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SEEA IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE AND DIAGNOSTIC TOOL



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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



TECHNICAL NOTES AND CORE TABLES

- Technical notes are designed to summarise key aspects of specific themes to guide initial discussions on implementation
- Planned to release 10-15 technical notes on various themes
 - Draft technical notes for land and water completed
- Basic structure
 - Introduction and context
 - Core tables
 - Possible extensions
 - Measurement steps and challenges
 - Reference links – technical and country examples



CORE TABLES

- Core tables provide concise, highly relevant information
- Information is key to deriving indicators and aids in developing evidence based public policies
- UNSC at its 44th session urged UNCEEA to develop a core set of tables and accounts
- No final set of core tables – for discussion here
- No short term plans for international reporting



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



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



THANK YOU

