



**MEDSTAT II Environment Sector / UNESCWA / UNSD
Joint Sub-regional Training Session on the System of Environmental-Economic
Accounting for Water (SEEAW)**

Amman, March 10-13, 2008

Hotel Radisson SAS

Adopted Agenda

Day1. Monday 10 March

- 8:30-9:30 Registration of participants
- 9:30-10:00 Opening and objectives of the training session on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water (SEEAW)
- Dr. Shbeikat, Department of Statistics Jordan
 - Ms Roddier-Quefelec, Key Expert MEDSTAT II environment sector
 - Ms Aboul Hosn, team leader, sectoral statistics, UNESCWA
 - Mr. Michael Vardon, Inter-regional advisor on environmental accounting, UNSD
- 10:00-11:00 Session 1.1 - Introduction to SEEAW and Integrated Water Resources Management.
- This session aims at providing a general introduction of the SEEAW and its uses in support of IWRM and water policy.
- Presentation*
- The SEEAW - general introduction, part 1 and part 2 (Wafa Aboul Hosn, UNESCWA and Michael Vardon, UNSD)
- Discussion
- 11:00 -11:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 -13:00 Session 1.2 - Conceptual framework
- This session provides information on the fundamental concepts, definitions and classifications used in SEEAW. A general introduction on the basic concepts of the System of National Accounts(SNA) - in particular of the supply and use tables - and international classifications that are particularly relevant in the SEEAW will be presented.
- The overall SEEAW framework is presented in this session to show how all the accounts which are discussed in more detail in the following sessions are integrated together. The UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire and the Eurostat/OECD joint questionnaire on water statistics and their link to the water accounting standard tables is presented as well as results of the UN Global assessment on water statistics and accounts.
- Presentations*



- Implementation of SEEA in selected countries (Michael Vardon, UNSD and Cecile Roddier-Quefelec, MEDSTAT II)

13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 15:00 **Session 1.2 - Conceptual framework (con't)**

Presentations

- Links, communalities and differences between SEEAW and Eurostat/OECD-JQ and UNSD Water Questionnaire (Michael Nagy, Austrian Federal Environment Agency)
- UN Global assessment on water statistics and accounts, sub-regional results and Phase II of the assessment (Yasmina Adra, UNESCWA)

Discussion

15:30 - 16:00 ***Coffee Break***

16:00 - 17:00 **Session2 - Physical supply and use tables**

This session will focus on the physical supply and use tables (PSUT) and will present the concepts, definitions, accounting rules and indicators of the PSUT. followed by a practical session in compiling PSUT for water and issues encountered. The objective of the working groups is to try to populate the PSUT using participants data and adapt the SEEAW tables to reflect data availability and policy concerns.

Presentations

- Physical supply and use tables: main concepts and recording of flows (Michael Vardon, UNSD)

Discussion

Day 2. Tuesday 11 March

9:00 - 10:00 **Session 2 - Physical supply and use tables (con't)**

Presentations

- Physical supply and use tables : main concepts and recording of flows (Michael Vardon, UNSD) con't
- Physical supply and use tables : data sources and methods

10:00 - 11:00 **Country Papers**

- Iraq
- Oman

Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 ***Coffee Break***

11:30 - 13:00 **Group work: Recording of flows**

13:00 - 13:40 ***Lunch break***



- 13:40 - 15:30 **Session 2 - Physical supply and use tables (con't)**
- Group work: compilation of PSUT and recording of flows (con't)
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Session 2 - Physical supply and use tables (con't)**
- Group work: compilation of PSUT (con't)

Day3. Wednesday 12 March

- 09:00 - 10:00 **Session 2 - Physical supply and use tables (con't)**
- Conclusions from the working groups

- 10:00 -11:00 **Session 3 - Emissions accounts**
- This session will focus on the emissions accounts and will present the concepts, definitions, accounting rules and indicators of the emissions accounts. It will be followed by a practical session in compiling emissions accounts for water and issues encountered. The objective of the working groups is to try to populate the emissions accounts using participants' data and adapt the SEEA tables to reflect data availability and policy concerns.

Presentations

- Emissions accounts: concepts, definitions and accounting rules (Michael Nagy, Austrian Federal Environment Agency)
- Country papers
 - Jordan
 - Palestine
 - Yemen

- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

- 11:30 - 13:00 Country paper, Cont'

- 13:00 - 13:30 **Lunch break**

- 13:30 - 14:30 Emissions accounts, Bahrain country paper

- 14:30 - 15:30 **Session 3 - Emissions accounts con't**
- Introduction to working groups

- 15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

- 16:00 - 16:30 **Session 4 - Hybrid and economics accounts**
- This session will focus on the hybrid and economic accounts and will present concepts, definitions, accounting rules and indicators of the these accounts. It



will be followed by a practical session. The objectives of the working groups are to try to populate the hybrid and economic accounts using participants data and adapt them to reflect data availability and policy concerns.

Presentations

- Hybrid and economics accounts: main concepts, definitions and accounting rules (Michael Vardon, UNSD)

Day4. Thursday 13 March

9:00 -9:40

Conclusions from working groups

- Conclusions for emissions accounts
- Conclusions for hybrid accounts

09:40 -10:00

Session 4 - Hybrid and economics accounts con't

Presentations

- Hybrid and economics accounts: case study, surveys (Michael Vardon, UNSD)

Discussions

10:00 - 11:00

Session 5 - Assets accounts

This session will focus on the assets accounts and will present concepts, definitions, accounting rules and indicators of these accounts. It will be followed by a practical session. The objectives of the working groups are to try to populate the assets accounts using participants' data and adapt them to reflect data availability and policy concerns.

Presentations

- Water assets accounts: concepts, definition, accounting rules, examples, and policy relevance (Wafa Aboul Hosn, UN-ESCWA)

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00

Group work: compilation of assets accounts tables

- Conclusions from the working groups

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30

Session 6 - Other SEEAW supplementary tables

This session will concentrate and introduce the SEEAW supplementary tables, in particular the quality accounts, valuation of water resources and development of water indicators.

Presentations

- Introduction to the SEEAW supplementary tables: Quality Accounts and Indicators (Michael Nagy, Austrian Federal Environment Agency and Michael Vardon, UNSD)



- Discussion

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00

Session 7 - Review /critics of SEEAW/water accounting and closing

This session will be dedicated to a critical review of the SEEAW, summarize the conclusions of the working groups and will discuss the way forward in the implementation of the SEEAW in the participants' countries.

- Cross discussions water managers/accounts/statisticians
- Tour de table
- Evaluation
- Closing