Session 2: Water Accounting

19th London Group meeting

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Session objectives

- To update the London Group on the materials prepared or in preparation to support the implementation of water accounting according
- To identify core water accounting tables
- To progress the SEEA Technical Note on Water Accounting
- To advance the theoretical and practical understanding of particular water accounting issues

Session papers

- Cores tables for Water Accounting, United Nations
- Draft SEEA Technical Note on water Accounting, United Nations
- Treatment of Losses, Carl Obst SEEA Editor
- Valuation of water, Peter Comisari and Michael Vardon, Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Understanding spatial and temporal scales in water accounting, François Soulard, Statistics Canada
- Methods for estimating own-account production, Barry Tynan, Australian Bureau of Statistics

Session structure

1. Current materials available, Alessandra Alfieri, United Nations (20 minutes)
   - SEEA Water
   - International Recommendations for Water Statistics
   - Material from forthcoming Water Compilation Guidelines
2. Discussion of core tables for water accounting (20 minutes)
   - Paper taken as read.
3. Discussion of draft SEEA technical note on water accounting (20 minutes)
   - Paper taken as read.
4. Issues in water accounting
   - Presentation (20 minutes)
     - Treatment of losses, Carl Obst SEEA Editor
   - Discussion (30 minutes), Papers taken as read.
     - Valuation of water
     - Understanding spatial and temporal scales
     - Methods for estimating own-account production
5. Next steps (10 minutes)