



Initial statement of strategy for implementation of SEEA Central Framework

Regional Seminar on Developing an
Implementation Strategy for the SEEA
Central Framework in the ECOWAS and
COMESA regions



Draft outline (to be adapted as relevant)

- Background
- Policy setting
- Stakeholders
- Relevant international, regional, bilateral programmes
- Current information/data available
- Constraints
- Opportunities
- Actions



Background

- National environmental and economic policy priorities linked to national programming and budgeting cycles
- Need for integrated information for evidence based policy making for sustainable development
- Link of national policy and statistical priorities to regional and international agenda
 - Post-2015 agenda / SDGs / Broader measures of progress/WAVES/ UNEP TEEB



National policy setting and policy issues

- Main policy issues and instruments (regulations, fiscal, pricing, financial, trade, etc.)
- Environmental plans and strategies (e.g.
 - Sustainable Development Strategy
 - National Policy for the Environment Management
 - National Statistical Strategy
 - National sector plans/strategy (energy, water, waste, etc.)
 - National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)
 - National Policy for Climate Change
 - Energy (renewable, energy efficiency)
 - Deforestation
 - Low carbon agriculture



National stakeholders

- Establish national coordination board/committee
- Identify national stakeholders:
 - National Statistical Institutes
 - Central Banks
 - Ministry of Environment
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Water agencies/boards
 - Ministry of Energy
 - Ministry of Forestry
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International, regional and bilateral statistical and policy programmes relevant for the implementation of SEEA

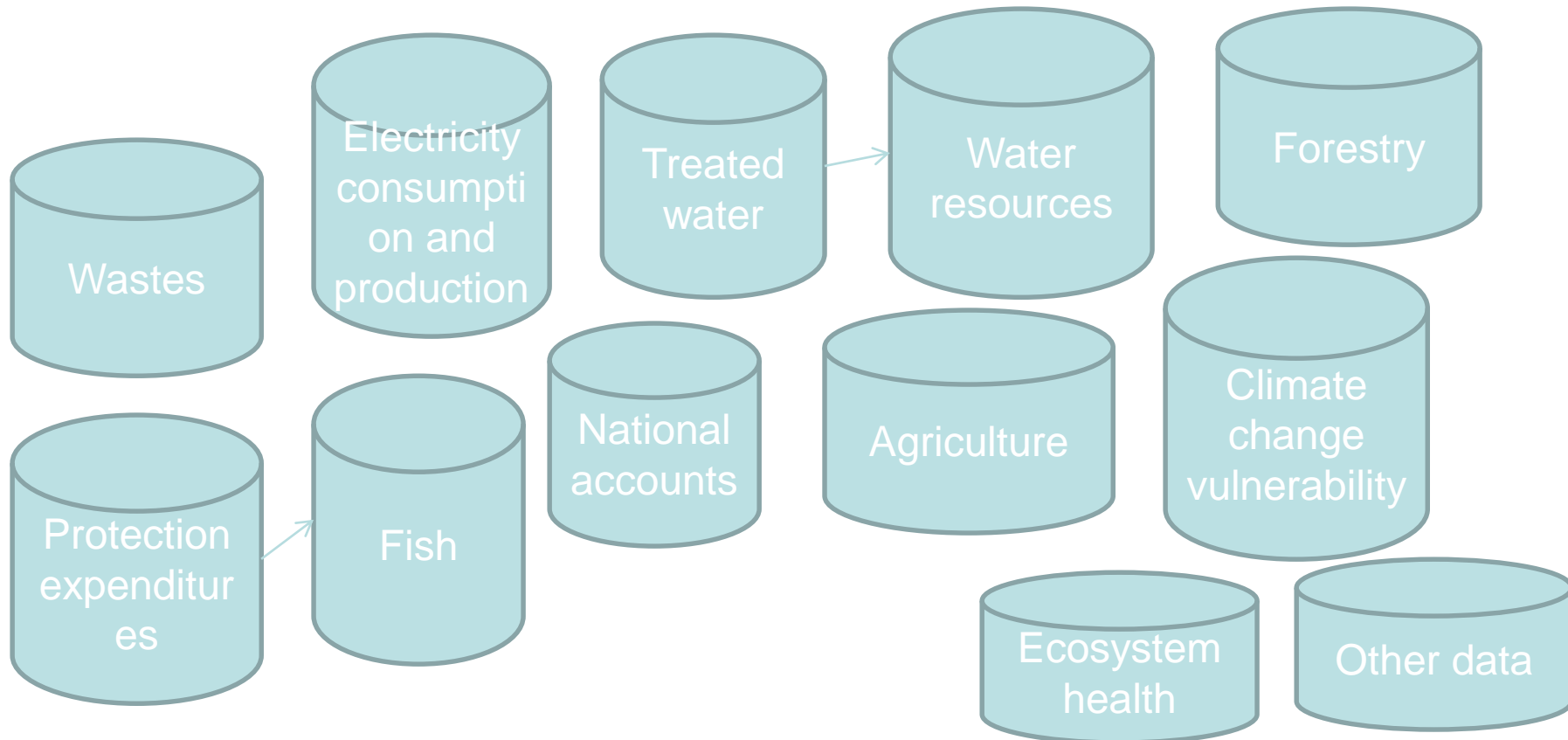
By way of example;

- Global programme on 2008 SNA implementation
- FAO global strategy for agriculture and rural statistics, pilot country
- Regional and subregional programmes
- Policy and analytical applications promoted by WAVES, TEEB and UNDP activities



Broad assessment of data availability

- Lots of data available
... But the data is not coordinated





Constraints and Opportunities



Constraints

- Data spread across national agencies and sections / not co-ordinated
 - Project based statistics
 - Limited data sharing or awareness of information
- Limited technical knowledge on environment statistics and accounts (water, forest, energy, etc.) and its linkage with economic statistics
- Lack of experience of the environment in economic policy making (e.g. use of policy instruments for fiscal and regulatory policy)



Opportunities

- Improve evidence based decision making in integrating environment/natural capital in development policies
- Improve quality of basic data sources (including the use of administrative records and official statistics)
- Reduce response burden and data collection duplication and increase cost efficiency/value for money in use of administrative sources and integration of business and household survey related collections and processing



Opportunities

- Strengthen institutional dialogue on policy and statistics
- Strengthen institutional coordination arrangements (e.g. Boards, MoUs. service agreements) for production of statistics and its policy use in support of compilation and policy use of SEEA
 - Need to identify coordinator for statistics
 - Objective to improve coordination



Actions



Actions

- Establish the national coordination board/committee with users and producers
- Prepare national statement of strategy (by December 2013)
- Decide on priority accounts and related time series, indicators and policy applications
- Institutional arrangements (strategies and plans)
- Data quality assessment (following demands from strategies and plans)



Actions

- Pilot SEEA compilation (suggested as priorities like water, energy, forest, environmental protection expenditures, land cover/use)
- Plans by accounts:
 - objectives, institutional arrangements, outputs, activities, sources, timelines, requirements for external assistance
- Dissemination and communication strategy on nationally agreed accounts and time series of statistics and indicators