



Ninth Meeting of the UNCEEA – Main outcomes

UNSD



Post-2015 Development Agenda

- Following the identification by the UN Statistical Commission of the SEEA as an important framework for broader measures of progress, the UNCEEA discussed:
 - The SDSN proposal of targets and indicators
 - The work of the Friends of the Chair Group on Broader Measures of Progress
 - On-going initiatives with the OWG

- => It was agreed that the Technical Committee on the SEEA Central Framework would be tasked to develop a paper on indicators proposing SEEA compliant indicators for those targets the SEEA can inform



Aligning measure and indicators at the corporate, national and international level

- There are several initiatives at the corporate level to develop sustainability reporting and accounting
 - The Committee discussed the following initiatives:
 - Global Reporting Initiative on indicators for sustainability reporting and Statistics Netherlands testing on alignment of indicators with official statistics
 - World Business Council
 - Global Compact
 - Natural Capital Coalition
- ⇒ Agreed on the importance of aligning corporate reporting with the SEEA to ensure that data generated by businesses be used for official statistics
- ⇒ Make an assessment of current initiatives in the business community and develop a programme of work leading to alignment



Harmonization of basic statistics

- With the adoption of the SEEA as an international statistical standard, its mainstreaming as part of official statistics requires the harmonization of basic statistics
 - The SEEA as a catalyst of the integrated statistics approach
 - In the short term, use available data and modify them as needed to fit accounting concepts and classifications
 - In the long term, adopt integrated statistics approach by which environment statistics is generated according to a regular production process with definitions and classifications aligned with the SEEA
 - Important to understand how the SEEA fits in the general business architecture model
 - Strategic approach to strengthening the basic statistics for the SEEA implementation, assessing priorities and capability of the NSS
 - SEEA AGRI served as a catalyst within FAO to bring different stakeholders together
- ⇒ Paper to be prepared under the auspices of the Technical Committee on the SEEA Central Framework on harmonization of statistics and adoption of integrated statistics program at the national level



Mainstreaming the SEEA

- International agencies have all taken steps to mainstream the SEEA as part of their regular statistical work
 - SEEA- Agri is a good example of how SEEA has served as a catalyst within FAO Departments to work in a common framework
 - Activities within international agencies are complementary
 - Strengthened coordination is needed in capacity building activities
- => UNCEEA requested to continue to track progress in mainstreaming the SEEA in regular activities of international agencies and to expand the exercise also to climate organizations



Technical notes and core tables and accounts

- More in Sjoerd's presentation



Communication strategy

- Objectives
 - Enable decision makers to become advocates of the implementation of the SEEA
 - Increase effectiveness in coordinating and facilitating the implementation of SEEA
 - Create awareness for statisticians
 - Generate interest and create buy-in of policy makers and stakeholders
 - Inform the statistical community about progress so that they feel involved
 - Manage expectations of leaders and the statistical community by demonstrating what the SEEA can inform about
- => Develop clear and simple messages and disseminate them in the form of a briefing note/presentation
- Use of infographics
- National advocacy toolkits that can be adapted at country level



SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

- Establishment of the Technical Committee on the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting – membership still being finalized
- UNCEEA recommended to focus the work on the issues on the research agenda in order of priority:
 1. Geospatial, including land classifications and delineation of statistical units
 2. Physical measures of ecosystem services and ecosystem condition
 3. Presentation and policy linkages
 4. Valuation techniques and approaches to aggregation
 5. Integrated accounting issues
- Noted different initiatives (WAVES, BIOFIN, PEI, UNEP TEEB and other UNEP initiatives) that the SEEA can inform
- Noted that significant work on the testing of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting and encouraged the work to focus on solving selected number of issues with a view of updating the SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting and develop practical guidelines



International Input-output tables

- UNCEEA welcomed the proposal to develop a global supply and use database consistent with the SNA and SEEA based on country data and with participation of national statistical offices and international agencies
- Close collaboration of NSOs with scientific communities developing MREESUT to improve data quality, detailing and harmonization and trade linking
- UNSD to provide platform and work in collaborative fashion with other International agencies

=> Proposal is under discussion, including raising funds and creation of a group of interested countries/agencies