SEEA Implementation Guide and Diagnostic Tool

Sokol Vako
United Nations Statistics Division

Training for the worldwide implementation of the System of Environmental Economic Accounting 2012 - Central Framework for Africa 2-5 February 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Nature of the Implementation Guide

- Broad direction and support to national level implementation
- Introductory and overview document
- Works within the framework of the SEEA implementation strategy
- Recognise differences between countries and regions in actual situations and contexts
- Reflect lessons learned on implementation from past compilers
- Promote awareness of key implementation issues and risks



Structure of the Guide

- Introduction
 - Rationale for implementation of SEEA
- Description of key elements of global implementation strategy
 - Including international measurement programs
- Overview of implementation at country level
- Preparation of assessment reports and implementation plans
- Annexes
 - Including Diagnostic tool, References

Four Phases of Implementation at Country Level

- Strategic planning
 - Establishing a core group
 - Completing a national assessment report
- Building mechanisms for implementation
 - Authorised senior board or group
 - Implementation team/s
- Compiling and disseminating accounts
- Strengthening national statistical systems

Diagnostic Tool

- Tool to support discussions on the implementation of SEEA – particularly in initial assessments
- Eight areas in line with the logic of the implementation guide
- Order of areas a guide only

Diagnostic Tool

- Area 1-Stakeholder and institutional arrangements
- Area 2-Policy priorities
- Area 3-Information and knowledge

Area 4-Existing accounts and previous studies

Diagnostic Tool

Area 5-Constraints

Area 6-Opportunities

- Area 7-Recommendations for priority accounts
- Area 8-Next steps

Key Messages

- Essential to undertake strategic planning with range of users and producers
- Make regular and clear decisions and written statements of direction and intent
- Invest in ongoing communication
- Aim to prepare accounts on an ongoing basis
- Incorporate relevant investments in national statistical systems
- Release experimental or research data as part of building capacity and awareness - "learning by doing"
- Share experiences and use international support

System of Environmental-Economic Accounting

United Nations Statistics Division

THANK YOU