



**International Conference
“Global Implementation Programme for the SEEA”
17-19 June 2013
United Nations Secretariat 27th floor Conference Room S-2726 and S-2727**

Annotated Agenda

Monday, 17 June 2013

8:30-9:15 Registration of participants

**Session I Opening, International and National Initiatives and their links to the SEEA
(9:30AM – 12:30PM)**

Opening Statement and welcome remarks (9:30AM - 9:50AM)

*Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development,
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), co-chair of the UN Task
Team on the Post-2015 Development Agenda*

Opening addresses (9:50AM – 10:10AM)

*Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological
Diversity*

*Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary General and Director of Bureau for
Development Policies, United Nations Development Programme*

**National and international initiatives and their links to the SEEA (10:10AM-
12:30PM)**

The Conference will discuss the different policy frameworks and international initiatives and evaluate its linkages with the SEEA implementation.

Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh

Jan McAlpine, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, DESA

*Homi Kharas, Lead Author and Executive Secretary of the Secretariat supporting
the High Level Panel advising the U.N. Secretary General on the Post-2015
Development Agenda*

*David O'Connor, Chief, Policy Analysis and Networks Branch, Division for
Sustainable Development, DESA*

Munyaradzi Chenje, Acting Director, UNEP Liaison Office, New York

Juan Pablo Castaneda, The World Bank

Sandra Silva Paulsen, Advisor, Office of the Minister of the Secretariat for Strategic Affairs of the Presidency of the Republic, Brazil.

Bernard Okumu, Macro-economic Advisor, Ministry of Devolution and Planning, Kenya

Luis Rivera, Costa Rica

Nguyen Van Tai, General Director, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam

Session II Overview of the SEEA (12:30PM – 1:15PM)

The SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

An overview of the SEEA Central Framework and SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting will be presented. The presentation will illustrate that the SEEA provides a robust structure for organizing and analyzing environmental-economic data to suit a range of diverse national and global policy demands, including policy-relevant indicators. Implementation of the SEEA will allow for comparability in tracking indicators over time and across countries. Proposed indicators selected through an evaluation of country policy priorities or through global processes such as the post-2015 development agenda could thereby be strengthened by implementation of the SEEA and its rigorous approach.

Peter Harper, Chair of UNCEEA and Deputy Australian Statistician

Lunch break 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Session III SEEA Implementation Strategy and Statistical Capacity Building in countries (2:45PM – 6:00PM)

Chair: Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh

SEEA Implementation Strategy (2:45PM-3:30PM)

Participants will develop a thorough understanding of the four phases of the flexible and modular approach for SEEA Central Framework implementation: (1) establishment of a national institutional mechanism; (2) self-assessment; (3) data quality assessment; and (4) drafting of a strategic development plan for environmental accounting. The SEEA Central Framework implementation strategy recommends creation of a Partnership Group consisting of those who are active in the field of environmental-economic accounting, with the role of advising the UNCEEA as implementation proceeds. The structure and composition of such a Partnership will be shared and discussed.

Ivo Havinga, Chief of Economic Statistics Branch, UNSD

Statistical capacity building in countries (3:30PM – 6:00PM)

Given the differences between countries in terms of the level of development of environmental and economic statistics, the SEEA Central Framework implementation focuses on developing institutional and technical capacities within countries to sustain long-term production of environmental-economic statistics in the context of the broader statistical capacity development. Presentations by countries that have started the SEEA Central Framework implementation process or have plans to begin the implementation process will serve as examples for participants. By having countries with a range of experience in environmental and economic statistics present, participants will have an opportunity to discuss lessons learned and development of future capacity building strategies. This portion of the agenda will consist of presentations by those countries, discussions of the lessons learned to this point, and recommendations arising out of those experiences. As a part of this discussion, participants will also discuss experiences collaborating with the broader research community, including academia and NGOs, in the implementation process and recommendations for further enhancing this collaboration.

Countries (10 mins each)

Australia – Peter Harper

Brazil - Jose Antonio Sena do Nascimento

Egypt – Mahmoud Sarhan

India – James Matthew

Indonesia - Buyung Airlangga

Jamaica – Shelly Winston

Mexico - Raul Figueroa Diaz

Morocco –Chaoui Souad

Philippines – Raymundo Talento

Russia - Andrey Tatarinov

Samoa- Aliielua Salani

Tanzania - Morrice Oyuke

Uganda - Samuel Echoku

Vietnam - Nguyen Bich Lam

Discussion/Question

Tuesday, 18 June 2013

Session IV Global implementation of the SEEA – Coordination and Partnership Arrangement (9:00AM – 1:00PM)

Chair: Raymundo Talento, Director IV, National Statistical Coordination Board, Philippines

Coordination for global implementation of the SEEA

Discussion of roles and responsibilities for the SEEA implementation is a critical to facilitate global implementation of the SEEA. Participants will discuss coordination of implementation activities through the Partnership Group, use of the project information model outlined in the implementation strategy, and needs and availability of resources, including funding as well as human resources. This would include potential funding needs to support implementation and the coordination of that funding between international agencies, national governments, and NGOs.

Panel – International/regional coordination and partnership arrangement (9:00AM-1:00PM)

*CBD -Markus Lehmann
EEA- Jean Louis Weber
Eurostat - Pedro Diaz Muñoz
FAO - Sachiko Tsuji
IMF - Kimberly Ziesckimbhang,
OECD - Peter van de Ven
UNDP – Tim Scott
UNEP - Pushpam Kumar
UNFF – Tomasz Juszczyk
UNSD - David O’Connor
ECLAC - Pascual Gerstenfeld
ECA – Xiaoning Gong
World Bank - Glenn-Marie Lange*

Discussion/Questions

Lunch break 1: 00PM – 2:30PM

Session V Outreach and communication strategy for the SEEA (2:30PM – 3:30 PM)

Chair: Andrey Tatarinov, Director of National Accounts, Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat)

Outreach and communication strategy for the SEEA

Raising awareness of the SEEA and the benefits of using a standard approach for environmental-economic accounting is important for meeting the goals of the SEEA implementation strategy. This conference will provide participants with an understanding of the communication strategy for the implementation and participants will have the opportunity to provide suggestions and modifications to the proposed communication strategy. Examples of communication strategies used in other global initiatives will be presented. Continuing outreach to developing countries is a critical component of the SEEA implementation and feedback from participants will be important in this regard.

UNEP - communication strategy - Pushpam Kumar, UNEP

WAVES- communication strategy - Juan Pablo Castaneda, The World Bank

Communication strategy for the SEEA - Ivo Havinga, UNSD

Country presentations

- *Ian Ewing, Australia*
- *Joe St.Lawrence, Canada*

Discussion/Question

Session VI Global implementation of the SEEA – Tools (4:00PM – 5:30PM)

Chair: Samuel Echoku, Principal Statistician, Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Tools to assist in the implementation of the SEEA

To facilitate the implementation of the SEEA, common tools need to be developed. These include training materials, diagnostic tools, handbooks compilation guides etc. A draft diagnostic tool has been developed that guides countries from policy prioritization to the accounts, tables, and data associated with informing those policies (phases 2 and 3 described in the preceding paragraph). Through its application, the diagnostic tool assists in the identification of data needs for desired policy indicators and highlights data gaps requiring future action. The concept of a core set of tables for use during implementation and the National Quality Assurance Framework will also be discussed. This diagnostic tool will be reviewed with participants, and participants will be encouraged to provide feedback.

SEEA implementation guide and diagnostic Tools - Carl Obst, SEEA Editor

SEEA Core table - Peter van de Ven, Head of National Accounts Division, OECD

Eurostat tools on the SEEA implementation - Diaz Muñoz, Director for Sectoral and Regional Statistics, Eurostat

Regional implementation of the SEEA - Pascual Gerstenfeld, Director Statistics Division, ECLAC

Discussion/Question

Wednesday, 19 June 2013

Session VII SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (9:00 AM – 11:00AM)

Chair: Patrick Birungi, National Planning Authority, Uganda

SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting: testing and research agenda

Certain countries are interested in beginning to test the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting, while others have already started to compile ecosystem accounts. The SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting research agenda, as well as the plan for targeted consultations regarding these items will be discussed. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on these presentations and will be invited to share their experiences (or plans), as applicable, for testing the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting framework.

*SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Testing and Research Agenda –
Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD*

*Ecosystem Accounting and Forests –Ronald Kaggwa, National Environment
Management Authority, Uganda*

*Globio 3 Biodiversity Model – Tonnie Tekelenburg, Senior Environmental
Researcher, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency*

*Designing and piloting a framework for incorporating nature's values into
decision-making: The Ecosystem Values Assessment & Accounting (EVA) –
Rosimeiry Portela, Conservation International*

*Experimental Ecosystem Accounting in Victoria, Australia – Mark Eigenraam,
Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Australia*

*InVEST Approach to Integrating Spatial, Socioeconomic, and Ecosystem Data –
Robert Griffin, Natural Capital Project*

*TEEB Country Studies and Role of the SEEA EEA – Markus Lehmann on behalf
of United Nations Environment Program*

*Pilot Project on Ecosystem Accounting – Tone Solhaug, Senior Advisor,
Norwegian Ministry of the Environment*

Discussion/Questions

Session VIII Parallel groups focusing on key SEEA implementation issues (11:30AM – 3:00PM)

During this section of the agenda, a set of parallel groups will discuss six main items from the conference agenda: (1) capacity building, scaling up and associated funding for SEEA implementation; (2) developing the institutional framework for implementation; (3) SEEA diagnostic tool and data evaluation; (4) SEEA implementation and relation to policy frameworks; (5) SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting testing and research agenda, and (6) SEEA outreach and communication strategy. The parallel groups will consist of some overarching presentation material and key questions by a facilitator, but ample time for brainstorming and discussion will be provided. The facilitator will summarize the discussion and comments raised, providing a report from each of the parallel group sessions.

Moderators:

- *Group 1: Shelly Winston, Jamaica*
- *Group 2: Patrick Birungi, Uganda*
- *Group 3: Pascual Gerstenfeld, ECLAC*
- *Group 4: Sandra Silva Paulsen, Brazil*
- *Group 5: Mark Eigenraam, Australia*
- *Group 6: Raymundo Talento, Philippines*

Parallel group discussion 11:30AM -12:45PM

Lunch break 12:45PM – 2:00PM

Reporting back 2:00PM to 3:00PM

Session IX Adoption for recommendations for global implementation programme for the SEEA (3:30PM – 5.30PM)

Chair: Peter Harper, Chair of UNCEEA and Deputy Australian Statistician

Adoption of recommendations for global implementation programme for the SEEA *(for discussion)*

The conference will conclude with a review of the recommendations raised during the agenda discussions and from the parallel group efforts. Participants will have an opportunity to review and provide additional comments with the goal of developing a final set of recommendations for the conference.

Closing

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