

# Common tools for SEEA Implementation ECLAC perspective

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# Latin America and the Caribbean

- Biodiversity and habitat rich
- Resource extraction intensive
- Heterogeneous development of national statistics systems
- Institutional structures and capacities vary considerably
- Limited resources dedicated to statistical development (some exceptions)



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# Latin America and the Caribbean

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- Colombia and Mexico's NSOs regularly compile environmental accounts
- Several countries have recently led or are initiating efforts:
  - Ministries of Environment: Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama
  - NSO: Brazil, Peru
  - Central Bank: Dominican Republic, Venezuela
  - University: Guatemala
- In more than 50% of countries National Accounts are compiled by Central Banks
- High potential for south-south cooperation



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## Important SEEA tools for the region

- Didactic and practical tools in regional languages
  - SEEA 2012, international recommendations, manuals, compiler guides, training material etc.
- Methodological material related to natural resource asset accounting
  - Manuals on forest and land accounts
- Core set of tables
- Adapted tool kit to regional requirements (diagnostic tools, guidelines for national implementation plans, etc.)



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## Important SEEA tools for the region

- The tools must be accompanied by training and technical assistance
- Capacity building strategy:
  - training of trainers
  - online courses
  - collaboration with universities to mainstream SEEA material in post-graduate programs
- Essential to build a critical mass of SEEA practitioners in the region



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# ECLAC activities

- Strengthening ECLAC's capacity on SEEA to better serve member states
- Developing a regional strategy for the implementation of SEEA
- Promoting adoption of SEEA
- Regional Public Goods Project (IDB): state of the art, strategy, tool kit, capacity building plan
- Collaboration with other agencies (UNSD, WB, IDB, UNEP)



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# Key messages

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Adapt implementation strategies to country needs and strengths

Development of a regionally adapted tool kit: guidelines, manuals, diagnostic tools etc.

Capacity building and development of a community of practice



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