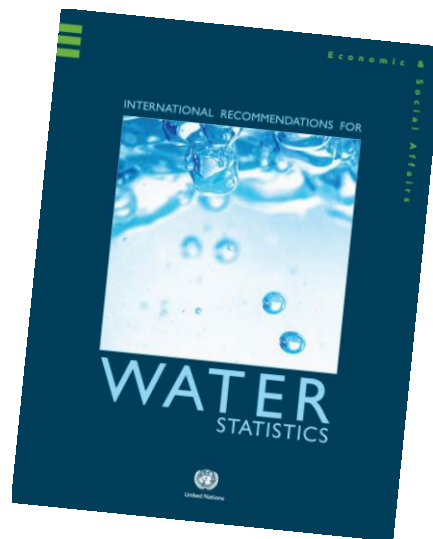
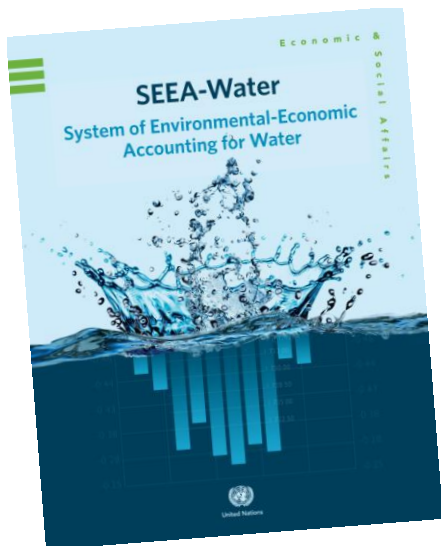


Guidelines for the Compilation of Water Accounts and Statistics



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 is in the process of being formalized. An expert group including producers and users of water information will be formed to revise the complete draft.

Examples are requested from the UNCEEA as input in the compilation guidelines and the knowledge base.

The Guidelines will include the following chapters:

- 1. Developing an Integrated Monitoring Framework for Water**
An introductory chapter to explain how water accounts inform the policy framework
- 2. Integration of Data in Accounts to Respond to Policy Needs**
Discusses the integration of basic data into accounts and the derivation of indicators
- 3. The Data Collection and Compilation Processes**
Explains the statistical production process
- 4. Dissemination of the Accounts and Statistics**
Shows different ways of disseminating the data to respond to different users needs
- 5. Closing the Loop and Maintaining the Process**
Explains how to put in place a process to improve the data production process

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

The objective of the document is to provide practical guidance on the collection and compilation of basic data, their integration in the accounts and their dissemination.

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 a first draft 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. The Editorial Board is in the process of being formalized.

Thank you!

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