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**SEEA Revision
Chapters 1-6**

Comment Form

Global Consultation Comment Form

Revised SEEA Chapter 1 - 6

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. In Part I general comments on the general style, content and coverage of the chapter are sought. In Part II any technical and other comments should be included.

Relevant documents

Before submitting responses you are encouraged to read the accompanying papers available on the website.

Revision of the SEEA: Draft Version for Second Round of Global Consultation, October 2011 – Chapters 1 – 6

Reading guide for the SEEA Revision Second Round of Global Consultation

Supporting material for selected classifications and lists in the revised SEEA

Part I: General comments

This is the first global consultation based on the complete set of chapters for the SEEA Central Framework. In this section please provide general comments on the drafts chapters. You may like to consider providing comments on the style and tone, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material.

The *Revised SEEA*, which includes further clarification of various definitions, enhanced consistency among different chapters and more deliberations on measurement of variables, is able to present the contents in a systematic and well-organised manner. The coverage and details of each SEEA table and account are clearly explained in general.

Nevertheless, since Sections 1.3 and 2.3 both give an overview of the types of SEEA accounts, restructuring or merging the information of these two Sections could be considered to avoid redundancy in different chapters.

More discussions or elaborations on the interpretation of SEEA indicators in Chapter 6 would also be useful.

Part II: Technical and other comments

In the box below please supply any additional comments including those of a more technical nature. As this is the first consultation where the complete 6 chapters have been released, comments on the consistency of the technical content across the chapters would be appreciated.

Please reference your responses with the relevant paragraph number or section number.

The *Revised SEEA* is a useful conceptual and theoretical publication for readers to know how the SEEA accounts and tables would describe the interactions between the economy and the environment effectively, and the environmental development.

Section 4.3.3 provides detailed discussion on the statistics of Environmental Goods and Services Sector (EGSS), and three types of EGSS producers are identified. In particular, para. 4.108 defines “specialist producers” as producers whose primary activity is the production of environmental goods and services. To facilitate international comparison, it is useful to provide some references to ISIC codes which are relevant to these specialist producers.

Section 6.3 highlights the strong feature of SEEA in combining physical and monetary data which is useful for analytical purpose. Since it is understood that there are some exceptions to the consistency between the physical and monetary data as discussed in different paragraphs (e.g. paras. 5.14, 6.17, 6.85), it is suggested summarising these exceptions in Section 6.3 in a table form for easy reference of the readers.

Given the technical complexity in compiling SEEA, in order to facilitate various economies in developing their own accounts and tables, it is recommended that a

“SEEA: Compilation Guide” could be prepared to address some practical issues and difficulties, provide more examples and share experiences in other economies where applicable.