

Regional Plan for Advancing Environmental-Economic Accounting in Asia & Pacific

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ESCAP SEEA Technical Assistance Strategy (2015-16)

- Implementation by:
 - ESCAP Statistics Division: coordinating TA for Cambodia, Nepal and Maldives
 - ESCAP Pacific Office (EPO): coordinating TA for Pacific Islands States
 - Statistics Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP): coordinating training activities
- Assistance with implementation of SEEA and SNA 2008 driven by national priorities, as identified through a nation assessment and work planning stage
 - AKA “modular approach”
 - Aim is to build basis for sustainability of economic and environment statistics programmes that respond to current demands of sustainable development
- Important to link to context of emerging demands, such as sustainable development monitoring, resilience to climate change, and gender mainstreaming
- Expected participating countries include: Cambodia, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Maldives, Nepal, Palau, Samoa and Vanuatu

Work plan

1. Written confirmation of interest in project
2. Assessment study and work plan for each participating country
 - National workshops to sensitize to potential benefits from SEEA implementation and to involving the relevant producers and users of data in work plan development
 - Partnership with existing initiatives or other support from international agencies
3. SNA & SEEA e-learning, and other targeted training as needed
 - First sub-regional SEEA trainings organised for Pacific and for ASEAN conducted in 2013
4. a) Knowledge Sharing,
 - Need to improve quality of material describing relationship between SEEA and potential core indicators or core analytical usesb) Horizontal cooperation
- c) Nationally-designed Technical Assistance involving specialized expertise

Tentative Timeline*

| | | Year 1 | | | | Year 2 | | | | Year 3 | | | |
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| Code | Activity | I | II | III | IV | I | II | III | IV | I | II | III | IV |
| | Project countries | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Benefits / Involves several non-project countries | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Invitations & preliminary commitment from countries | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Sensitization/Assesment workshops | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Implementation planning and prioritization mission (linked to training) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | SEEA and SNA training (online and face-to-face) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Nationally or sub-regionally targeted SNA and SEEA training (as needed) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Technical Assistance missions on specific SEEA or SNA issues | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Horizontal Cooperation Missions on the implementation plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Advocacy, results and lessons learned Workshop | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Training of trainers (TOT) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Inter-regional Workshop | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*timeline or activities subject to change or adaptation for individual pilot countries

Sample priority modules identified thusfar

- SEEA water accounting
- SEEA and tourism
- SEEA Ecosystem Accounting
- Improving relevance of environment statistics for local-level planning
- Climate change

Other priorities identified at regional level

- Land accounts and information on soil
- Integrating geospatial information
- Air and water quality
- Green economy & Environmental Goods and Services Sector (EGSS)
- Agri-environmental indicators
- Resource use (efficiency, renewables, resource mix)
- Waste & waste treatment
- Disasters-related statistics