SCALING UP THE SEEA IMPLEMENTATION: TOWARDS THE 2020 TARGETS

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GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION
Status of SEEA Implementation

- Global Assessment on Environmental Economic Accounting 2014
- 84 countries responded
- 54 currently have an SEEA programme
- Accounts most commonly compiled:
  - Air Emissions, Material Flows, Energy
- Priorities accounts going forward:
  - Developed Countries: Energy, EPEA and EGSS
  - Developing Countries: Energy, Water and Environmental Taxes and Subsidies
Countries working on the SEEA

*Country list based on Global Assessment on Environmental Accounting (2014) (http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc15/BG-UNCEEA.pdf) and UNCEEA survey of where assistance is being provided, see UNCEEA/BK/5(2) (http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/meetings/eleventh_meeting/lod11.htm) Some countries may be only just embarking on a project related to SEEA as part of technical assistance programmes. Updated with other information.
SEEA Implementation Strategy

• Joint strategy for SEEA Central Framework and Experimental Ecosystem Accounts

TARGETS FOR 2020

• 100 countries with ongoing programmes on SEEA Central Framework
• 50 countries initiating work on SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting
**UNCEEA Work Programme**

- **Work Programme 2017-2020** developed by the Bureau
- Takes a 5-pronged approach to global implementation based on the work streams outlined in the UNCEEA’s Operational Guidelines*
- For each work stream, **Area Leads** were identified:

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- Area leads are responsible for: a) acting as a champion and providing **leadership**, b) developing more **detailed work plans** and strategies, and c) **coordinating** with other members of the UNCEEA

*The document can be found at the following link: [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/meetings/UNCEEA-6-32.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/meetings/UNCEEA-6-32.pdf)*
## UNCEEA roadmap 2017-2020: An overview

### A. Coordination and promotion
- Development and Publication of “Why SEEA?”
- Publication of “SEEA News and Notes”
- Knowledge Platform: make training materials prominent & develop a community of practice
- Global coordination of data work through UNCEEA

### B1. Methodological Development (SEEA CF)
- Advancement of the SEEA CF Research Agenda
- Development of material in support of implementation including
  - Technical Notes
  - Training Materials
  - Guidance Documents

### B2. Methodological Development (SEEA EEA)
- Technical Committee on SEEA EEA will be set up to update and publish the SEEA EEA manual by 2020
- Training materials and technical notes will also be developed
C. Development of Databases
- Priority accounts will be identified
- Templates and distribution of responsibility will be agreed
- SDMX capability
- Global Data Structure Definition will be developed

D. Implementation and Statistical Capacity Building
- **Regional Approach** to be taken – Ask UNCEEA members to represent various regions
- Gap analysis based on regular global assessments
- Identify focus countries and undertake capacity building efforts
- Ensure coordination of international assistance through combined annual calendar of events

E. Policy Applications and Emerging issues
- Workshop to be held to discuss: on the policy applications of the SEEA to support members and provide material to promote implementation efforts
- Develop a strategy for influencing existing statistical processes, e.g. the IAEG SDG and Climate Change
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