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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