementation of the accounts?

Yes. I am aware of SEEA 2003. We are following the SEEA 2003 to design Green China SNA.

3. Please, describe the major difficulties/constraints that have been encountered during the compilation of these accounts (e.g., financial support, lack of human resources, training, etc.).

The major difficulties are financial support and lack of data and information .

4. Was the implementation of the accounts driven from a policy demand or was it supply driven?

In China the most important drive is from a policy demand. President HU Jintao of PRC instructed SEPA and other related departments to study green GDP ASAP at a Communist Party meeting in the earlier of this year.

5. Have environmental-economic accounts been used for policy making in your country? If so, what were the policy issues?

No.

6. Does your country have future plans for starting/continuing and/or expanding the implementation of environmental- economic accounting? Please describe.

Yes. We are doing this work.

7. What seems to be the major constraints in further implementing environmental-economic accounting in your country?

The major difficulties are financial support and lack of data and information .

8. In your opinion, what should be the role of the Task Force on environmental-economic accounting?

The TF can play a great role of helping raise fund and technical support for developing countries.

9. In your opinion, which activities of the Task Force would best facilitate in your country the implementation of environmental-economic accounting and the promotion of its uses at the policy level?

To host an international workshop to exchange the experience of developing SEEA in developing countries in Beijing.

Additional comments:

Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning (CAEP) is a leading institute of environmental accounting in China, which is directed by SEPA. We have drafted two frameworks: A framework of Resources and Environmental and Economic Accounting for China, and A Framework of Environment and Economic Accounting for China. We are drafting the technical guidelines for environmental accounting, and the trial provinces will be determined next month. It will be appreciated very much if the TF could provide us with the support of technical guidelines in account of pollution emissions and pollution damage.