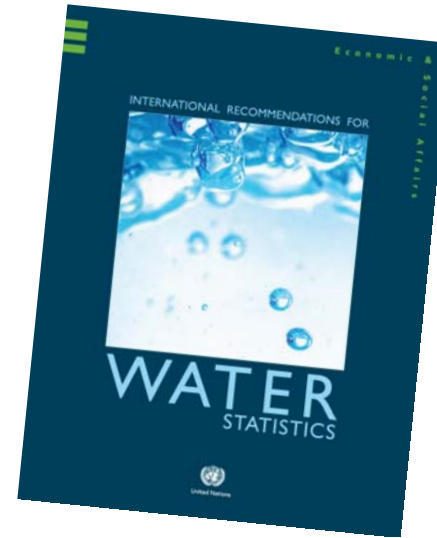
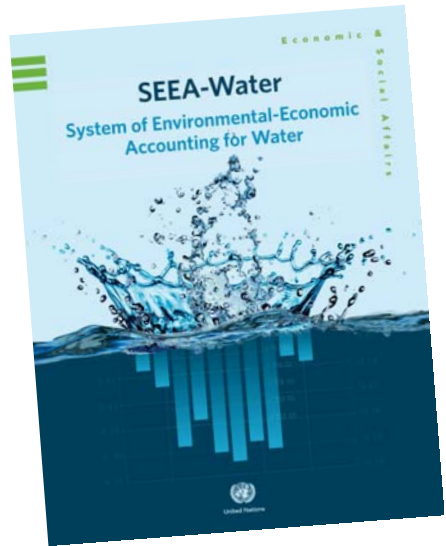


# **Guidelines for the Compilation of Water Accounts and Statistics**



After the adoption of the SEEA-Water in 2007, the UNSC encouraged implementation in countries and requested a strategy of implementation.




The International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) were adopted in 2010 as part of the implementation strategy.

Today more than 60 countries are implementing or planning to implement water accounts.

**The implementation strategy adopted by the UNSD in 2008 comprises the following four components:**

- a) Development of the IRWS (adopted in 2010)**
- b) Development of training and promotion materials**
- c) Development of a technical cooperation program consisting of regional activities as well as pilot projects in selected countries in various regions.**
- d) Harmonization of international data collection activities with the SEEA-Water concepts and definitions.**

**Considerable efforts have been made in the development of training and promotion materials as well as in obtaining a better understanding of the data production processes in countries, as well as data availability and quality.**




**The UNCEEA has recognized the importance of developing compilation guidelines to assist countries in the development of water accounts and statistics.**

**The Guidelines will be published as a hard copy publication that will include case studies and practical examples. A knowledge base will complement the hard copy publication with additional resources that will build on the existing knowledge base on environmental-economic accounting.**

**The preparation process involves three stages:**

- Developing of modules, case studies and worked examples**
- Drafting the document**
- Reviewing the document**

**For reviewing the documents an editorial board has been formed. An expert group including producers and users of water information will be formed to revise the complete draft.**



**Examples and case studies are requested from the London Group as input in the compilation guidelines and the knowledge base.**

## The roadmap for the preparation of the guidelines is summarized below:

March 2012	Draft outline and preparation of modules, examples and case studies. Request of inputs from the members of the editorial board.
June 2012	Presentation of the project to the UNCEEA.
October 2012	Presentation of the project and detailed outline to the London Group.
June 2013	Presentation of complete draft to the UNCEEA for comments.
June 2013	Presentation of complete draft to the expert group for comments.
September 2013	Revised complete draft submitted for broad consultation.
February 2014	Final draft submitted for endorsement by the UNSC

**Work has already started with the drafting of selected modules of the Guidelines.**

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**The editorial board has had two teleconference to discuss the process and the contents of chapters 1 and 3, as well as some modules.**


**The Guidelines will be organized in five chapters:**

- 1. Developing an Integrated Monitoring Framework for Water**
- 2. Integration of Data in Accounts to Respond to Policy Needs**
- 3. The Data Collection and Compilation Processes**
- 4. Dissemination of the Accounts and Statistics**
- 5. Closing the Loop and Maintaining the Process**

**Each chapter will present the information using a “drill-down” approach.**

**The reader will be able to have a complete understanding of the topic in the chapter and then get more details (“drill-down”) by reading specific modules and selected bibliography.**

**Each chapter will include several worked examples and case studies from countries.**



**The objective of the document is to provide compilers with practical guidance on the collection and compilation of basic data, their integration in the accounts and their dissemination. A detailed outline has been presented to de Editorial Board.**

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The members of the London Group are invited to send case studies and best practices for the implementation of SEEA-Water and IRWS. The following materials will be very useful:

1. Country case studies of how the SEEA-Water and IRWS have been incorporated in NSS.
2. Guidelines and experiences in the collection of hydrological information.
3. Guidelines and experiences in the collection and compilation of water flows in the economy and between the economy and the environment.
4. Guidelines and experiences in the design of surveys for water related data collection.
5. Examples of water accounts and pilot water accounts.
4. Examples of dissemination materials.
5. Examples of country quality assurance systems.

The materials received will be used for the compilation guidelines and improving the UNSD knowledge base.

**Thank you!**

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