

Drafting issues

Two sections of the this groups sections of the manual still have to be drafted - **Preface** and the **Policy Uses**. We have fairly detailed annotated outline on the Preface. It was agreed at the outset that the policy uses was likely to remain left towards the end.

We still have to settle on the layout and contents of the charts. At the moment we have two versions of Figure 2. Need to sit around a table and agree a common graphical representation.

Methodological issues

Should the environmental accounts be seen as an extension of the production boundary treating "Mother Nature plc" as a separate sector. Or should they be seen as something quite different since we are frequently [e.g. materials flow analysis] looking at the interactions between economic agents but from a non-monetary perspective?

How to describe the relationship with the moving target of sustainable development indicators?

Who is the chapter aimed at - the budding environmental accountant (coming from a national accounts background) or some more general reader wishing to know more about the accounts? At present the drafting is fairly informal and avoids national accounting terminology.

At present the draft treats emissions abatement from environmental protection expenditure as a non-market product of the spending. Is this handling of the consequences of environmental protection expenditure best seen as a modelled use of the accounts.

I suspect there's quite a few other issues that people brought up that got lost in earlier drafts. I hope people will not feel inhibited from resuscitating them. Their exclusion was oversight not dictatorship on the part of the co-ordinator.

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