



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting

Global Implementation Strategy of the SEEA

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Global Implementation Strategy

Global Implementation Strategy

- Adopted by the Statistical Commission in 2013
- Implementation to be driven by policy demands and owned by countries
- Flexible and modular approach
- Global Assessments in 2015
 - > 54 out of 85 countries have programmes on EEA
 - > 18 out of 31 countries plan on starting programmes on EEA
 - > Water and Energy priorities
- To be updated in reflect the growing demand for ecosystem accounting

Targets for Implementation: 2020

- Targets for the adoption of SEEA as part of National Agendas:
 - Countries with ongoing programmes on SEEA Central Framework
 - Countries initiating work on SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting
- Comparable global baseline data
 - Indicators to support SDGs
- Programmes and material to build capacity
 - Research and education mechanisms
- Updated SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

Considerations for SEEA implementation

Strategic approach to implementation

Linking implementation to policy demands

National ownership

Regional and sub-regional approach

Capacity building

Communication strategy

Implementation Guide and Diagnostic Tool

Nature of the Implementation Guide

- Introductory and overview document
- Broad direction and support to national level implementation
- Recognizes differences between countries and regions in choice of accounts, institutional contexts etc.
- Reflects implementation lessons learned from past compilers
- Promotes awareness of key implementation issues and risks
- Two primary audiences: Producer and Sponsor
- Works within the framework of the Implementation Strategy

Structure of the Guide

- Introduction
 - > Rationale for implementation of SEEA
- Description of key elements of global implementation strategy
 - > Including international measurement programs
- Overview of implementation at country level
- Preparation of assessment reports and implementation plans
- Annexes
 - > Including diagnostic tool

Overview of implementation at country level: 4 phases

- Strategic planning
 - > Establishing a core group
 - > Completing a national assessment report
- Building mechanisms for implementation
 - > Authorized senior board or group
 - > Implementation team(s)
- Compiling and disseminating accounts
- Strengthening national statistical systems

Diagnostic Tool - Overview

- Tool to support discussions on the implementation of SEEA – particularly in making initial assessment
- Eight areas in line with the logic of the implementation guide
- A guide only
 - > Order of areas may vary
 - > Questions and additional considerations apply differently

Diagnostic Tool - Areas

- Area 1 - Stakeholder and institutional arrangements
- Area 2 - Policy priorities
- Area 3 - Information and knowledge
- Area 4 - Existing accounts and previous studies
- Area 5 - Constraints
- Area 6 - Opportunities
- Area 7 - Recommendations for priority accounts
- Area 8 - Next steps

Key Messages

- Essential to undertake strategic planning with range of users and producers
- Make regular and clear decisions and written statements of direction and intent
- Invest in ongoing communication
- Aim to prepare accounts on an ongoing basis
- Incorporate relevant investments in national statistical systems
- Release experimental or research data as part of building capacity and awareness – “learning by doing”
- Share experiences and use international support

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