

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**Expert Group Meeting on the Guidelines for the**  
**Compilation of Water Accounts and Statistics**

23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, DC2 UN Plaza and 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Secretariat, S-2726,  
 New York  
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Day/Time	Session
<b>DAY 1, Wednesday, 20 November 2013, DC2 Building, CR-2301</b>	
1:30 – 2:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>	
2:00 – 2:15 pm (15 mins)	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Ivo Havinga, Chief of the Economic Statistics Branch.</li> </ul>
2:15 – 2.45 pm (30 mins)	<b>Objectives and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objectives and Expected Outputs</li> <li>- Context of the Guidelines</li> <li>- Adoption of the agenda of the meeting</li> </ul>
2:45 – 4:00 pm (1hr, 15 mins)	<i>Session 1:</i> <b>Systems approach for understanding the complete water cycle including its relationship with the economy and representation in terms of stocks and flows. Analogies with the monetary accounts and statistical methods, and data items.</b>
	<b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Stock and flow diagrams of the complete water cycle, including the hydrologic or natural water cycle, and the water cycle through the economy. Corresponding asset accounts and supply and use tables.  <b>Discussion:</b> Show the interlinkages of SEEA-Water model with the data in the international questionnaires (e.g. OECD-Eurostat, UNSD-UNEP, FAO Aquastat. Is there agreement in the interpretation and application of the model? What are the main elements to consider in the model for data collection purposes? What are the limitations in terms of data availability?
4:00 -4:15 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:15 – 5:30 pm (1 hr, 15 mins)	<i>Session 2:</i> <b>Collection and compilation of data about the hydrologic cycle. Based on chapter 3, section 1 of the Guidelines.</b>
	<b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> compilation of data items about the hydrologic or natural water cycle: precipitation, inflows, evapotranspiration, outflows, etc.  <b>Discussion:</b> Do the Guidelines provide sufficient information for the compilation of data? What are the main problems related with the compilation of data about the hydrologic cycle? Is the data prioritization proposed appropriate? Are the examples appropriate?

<b>DAY 2, Thursday, 21 November 2013, Secretariat Building, S-1523</b>	
9:00-11.00 am (2 hrs)	<p><i>Session 3:</i> <b>Collection and compilation of data about monetary flows. Based on chapter 3, section 4 of the Guidelines.</b></p>
	<p><b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Collection and compilation of data items about monetary flows in water and wastewater utilities.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Do the Guidelines provide sufficient information for the collection/compilation of data? What are the main problems related with the collection of monetary information? Is the linkage to the System of National Accounts appropriate? Are the examples appropriate?</p> <p><b>Teleconference:</b> Link with the team tracking financial flows for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Geneva and London (GLAAS TrackFin team).</p>
11:00 - 11:15am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 - 12:30pm (1hr, 15mins)	<p><i>Session 4:</i> <b>Collection and compilation of data about water flows in the economy. Based on chapter 3, section 2 of the Guidelines.</b></p>
	<p><b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Collection and compilation of data items about water flows in the economy: abstractions, returns, losses, water consumption, etc.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Do the Guidelines provide sufficient information for the collection/compilation of data? What are the main problems related with the collection of data about water flows in the economy? Is the data prioritization proposed appropriate? Are the examples appropriate?</p>
12:30 – 2:00pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2:00-3:00 (1 hr)	<p><i>Session 5:</i> <b>Collection and compilation of emission, and other data. Based on chapter 3, sections 3 and 5 of the Guidelines.</b></p>
	<p><b>Presentation of main issues:</b> Collection and compilation of polluting releases data, socio-demographic data, as well as complementary data items.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Do the Guidelines provide sufficient information for the collection of polluting emission data? What are the main problems related with the collection of socio-demographic data? Is the linkage to the MDGs appropriate?</p>
3:00 – 4:00 pm (1 hr)	<p><i>Session 6:</i> <b>Types of indicators that can be derived from the accounts and policy relevant messages. Based on chapter 4 of the Guidelines (Part 1).</b></p>
	<p><b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Indicators and presentation of the information to deliver policy relevant messages.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Do the Guidelines provide sufficient information for preparing indicators? Are the connections between data and indicators clear?</p>
4:00 - 4:15pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:15 – 5:30 pm (1 hr, 15 mins)	<p><i>Session 7:</i> <b>Types of indicators that can be derived from the accounts and policy relevant messages. Based on chapter 4 of the Guidelines (Part 2).</b></p>
	Second part of the discussion

<b>DAY 3, Friday, 22 November 2013, Secretariat Building, S-2726</b>	
9:00 - 10:00pm (1hr)	<i>Session 8:</i> <b>Illustrative examples included in the Guidelines (Annexes)</b>
	<b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> The Kangaré, Sugarland, and Shipland examples.  <b>Discussion:</b> Do the examples offer a good illustration of the concepts and applications of the accounts? Are the examples clear?
10:00-11:00am (1hr)	<i>Session 9:</i> <b>Country based monitoring systems of information for water policies. Strengthening of the National Statistical Systems to support water policies. Based on chapter 1 of the Guidelines.</b>
	<b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Connecting water policy demands of information with the production of statistics at national and international levels. Challenges of inter-organizational coordination.  <b>Discussion:</b> Do the Guidelines provide sufficient elements to understand how water accounts and statistics respond to policy demands and fit in the conceptualization of the national and international statistical systems?
11:00 -11:15am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 12:30pm (1hr, 15 mins)	<i>Session 10:</i> <b>Accounting structure and concepts. Based on chapter 2 of the Guidelines.</b>
	<b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Systems approach of the SEEA. Overview of accounting principles. Application of the sequence of accounts to water flows and monetary flows in water and wastewater utilities.  <b>Discussion:</b> Are the explanations clear and accurate? Is the application of the principles and concepts to water issues sufficiently explained?
12:30 – 2:00pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2:00 – 3:45pm (1 hr, 45 mins)	<i>Session 11:</i> <b>Making the data production process sustainable and more efficient. Based on chapter 5 of the Guidelines.</b>
	<b>Presentation of main issues about:</b> Materials that provide guidance on how to make the process of generating the accounts sustainable, as well as to continually improving the process.  <b>Discussion:</b> Are the recommendations useful? Are the examples clear?
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:00– 5:30 pm (1hr, 30 mins)	<i>Session 12:</i> <b>Next steps for finalizing the Guidelines</b>
	<b>Presentation:</b> Program of work for the following weeks.  <b>Discussion:</b> Process to incorporate the feedback received during the meeting and in the following days. Printing and translation of the Guidelines.

SEEA = System of Environmental Economic Accounts.

IRWS = International Recommendations for Water Statistics.