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Global Implementation of the SEEA

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GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

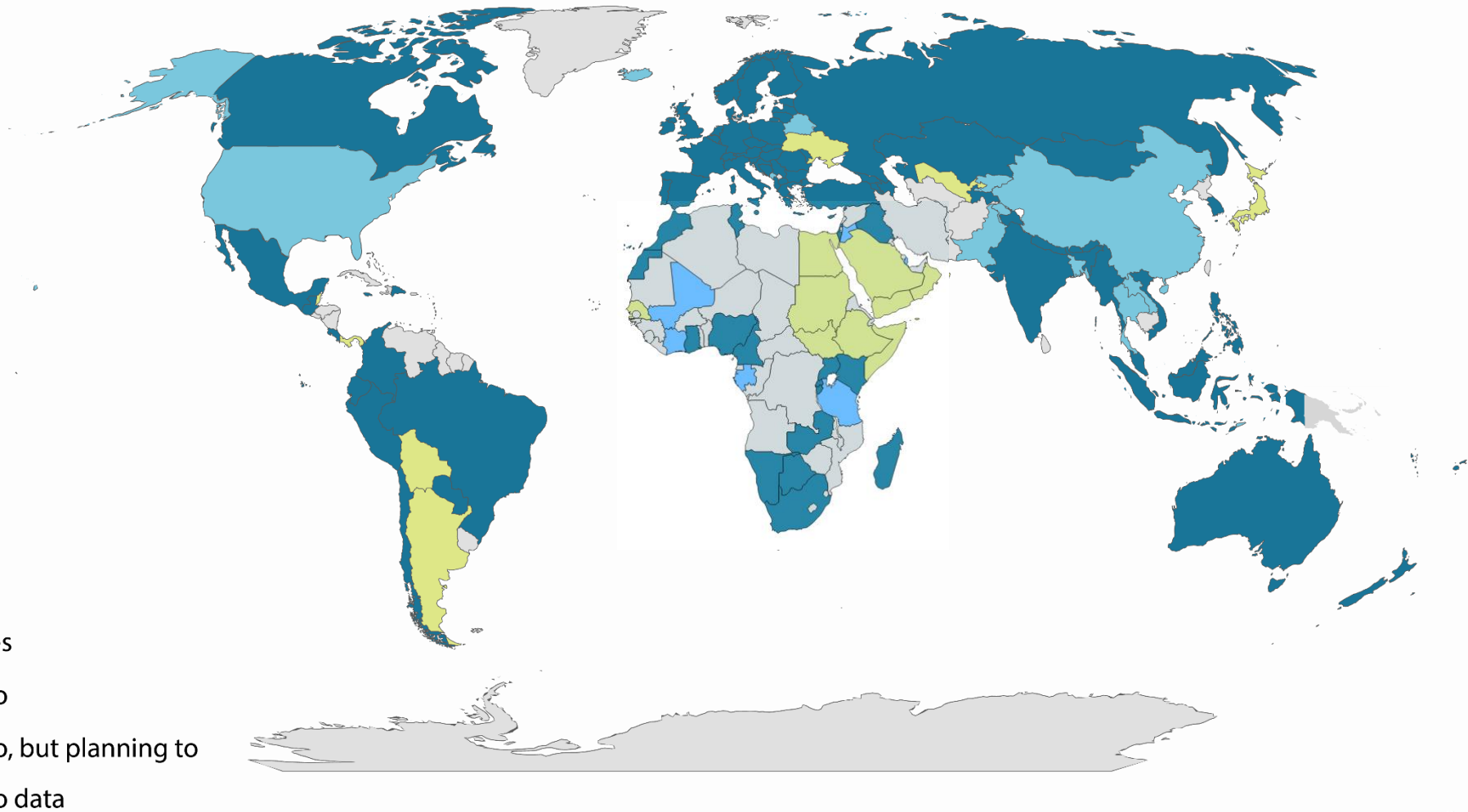
Global Implementation Strategy

- Adopted by the Statistical Commission in 2013 and updated in 2015 in response to UNSC request to step up implementation
- Implementation to be driven by policy demands and owned by countries
- Strategy takes a flexible and modular approach

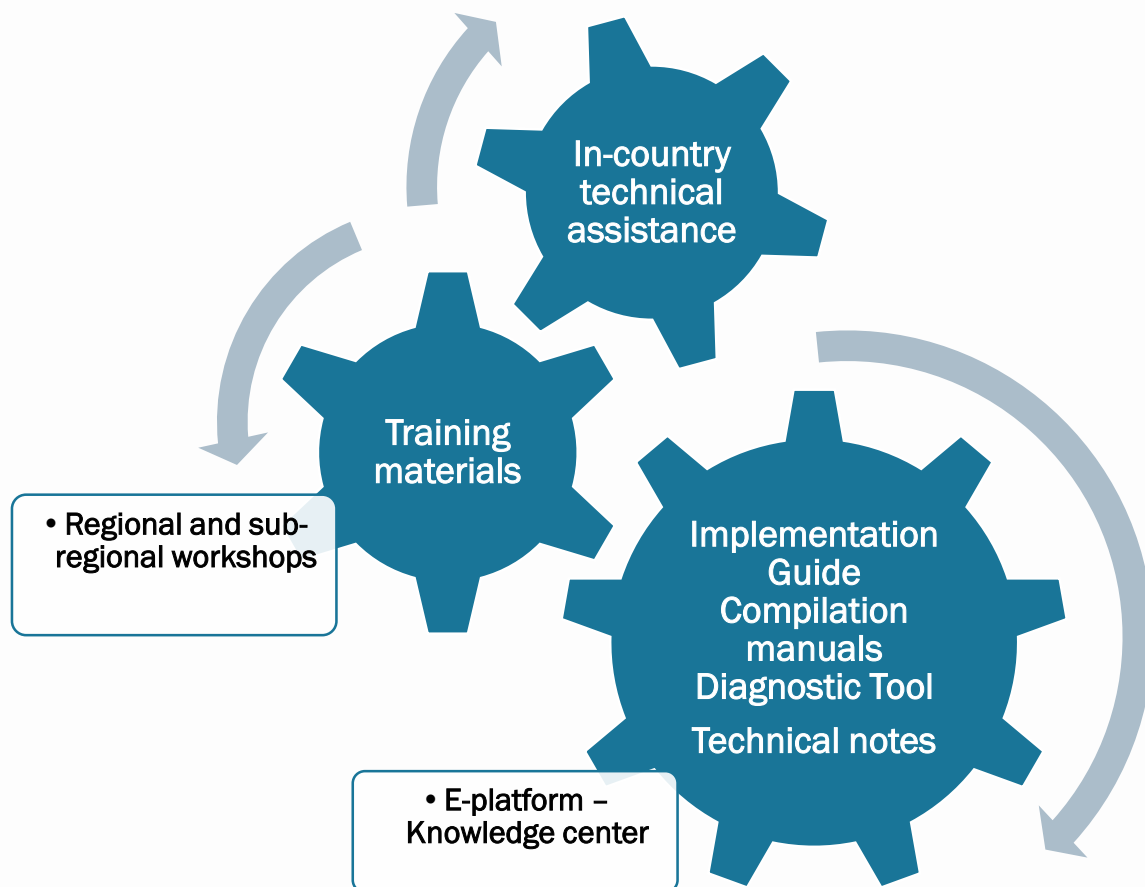
Implementation of the SEEA

- Implementation strategy (2013) objectives:
 - > Adopt the SEEA as the measurement framework for sustainable development
 - > Mainstream SEEA implementation in countries
 - **Target 100 countries by 2020** for implementation of SEEA Central Framework
 - **Target 50 countries by 2020** for implementation of SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting
- Establishment of SEEA focal points
 - > Provide coordination of SEEA-related statistical activities in the country
- Capacity building and technical assistance
 - > Setting up country programmes (National Plans)
- Training – online courses and workshops
 - > UNSD eLearning platform (<https://elearning-cms.unstats.un.org/>)

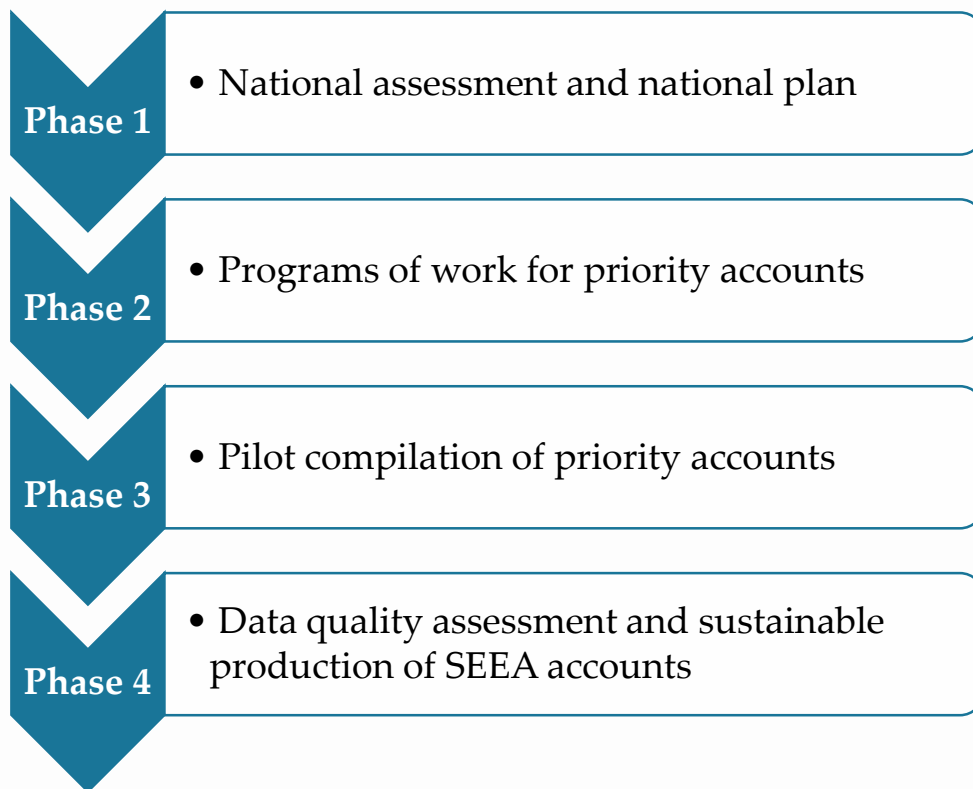
SEEA around the world



Tools to support implementation



Approach to national implementation



Implementation of SEEA

- National Statistical Offices
 - > Credibility
 - > Reliability
 - > Replicability
 - > Mainstreamed in statistical production process
 - > Arms length from policy
- MoE, line ministries, think tanks
 - > Science
 - > Data production
- Ministry of planning and finance
- Promotes inter-institutional mechanisms

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collaboration

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE AND DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

Nature of the Implementation Guide

- Introductory and overview document
- Broad direction and support to national level implementation
- Recognizes differences between countries and regions in choice of accounts, institutional contexts etc.
- Reflects implementation lessons learned from past compilers
- Promotes awareness of key implementation issues and risks
- Has two primary audiences: producer and sponsor
- Works within the framework of the Implementation Strategy

Structure of the Guide

1. Introduction
 - > Rationale for implementation of SEEA
2. Description of key elements of global implementation strategy
 - > Including international measurement programs
3. Overview of implementation at country level
4. Preparation of assessment reports and implementation plans
5. Annexes
 - > Including **diagnostic tool**

Overview of implementation at country level: 4 phases

1. Strategic planning
 - > Establishing a core group
 - > Completing a **national assessment report**
2. Building mechanisms for implementation
 - > Authorized senior board or group
 - > Implementation strategy / National Plan
 - > Implementation team(s)
3. Compiling and disseminating accounts
4. Strengthening national statistical systems

Diagnostic Tool - Overview

- Tool to support discussions on the implementation of SEEA – particularly in making initial assessment
- Eight areas in line with the logic of the implementation guide
- A guide only
 - > Order of areas may vary
 - > Questions and additional considerations apply differently

Diagnostic Tool - Areas

1. Stakeholder and institutional arrangements
2. Policy priorities
3. Information and knowledge
4. Existing accounts and previous studies
5. Constraints
6. Opportunities
7. Recommendations for priority accounts
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

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