

Progress Report London Group

in its review of 21 revision issues
addressing the revised SEEA Volume 1

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Review of 21 SEEA Volume 1 issues

18 issues are considered closed

Open issues:

(#10) definition and classification of SEEA assets

- **'overarching issue' dealing with volumes 1 and 2**
- **how to move beyond the SNA (ownership and direct benefits) assets to address ecosystems?**
- **Linking the boundaries between volumes 1 and 2**
- **wording: economic/non-economic, SNA/non-SNA**

Suggested follow up: Questionnaire LG, Canberra 2 (Sept. 2010)



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Open issues continued..

(#16) water, artificial reservoirs

- *artificial reservoirs as produced assets*
- *should human control necessarily apply to quantity and quality aspects of artificial reservoirs?*
- *implications for recording of emissions to water*
- *implications for evaporation (and related water losses)*

Suggested follow up: electronic consultation LG



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Open issues continued..., Soil depletion and degradation

(#20a) Outcome conceptual thinking (is considered closed):

- *classify soil separately from land*
- *soil (depletion and degradation) preferably covered in volume 1*
- *reallocate depletion element from user to owner as part of resource rent*
- *maintain distinction between depletion and degradation*

(#20b) measurement aspects

→ *lacking widespread accounting experience (some examples from Australia)*

Suggested follow up:

Adopt conceptual recommendations. Address measurement issues on the future research agenda.

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Closed issue but uncertain outcome...

(#8) emission permits

→ *SEEA follows SNA 2008 recommendations (permits represent tax, there is no underlying asset)*

→ *precise recording investigated by OECD/Eurostat taskforce*

→ *taskforce did not reach solution*

→ *problematic given that recording of permits in SEEA volume 1 should be explained in detail*

Suggested follow up:

Await decision ISWGNA?



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Point for clarification...

SNA 2008 treatment of industrial processing

- *SNA 2008: (processing, global manufacturing) no imputations of ownership*
- *oil refineries may become producers of industrial services*
- *no crude oil inputs, no oil product outputs*
- *what to do with net energy conversion and related process emissions?*

Suggested follow up:

Needs discussion by LG (October meeting)



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Issue number	Issue name	Leading country/organisation	Status
1	Harmonisation MFA, paper on harvest approach	UNSD	There is a paper, status uncertain
4	Renewable energy resources	Netherlands	Submitted to LG Secretariat
5	Environmental industry	Eurostat	Will be submitted very soon
6	Environmental taxes	Zweden	Submitted to LG Secretariat
7	Environmental subsidies/transfers	Zweden	Submitted to LG Secretariat
8	Emission permits (2 papers: conceptual issues and quantity tables)	Denmark Netherlands	Both submitted to LG Secretariat
9	Classification of natural resource use and management activities	Italy	Submitted to LG Secretariat and approved by UN Classification Expert Group, internal consultation
12	Valuation of assets, fish resources	New Zealand	Submitted to LG Secretariat

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Issue number	Issue name	Leading country/	Status
13	Depletion, non-renewable resources, including supplementary papers on “the income element in case of no extraction” and “ownership issues”	Australia	Submitted to LG Secretariat and approved by UNCEEA
14	Depletion, renewable resources	Australia	Submitted to LG Secretariat
15	Decommissioning costs	Australia	Submitted to LG Secretariat
20(a)	Treatment of soil from a conceptual viewpoint	Netherlands	Submitted to LG Secretariat

State of Play Outcome Papers

Volume 1

2. Classification of flows	UNSD	consultation ongoing
3. Bridge tables energy	Denmark	needs follow up
11. Classification minerals	Denmark	expected September
17. Recording of losses	UNSD	pending
18. Valuation water resources	UNSD	no paper needed?
19. Land use/cover	EEA&FAO	pending
21. Forest	Finland	expected this week



Considerations UNCEEA

- ***Proposed actions for open issues (#10 definition of assets; #16 artificial reservoirs; #20 soil) are sufficient given the UNSC 2011 deadline?***
- ***What can be done to speed up submission of outcome papers?***

In the near future...

- ***What is the expected role of the London Group (review of chapters, review of issues dealing with volumes 2 & 3)?***

