



# Programme of work for the UNCEEA

A two-year (2009-2011) and medium term perspective (2009-2014)

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# Introduction

- Request by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNSC to develop a programme of Work
- Work programme organized according to six areas
  - Two year perspective (2009-2011)
  - Longer-term perspective (2009-2014)



## Six areas of the programme of the work

- Coordination
- Methodological development for normative standards and other research
- Development of integrated databases
- Implementation
- Promotion
- Formulation of a statistical response on emerging policy issues



## Coordination

- Foster coordination, integration and complementarity of programmes in environmental accounting and environment statistics
- Ensure that existing and newly established groups work in complementary fashion



# Methodological development for normative standards and other research

- Two years perspective –
  - **SEEA revision and elevation to an international statistical standard – highest priority**
  - Water: IRWS, Compilation material
  - Energy: SEEA-Energy, IRES, Compilers Manual
  - Physical flows: SEEA-Material Flow
  - Climate change: SEEA-Air Emission
- The Medium-term perspective:
  - SEEA-Land and Ecosystems
  - SEEA-Forest
  - International Recommendations on Waste Statistics
  - Quality assessment frameworks – best practices on data collection



# Development of integrated database

Ensure data collection is carried out according to concepts of international statistical standards and international recommendations

- Two years perspective: focus on integrated database on water
- The medium-term perspective: focus on integrated database for material flow and in particular waste



# Implementation

Assist countries in the implementation of statistical standards

- Two years perspective: water accounts and water statistics as the highest priorities
- Medium-term perspective: implementation of the SEEA, and in particular, the energy and MFA modules as a high priority



# Promotion

Inform the users community of the work of the statistical community in environmental-economic accounting and environment statistics

- Water
  - “Glossy publication” on what is the SEEAW and its uses
  - Work closely with WWAP and the water community on developing a strategy for improving water data
- Climate change
  - “Glossy publication” on the SEEA and climate change
- Material Flow
  - “Glossy publication” to inform on what the SEEA can do for SCP (with UNEP, DEFRA and others)
- Energy
  - User-producer conference
- Ecosystem
  - Millennium Ecosystem Assessment





# Formulation of a statistical response on emerging policy issues

- Articulate a statistical response based on statistical standards
  - Climate Change
  - Green Economy Initiative
  - The Economics of the Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)
  - Resource Efficiency and Resource Productivity
  - Millennium Ecosystem Assessment



# Questions for the UNCEEA

- Are there any suggestions of activities to add or remove from the preliminary work programme?