

Part II: Questionnaire for Representatives of International Organizations

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1. Please describe current activities of your organization in the area of environmental and economic accounts.

One project initiated in **Burkina Faso** in 2002. Implementing phase should start this year. Request from **Niger** to start a project as well (in 2004). Interest of a few other UNDP Country Offices (**Philippines** carried out a project a few years ago, **Bangladesh** initiated a desk top study this year).

2. Please, describe future activities in the area of environmental and economic accounts.

In **Burkina Faso**, the project (200,000 US\$ from the UNDP CO) should start later this year. **Niger** UNDP CO expressed interest to initiate a pilot and a mission is planned for the next few weeks.

Other UNDP CO expressed interest: Mauritius/Seychelles, Botswana, Bangladesh.

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

As far as Less Developed Countries are concerned: (1) **Coordinate** UN agency endeavors to develop a (2) **new implementation programme** on Environmental Accounting based on a (3) **simple and robust methodology**, in compliance with the Economic Accounting System, and with the objective of (5) **providing support to policy documents** formulation, implementation and monitoring. In that perspective (6) do **fund raising and** look for **broader partnership**.

4. In your opinion, which activities of the Task Force would best facilitate the implementation of environmental-economic accounting in the countries?

To provide support and technical assistance on the methodology.

5. In your opinion, which activities of the Task Force would best facilitate the promotion of the uses of environmental-economic accounting at the policy level?

As far as African countries are concerned: to have at one's disposal a simple but robust methodology which can help building environmental accounting that can then be **of direct use for the formulation/monitoring of key policy documents**, especially PRSPs and MDGs reports.

Additional comments:

As said, a number of UNDP COs expressed interest in Environmental Accounting and there is good opportunity to use this channel to develop a UN coordinated programme of work.