World-wide capacity building - news

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General SEEA CF training: format

The training course:

• Started as a training of trainers course
• Was developed and run by GIZ and UNSD with input from NSO experts
• Is attended by NSOs and environmental agencies
• Three Phases:
  1. *Obligatory online course:* to assure a common level of technical knowledge on the SEEA
  2. *In-person seminar week:* to deepen technical knowledge and develop facilitation skills (see UNSD website)
  3. *The follow-up:* trainers lead national seminars on the SEEA

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General SEEA CF training: coverage

• Regional Courses held;
  - Global pilot in July 2014
  - Africa (English speaking) region in Feb 2015
  - Latin America and Caribbean region in July 2015
  - Asia-Pacific region in Feb 2016

• Roughly **250** people have taken the online phase since July 2014

• Roughly **120** people have completed both the online and in-person phases since July 2014

  - Two sub-regional workshops were also held in China in November 2015 and Fiji in September 2016. These did not include an online component.
In-depth SEEA-CF training

• Existing SEEA Central Framework training course serves as a good introduction to the SEEA

• Countries have requested more in-depth modules for specific accounts, with more focus on compilation
  • The UNCEEA requested that module-specific courses be developed, in particular for priority areas such as water, energy, land and ecosystems in June 2016
  • UNSD will develop in-depth modules on Water and Energy in the first half of 2017.

➢ Development Account Project: training to be run in Malaysia, Uganda and Kenya with a focus on Water and/or Energy Accounts this year
Experimental ecosystem accounts training course

- Developed training materials as part of a Norwegian funded project on “Advancing SEEA EEA in pilot countries”
- Run and refined in 7 pilot countries during project
- An online-course will be developed from this in the first half of 2017
- Further training materials to be developed based on knowledge gained as part of new project “Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services”

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Guidelines & notes

CENTRAL FRAMEWORK:

- **Technical Notes:** for Water, Energy, Land, MFA, Air Emissions, EPEA, EGSS and Biodiversity Accounts (with WCMC) in the process of being finalized

- **Compilation Guidelines:** Will begin review of Compilation Guidelines for Water Statistics and Accounts with a view to finalization

- **Manuals**
  - The UNCEEA “endorsed SEEA Energy and SEEA Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as the internationally agreed methodological document [for energy/agriculture accounts] in support of the SEEA Central Framework, which is the international statistical standard for environmental economic accounting, subject to the inclusions of specific, non-substantive comments to be provided by members of the Committee.”

ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTING:

- Technical Guidelines on Ecosystem Accounting are being finalized

- The UNCEEA agreed to a timeline of updating the SEEA EEA by 2020
UNCEEA on coordination

The UNCEEA discussed capacity building and coordination in June 2016. It was stated that;

• A **knowledge repository** should be developed to host training materials; case studies; and other tools, practices, and useful documents
  ➢ Technical Committee has role in answering countries’ questions

• The UNCEEA will engage **regional statistical training facilities** to further delivery of SEEA training

• A record of countries/agencies work with respect to capacity building should be kept updated to enhance transparency & coordination*

• Members of the UNCEEA will be identified by the Bureau to
  ➢ Conduct an assessment of existing training and compilation materials
  ➢ Engage with regional training institutions

*see: [http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/meetings/eleventh_meeting/lod11.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/ceea/meetings/eleventh_meeting/lod11.htm) – refer to papers BK/5(1) and BK/5(2)
Thank you