Mediterranean experiences
A regional approach of SEEA-W

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37 countries: 27 EU + 10 Mediterranean Partners countries
- Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory, Tunisia and Turkey

National Statistical offices as focal point
Large diversity of national situation
From statistics to integrated economic-environment approaches: a regional approach with individual situations

Regional Workshop:
- Develop a common understanding of the System of Economic Environment accounts SEEA
- Water identified as a key issue

Sub-regional training sessions on water accounting and SEEA-W
Technical assistance missions
Development of training material (including translation of reference documents)
Pilot application of the SEEAW (Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, occupied Palestinian territory, Syria)
Sharing of experiences

Close coordination and support with UNSD, UN-ESCWA
Current practices: a step forward in meeting the demand for data integration

➤ Focus on physical supply and use tables and assets accounts
➤ Different approaches but no formal institutional arrangements
   ➤ Leadership of national statistical offices in cooperation with water institutions/agencies;
   ➤ Working group (inter-institutional);
   ➤ Individual initiative.

➤ Specific adaptation of the SEEA-W standard tables to the region’s needs
   ➤ Towards a use of more detailed standard tables for the region

➤ Difficulties in the applicability of SEEA-W (readability, conceptual difficulties, issues not enough developed)

➤ Common technical problems faced for the implementation of the SEEAW in the region (lack of harmonisation, drawbacks of the information system, need for practical guidance)
The route may be long ....

- More guidance is needed, based on practical examples
- Data collection strategy for each countries should be developed / maximum use of already existing source of information (satellite images)
- Internal and external cooperation and coordination is essential
- Efficient and coordinated information system should be implemented clearly linked with SEEA-w
- Enlarge the promotion of SEEA-W (mutual benefit, implication of the policy-makers)
- Ensure financing of water accounting on a long-term basis
- Continuation of support is needed, technical assistance is considered as very useful
Thank you

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