TOWARDS A NATIONAL PLAN FOR ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING

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• The SEEA national implementation: A multi-phase approach
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    ▶ 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

2. **Policy priorities**

Identifying the relevant policy priorities and their associated targets and indicators

1. 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

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Tools to support implementation

SEEA Implementation Guide Paper

UNSD eLearning platform
https://elearning-cms.unstats.un.org/

The SEEA Knowledge Base
https://seea.un.org/content/knowledge-base

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
  - national statistical offices the ongoing compilation of accounts
Thank you