TOWARDS A NATIONAL PLAN FOR ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING

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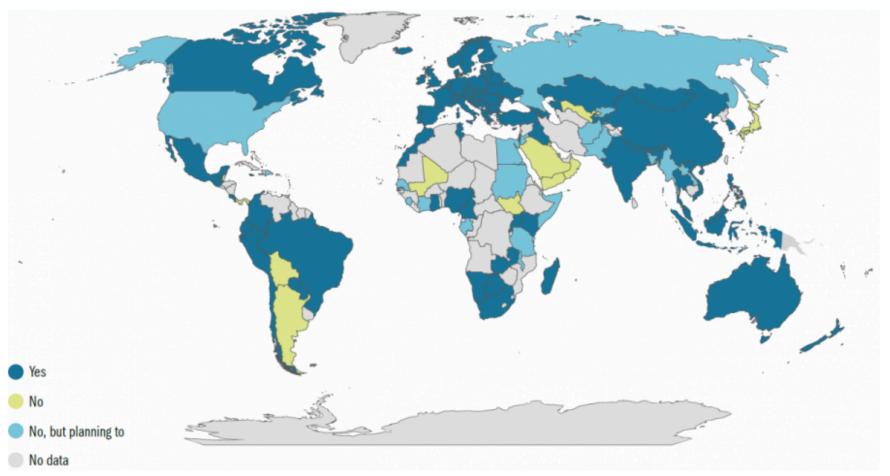
Outline

- The SEEA global implementation: Current status
- The SEEA national implementation: A multi-phase approach
 - The SEEA national plan
 - The SEEA national assessment
 - Scoping and diagnostic templates for national assessment
 - Tools to support implementation





The SEEA national implementation: A multi-phase approach







SEEA Implementation guide: Approach to national implementation

Phase 1

National assessment and national plan

Phase 2

Programs of work for priority accounts

Phase 3

• Pilot compilation of priority accounts

Phase 4

 Data quality assessment and sustainable production of SEEA accounts Training and capacity building

Communication and advocacy





The SEEA national assessment

A participatory, strategic planning process intended to document the institutional, data environment, constrains and opportunities within which implementation of the SEEA would be undertaken.



The SEEA national plan

The blue-print intended to build mechanisms for the long-term implementation of environmental-economic accounts, as informed by a national assessment.





SEEA national assessment: Core group

A core group established with familiarity with national sustainability, policies, accounts and environment statistics, with a key senior representative from "sponsor" and "producer" and key "users"

- **Sponsor**: Those involved in central finance, planning and other policy agencies
- Producer: Those involved in the production and compilation of SEEA based accounts and the management of related information sources
- **User**: Those who rely on accounting-derived information for development planning, monitoring, reporting, and other analytical needs





SEEA national assessment: Report

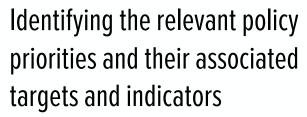
- i. Stakeholders and institutional arrangements/frameworks
- ii. Policy priorities, targets and indicators
- iii. Data sources
- iv. Existing accounts and previous studies
- v. Constraints
- vi. Opportunities
- vii. Recommendations for priority accounts and next steps





National assessment and national plan: SEEA Diagnostic Tool

- Stakeholder and institutional arrangements
- 2. Policy priorities
- Information and knowledge
- 4. Existing accounts and previous studies
- 5. Constraints
- 6. Opportunities
- 7. Recommendations for priority accounts
- 8. Next steps



- Improving access to services and resources
- 2. Managing supply and demand
- 3. Improving the state of the environment and reducing impacts
- 4. Mitigating risks and adapting to extreme events





National assessment and national plan: CI Scoping and Roadmap for Natural Capital Accounting (NCA)

Country Overview

The Policy Landscape

Statistical Standards and Existing Accounts NCA Initiatives and Projects Review of Literature Stakeholder Assessments Data Assessments Potential Challenges

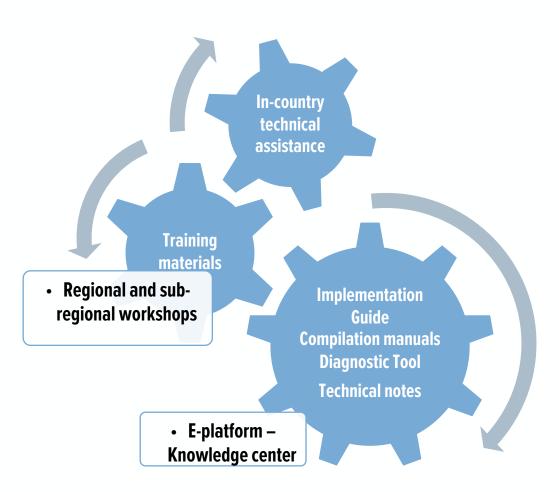


National/	Status of	Priority	Implementing	NCA account(s)
regional	implementation	(score 1-3)	agency	
commitments				
Biodiversity				
assessments/action				
plans				
Protected area				
establishment				
Ecological-economic				
zoning				
Land use planning				
Designing payments				
for ecosystem				
services				
Climate change				
mitigation and				
adaptation				
List any others				
relevant				
commitments				





Tools to support implementation



SEEA Implementation Guide Paper

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting
/ceea/meetings/ninth_meeting/UNCEEA-96d.pdf

UNSD eLearning platform

https://elearning-cms.unstats.un.org/

The SEEA Knowledge Base

https://seea.un.org/content/knowledgebase

CI NCA Readiness Scoping and
Roadmap for Natural Capital
Accounting (NCA) — Available upon
request





National assessment and plan: Key messages

- Strategic participatory planning helps to understand enabling conditions and priorities, and determine direction and intent, supporting
 - implementation of accounts to best inform these priorities, allowing for testing, improvements
 - improved institutional arrangements, investments and communication needs
 - o national statistical offices the ongoing compilation of accounts





Thank you

