

Project Management Framework
SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts
SEEA Extensions and Applications

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Background

- UNCEEA expressed its broad support for the continuation of the work of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts and requested to evaluate progress made at this meeting (June 2011)
- UN Statistical Commission reaffirmed its support to continue the work
- High policy demand

SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts

- What are they?

- Conceptual framework for ecosystem accounting
- Presents the state of the art of current thinking
- Provides the basis of countries to experiment based on an organized framework and common concepts
- Complements the SEEA Central Framework – looks at the environment as a system

Roadmap – up to now

- Development of a list of issues (December 2011)
- Establishment of multidisciplinary expert group to provide technical input and review drafts (December 2011)
- Expert meetings
 - April 2011
 - May 2011
 - December 2011
 - May 2012
- Establishment of the Editorial Board (February 2012)
 - Two meetings (March and May 2012)
- Drafting of Chapters (started in April)
- Website

Roadmap – what next

- Continuous involvement of the multidisciplinary expert group
- London Group meeting (October 2012)
- Targeted consultation of stakeholders (November 2012)
- Submission to UNSC to endorse as state of the art (January 2013)

Consultation

- Requires engagement and buy-in from the statistical, scientific and environmental economist communities
- Cannot be done by one community alone
- Each community has a role to play:
 - Statisticians offer the organizing framework
 - Scientists offer conceptual underpinning and expert opinion
 - Environmental economists offer the conceptual basis for valuation

Consultation (Cont'ed)

- To engage and obtain buy-in from various communities it is proposed to:
 - Continue to engage experts on an individual basis
 - Organize an international seminar to bring together the various communities

SEEA Extensions and Applications

- SEEA Extensions and Applications identifies ways in which data compiled following the SEEA can be used to inform policy analysis
- Audience is primarily analysts and researchers, data producers and compilers NOT for policy makers

Roadmap

- Establishment of list of topics and identification of contributors (February)
- Chair Peter van de Ven
- Submission of contributions (May-June)
- Establishment of Editorial Board (June 2012)
- Consultation (November 2012)
- Website
- Submission to UNSC (January 2012)

Questions to the UNCEEA

SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts

- Do you agree with the project management framework?
- Do you agree with the Consultation process?

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