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**Progress Report on the Global Assessment of Environment Statistics and  
Environmental-Economic Accounting – Phase 2**

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## A. Introduction

1. The Global Assessment of Environment Statistics and Environmental-Economic Accounting is an activity of UNSD under the auspices of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEAA). It aims to assess the status of national implementation of environment statistics and environmental-economic accounting in countries.
2. In order to reduce the reporting burden on countries, the Global Assessment was designed in two phases. Phase 1 was carried out in October 2006 and the results were presented to the UNSC at its 38th session. A detailed report can be found at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/assessment.asp>
3. Phase 2 consists of several in depth follow-up questionnaires. Focusing on specific subject areas identified in Phase 1. It will be dispatched to those countries that have indicated in Phase 1 that they collect/compile or disseminate statistics or accounts in the specific subject area.
4. The **Global Assessment of Energy Statistics and Balances** has been developed by UNSD in close cooperation with the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics and was launched in June 2007. A preliminary report on this Assessment has been prepared as a background document for the 39th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and can be found at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/survey.asp>
5. The **Global Assessment of Water Statistics and Water Accounts** was launched in April 2008. Its objectives are: (a) to obtain an in-depth understanding of country practices in the compilation of water statistics and accounts; (b) to assess compliance with the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-W); (c) to contribute to the development of the International Recommendations of Water Statistics; and (d) to assist with the development of targeted technical cooperation activities in these areas. The results of the Assessment are being processed and a preliminary analysis of the results is expected to be presented at the Expert Group Meeting on Water Statistics.
6. The **Global Assessment of Energy Accounts** was launched in May 2008. Its objectives are: (a) to obtain an in-depth understanding of country practices in the compilation of energy accounts; (b) to contribute to the development of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Energy (SEEA-E); and (c) to assist with the development of targeted technical cooperation activities in this area.
7. The Global Assessment of Energy Statistics and Balances was sent to 210 countries. As of November 2007 107 countries responded i.e. a response rate slightly above 50%. The Global Assessment of Water Statistics and Accounts was sent to 94 countries and at the end of May 2008 53 countries have replied i.e. a response rate above 50%. The Global Assessment of Energy Accounts was sent to 55 countries and at the end of May 2008 36 countries have replied i.e. a response rate of almost 70%.

## B. Future

8. UNSD is currently developing the Global Assessment of Air Emission Statistics and Air Emission Accounts. The objectives are to (a) to obtain an in-depth understanding of country practices in the compilation of air emission statistics and air emission accounts; (b) to obtain a better understanding of country practices in the compilation and reporting of emission inventories; and (c) to contribute to the development of the SEEA module on emission accounts in particular taking into account climate change.