Guidelines for the Compilation of Water Accounts and Statistics

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The Guidelines are part of the implementation program adopted by the UNSC in 2008.

- International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) in 2010.
- Workshops to develop capacities in countries.
- Development of training materials.
- Harmonization of international data collection activities.

SEEA-CF was adopted in 2012. The Guidelines were started in 2012 to assist countries in the compilation of water accounts and statistics. The project was steered by an Editorial Board consisting of experts from international organizations and countries.
Questions answered by each chapter of the Guidelines

1. Why do accounts?
2. How do accounts work?
3. How are data added?
4. What are the outputs?
5. How do we keep it working
An Expert Group Meeting to revise the Guidelines was held in New York City from 20 to 22 November 2013.

- **International organizations**
  - Eurostat
  - UN-Water
  - UNEP
  - World Bank
  - Yale Environmental Performance Index
- **Country experts from National Statistical Offices**
  - Brazil (IBGE), Canada (StatsCanada), Indonesia (BPS), Mauritius (SM), Mexico (INEGI), Samoa, Uganda (UBS)
- **Country experts from water agencies or ministries**
  - Australia (BoM), Brazil (ANA), Mexico (CONAGUA)

After the EGM a new draft was prepared and circulated.
Unu-Water exercise

Population: 6.25 million

Area: 16 000 km²

Total Renewable Water Resources per capita: 672 m³/person/year

Agriculture: 17% GDP
Testing:

Workshop with Southern Mediterranean countries in collaboration with the European Environment Agency (EEA).

Interaction with more than 60 people involved in the preparation of water accounts and statistics.
Future steps:

Use the Guidelines for training in countries.

- Living document on the web.
- Need to translate into Spanish, French and Arabic, especially the exercise.
- INEGI and EEA did translations of the preliminary versions of Unu-Water.

Add more modules to the master example.
- Calculation of water footprint
- More details to emission accounts

Add more case studies from countries.
Thank you!

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