Towards a medium term programme of work for the UNCEEA (2013-2020)

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Context

- Broader measures of progress
- Post 2015 Development Agenda
- Green Economy/green growth
- Aichi targets
- WAVES
- TEEB
- ...

“Given the window of opportunity created by government recognition of the key role of statistical systems in monitoring progress on the policies to be developed through the post-2015 agenda, UNCEEA should immediately develop a short-term program of work for SEEA implementation, demonstrating the role of SEEA in monitoring and reporting requirements, including determination of baseline as well as a longer-term roadmap for implementation.”
Mandate of UNCEEA

- Provide strategic vision, direction and coordination to mainstream env.-eco. accounting and supporting statistics in national, regional and international statistical systems
- Develop normative international statistical standards and supporting methodological documents on env.-eco. accounting and supporting statistics
- Promote the development of databases at international, regional and national level on environmental-economic accounting and supporting statistics
Mandate of UNCEEA

- Promote the implementation of international statistical standards of environmental-economic accounting and supporting statistics in countries
- Promote the use of environmental-economic accounting and supporting statistics in scientific and policymaking communities.
Areas of work of the UNCEEA

- Coordination
- Methodological development for normative statistical standards and other research
- Development of databases
- Implementation and statistical capacity building
- Promotion
- Formulation of a statistical response on emerging policy issues.
Towards medium term programme of work - Coordination

To foster collaboration, integration and complementarity of programmes

- Until now focus has been on coordination with statistical groups on development of methodologies
  - Oslo Group on Energy Statistics
  - Expert Group on the FDES (etc.
- Moving forward should also coordinate with policy and scientific community on all areas of work
  - WAVES, TEEB, IPBES, Vantage, UNFF, CBD, CI, etc.

⇒ Call for strong coordination at the international, regional and country level
⇒ Establishment of a partnership for implementation and mainstreaming of SEEA
Methodological development of normative standards

- To oversee development of standards and other methodological documents

- SEEA Central Framework
  - SEEA Energy
  - SEEA Agri
  - ESCM – Chapter 6 on energy accounts
  - Water compilation guidelines (etc.)

- Tools to support implementation
  - Implementation guide
  - Technical notes
  - Training materials
  - E-learning (etc.)
Methodological development of normative standards

- SEEA Central Framework Research agenda
  - Classification of land use and land cover
  - Classification of Environmental Activities
  - EGSS
  - Valuation of water resources
  - Accounting for soil resources
  - Depletion of natural biological resources
**Governance**

- Establish a small Steering Committee reporting to the UNCEEA and its Bureau to advance the research agenda and review and advice on consistency with the SEEA.
- Work in close consultation with the London Group on Environmental Accounting.
Methodological development of normative standards

- SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting
  - (separate presentation)
Development of databases

- Core tables to guide countries in the implementation of the SEEA leading to a national reporting
- Core tables should be able to inform policy demands in particular the Post 2015 Development agenda
- Coordinated development of tables leading to joint questionnaire
Implementation and statistical capacity building

- To develop concerted implementation strategies encompassing relevant supporting statistics and their integration in the SEEA

Key elements of implementation
- Linked to policy
- Strategic approach – linked to strategic frameworks
- Linked to SNA implementation where relevant
- Flexible and modular approach
- Bottom-up approach
- Incremental
- Sub-regional, regional and global coordination
Implementation and statistical capacity building

- Map international initiatives related to the implementation of SEEA and related statistics and define roles and responsibilities of each agency and maintain it
- E-platform bringing together tools in support of implementation and interactive
- Calendar of events
- Track countries progress in the implementation of the SEEA
- Workshops bringing together users (policy makers, finance ministries, environment ministries) and producers of statistics to be organized jointly with international agencies working with ministries beyond NSI
- Facilitate coordination with existing activities related to SEEA implementation at the country level (TEEB, CBD, etc.)
Promotion

- To mainstream the environmental-economic accounting and relevant supporting statistics in the statistical systems

- Develop a communication strategy to include
  - Key messages to be communicated to promote the SEEA in different contexts
  - Objectives and principles of the communication strategy
  - Tools/instruments channels and activities
  - Audience
Formulation of a statistical response on emerging policy issues

- To engage prominently in the international agenda in articulating a coordinated statistical response, for example on climate change, sustainability and natural resources management
  - Post-2015 agenda
  - Development of measurement frameworks and indicators for various initiatives
    - green economy
    - thematic initiatives
    - measuring nexuses (e.g. water-energy-land nexuses)
As part of the mapping exercise
  • Develop list of initiatives on which the UNCEEA could be engaged
  • Develop a strategy on how the UNCEEA could engage in the different initiatives