

System of Environmental Economic Accounting



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Defining and monitoring targets for 2020 in the implementation strategy

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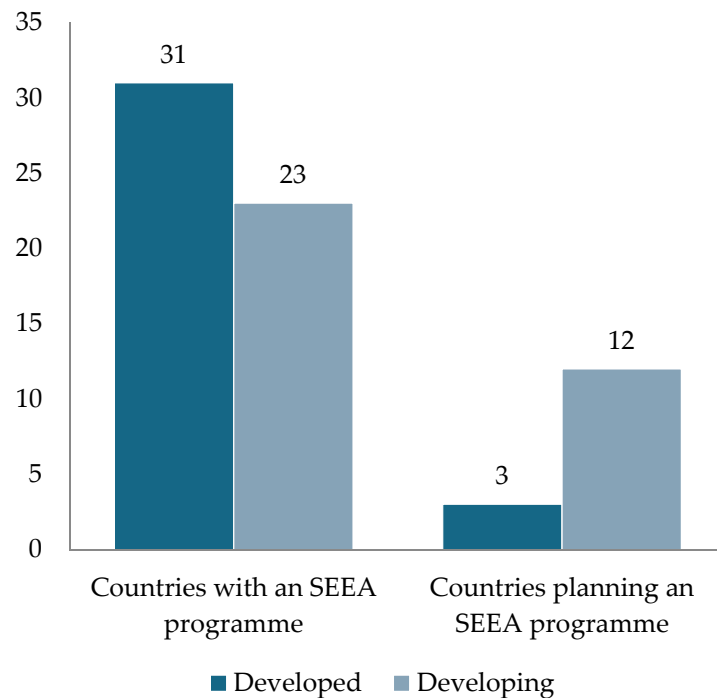
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Proposed targets for Implementation

- Targets for the adoption of SEEA as part of National Agendas by 2020:
 - > **100** countries with ongoing programmes on SEEA Central Framework
 - > **50** countries initiating work on SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting
- “Setting specific targets on the level of national implementation is useful to provide ambition, but the current targets should be reviewed by the Bureau and progress against set targets should be assessed regularly and reported to the UNCEEA”.

Status of SEEA Implementation

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(2014)



- Global Assessment on Environmental Economic Accounting 2014
 - 84 countries responded
 - 54 currently have an SEEA programme
- **Accounts most commonly compiled;**
 - Air Emissions, Material Flows, Energy
- **Priorities accounts going forward;**
 - Developed Countries: Energy, EPEA and EGSS
 - Developing Countries: Energy, Water and Environmental Taxes and Subsidies

Global Assessment (2014) – Key Questions

- Does your country have a programme on Environmental-Economic Accounting that is compiling data for, or developing SEEA based accounting? [YES/NO]
 - > *For the purpose of this assessment, a country is considered to have a programme on Environmental Economic Accounting if it compiles any part/module of the accounts in physical or in monetary terms.*
- Which modules of Environmental-Economic Accounting have been compiled or are currently compiled by your country? Please check all that apply and indicate the years for which these accounts were compiled. [MATRIX OF ACCOUNTS AND YEARS]
 - > *For the purposes of this assessment, a module is considered to be compiled if any part(s) of it is compiled. For example, the module 'physical supply and use tables' should be considered as being compiled even if only physical use tables are compiled. Similarly, 'asset accounts' should be considered as being compiled even if they are only compiled in physical or monetary terms, rather than both.*
- Are there plans to EXPAND the compilation of Environmental-Economic Accounts? ... For which accounts does your country have expansion plans? [LIST OF ACCOUNTS]
 - > *Plans to expand the compilation of Environmental-Economic Accounts relates to broadening the coverage of modules already compiled (e.g., compiling physical supply in addition to physical use accounts for a given topic such as Energy, or more detailed spatial disaggregation and time series development).*
- Are there plans to BEGIN the compilation of additional Environmental-Economic Accounts? ... for any of the below options? [LIST OF ACCOUNTS]
 - > *Plans to begin the compilation of Environmental-Economic Accounts relate to plans to initiate the compilation of new modules for which no accounts have been compiled to date.*

The UNCEEA is asked to consider the following questions;

- How do we define a country with on-going, well-resourced programmes in SEEA CF, given that the system consists of many tables and the strategy is that countries start implementing according to their own priorities?
- How do we define a country with on-going, well-resourced programmes in ecosystem accounting given that the system is still experimental?
- How do we monitor the annual progress made by countries? Is the global assessment used in 2014 useful to track progress towards implementation? What kind of information is needed for the global monitoring of the SEEA implementation status?



THANK YOU

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