



UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS



SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING (SEEA) Development Attempt – Uganda Experience

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Background

- Desired to expand National Accounts by also computing the Satellite Accounts for the aggregate in the SUT and SAM construction
 - Besides Tourism, Non Profit Institution Serving Households (NPISH) Satellite Accounts, Environmental Accounting was recognised as one of the core satellite accounts that should be developed
- started with the establishment of a satellite accounts unit at the CSO in 2007 to develop satellites accounts

Implementation Approach

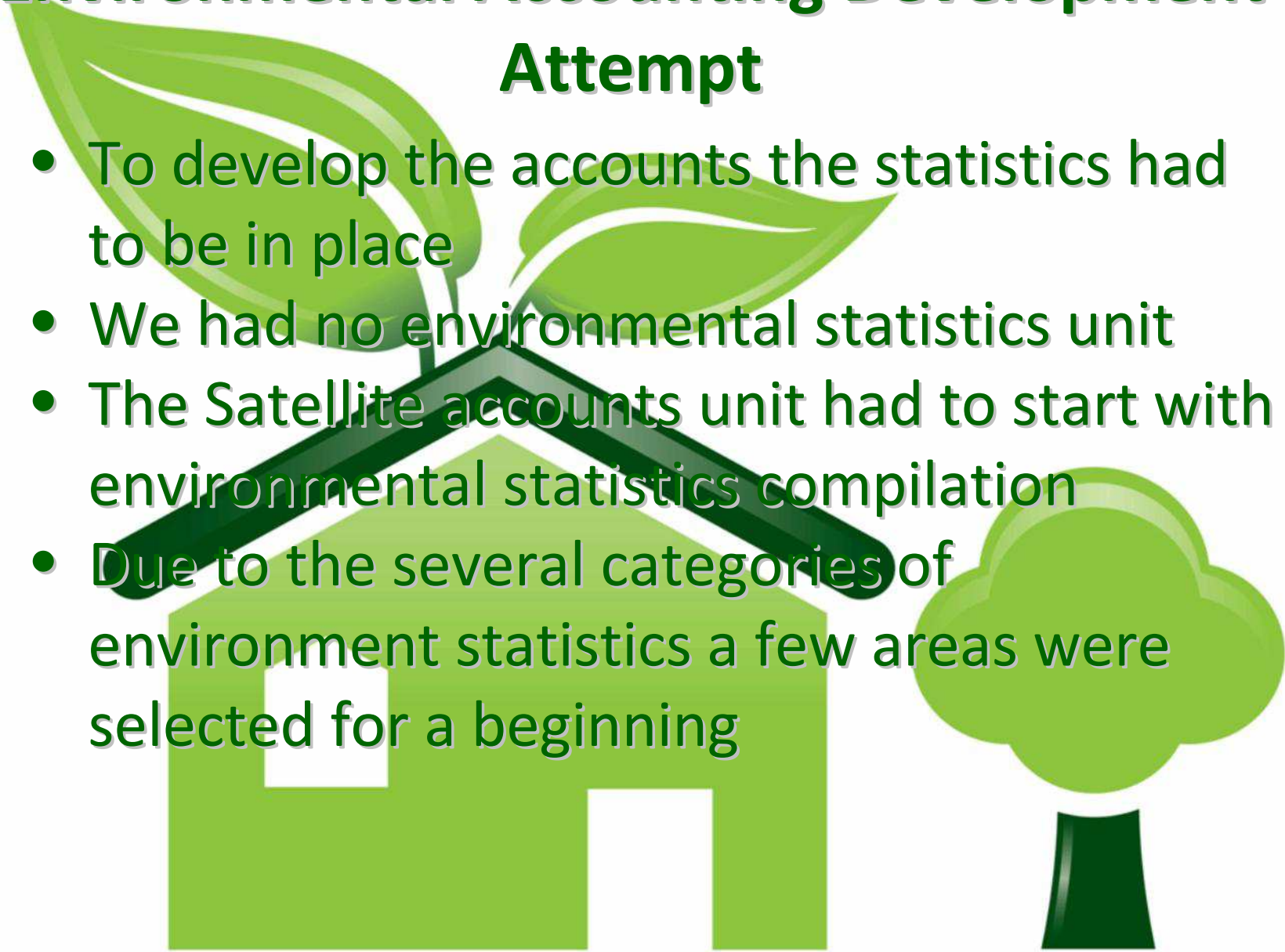


- Financial and Human resources had to be allocated
- A satellite Accounts Unit was established in the National Accounts Section to develop the accounts
- Need was recognized for stepwise approach
- Three main institutions in this area include: the Ministry of Water and Environment, National Environmental Management Authority and the Central Statistics Office (CSO) among others

• three areas were selected for trial

Environmental Accounting Development Attempt

- To develop the accounts the statistics had to be in place
- We had no environmental statistics unit
- The Satellite accounts unit had to start with environmental statistics compilation
- Due to the several categories of environment statistics a few areas were selected for a beginning



Meetings with the MDA

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- The Bureau called meetings with the MDA producing or responsible for the different areas of environmental statistics to assess the status of data
- The picture was not good and an approach had to be designed for the MDA to develop and improve on there statistical obligation including advocacy through the heads of civil service in the various ministries

Challenges of Developing Environmental Accounts

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- Limited and sometimes complete absence of data
- Available data not collected according to the SEEA framework requirements
- No clearly identified departments to undertake the measurement and compilation of the various statistics
- Limited funding for the development of environmental statistics

Way Forward

There is need to first:

- Provide for environmental statistics in the MDA
- make available the human and financial resources
- Provide the infrastructure especially machinery and equipment
- Build capacity of the human resource through training and technical assistance



Way Forward Continued



- The MDA have been included in the new yet to be passed Statistics Bill. The Bureau is shifting from the UBOS Act 1999 to a Statistics Bill for all the NSS (Includes MDA)
- The five yearly PNSD is being replaced with the five year (2013-2017) Sector Strategic Plan (SSP) which will include the MDA five year statistics development plans which can be used for environmental statistics development program
- The SSP will be the tool for funding and

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THANK YOU!

