



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Background



The United Nations Statistical Commission has recognized the need for training and capacity building in support of the implementation of the SEEA

In support of sustainable development or the need to better inform evidence based policies, countries have recognized the SEEA approach as a useful tool

Demand for training as well as in-country assistance is high but not enough financial and human resources have been mobilized to meet the needs of countries

Current activities

- common tools have been developed including training materials, technical notes and compilation guidelines and the creation of a knowledge base platform
- UNSD-GIZ training of trainers for the worldwide SEEA implementation
- UNSD plans to expand the number of courses being offered, including plans to develop in depth courses for energy, water and ecosystem accounting

Way forward

- The development of a well-resourced and coordinated capacity building programme will require active involvement of experts at national and international organizations working under the auspices of the UNCEEA
- Approach to training in various formats (e.g. face to face, on-line) and level of difficulties comes in 2 stages:
 - 1st **general courses** on the SEEA Central Framework and the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting: to develop basic capacity in countries
 - 2nd **in depth/taylor-made courses** on particular modules of the SEEA linked with the relevant technical notes: to assist countries on implementing SEEA

- Towards a one stop platform for tools that allow for efficient development of materials, minimizing duplication of effort and easier to access
- The development of technical notes to support the development of data based on the SEEA
- Improve coordination among international organisations and countries as well as human and financial resources via a subgroup of the UNCEEA
 - The SEEA CF Technical Committee could be responsible for leading the work on training materials and methodology

The UNCEEA is invited to consider

At the broader programmatic level:

1. How can a training and capacity building programme, technical notes and training courses be arranged
 - by modules (water, energy, etc), by level (basic, intermediate, advanced, etc.), by format (face to face, distance learning), by qualification and certification
2. Does the presence of statistical infrastructures (data availability, national priority program) relate to capacity building on SEEA module requirements?
3. Do we have an inventory of existing material and how can we make efficient use of existing training materials and transform them in e-learning courses?
 - Do we need to harmonize/make this material consistent to develop internationally agreed model courses?
 - What new training materials still need to be developed?
 - Is there a need to develop a knowledge platform to host training materials?

Coordination of capacity building

4. How do we go about having a training of trainers programme in combination with the use of common e-learning courses?
5. How do we coordinate global and regional training activities in collaboration with regional training institutions?
6. Should we establish a group on training and capacity building to coordinate capacity building activities on the SEEA done by national and international organizations?

Training materials and resources

7. Is the UNCEEA satisfied with the technical notes developed so far? What notes should be a priority in the near term and who will be responsible for drafting and maintaining the technical notes?
8. Is the UNCEEA satisfied with the introductory courses on SEEA CF and SEEA EEA? What would be additional courses to be developed on a priority base?
9. How can we mobilize external funding support for the SEEA implementation?