



System of  
Environmental  
Economic  
Accounting

# **INTRODUCTION TO THE SEEA AND ITS POLICY APPLICATIONS E-LEARNING PROGRAMME**

**ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY  
IN ASIA**

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This e-Learning programme is organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). It provides an overview of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Central Framework (CF) and how it can be used for sustainable policy decisions. The e-Learning programme is directed towards select countries in Asia which have active SEEA programmes. In particular, the programme is aimed towards users and producers of SEEA accounts, with a focus on users of the accounts.

The training programme encompasses two different modules: 1) An introduction to the SEEA Central Framework and 2) a module on the policy applications of the SEEA, geared towards users of the accounts, with a short introduction on the SEEA and chapters on biodiversity, climate change and macroeconomic/finance applications.

This e-Learning, funded by BMZ and supported by GIZ, was part of the Enhance NCA Policy Uptake and Relevance (EnhaNCA) project, which provides materials to increase policymakers' understanding of the applications of NCA according to the SEEA. Also included in this project are four publications (which formed the basis of the e-Learning) and factsheets. These materials can be found on the [EnhaNCA website](#).

### **PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES**

- Develop a general understanding of the SEEA conceptual framework;
- Build knowledge on the policy applications of the SEEA, particularly for biodiversity, climate change and macroeconomic/finance policies; and
- Learn how different countries have used the accounts to strengthen policy-data links.

### **EXPECTED PROGRAMME OUTCOMES**

By involving policy makers and data users from line ministries, as well as producers from national statistical offices, the programme seeks to develop shared understanding and appreciation of the value of the SEEA accounts among key stakeholders.

The programme is designed to enable participants to take the following actions in their respective national context:

- Convene multi-agency stakeholders to develop a plan for the production and use of SEEA accounts.
- Better communicate results of existing SEEA accounts, highlighting policy applications of the SEEA for biodiversity, climate change and macroeconomic policies; and
- Improve the use of the accounts in development and monitoring of national environmental policies and reporting for international frameworks.

## TARGET AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPANTS

The target audience for the e-Learning includes representatives from select countries in Asia, in particular:

- Policymakers and users of the accounts, including representatives from ministries of environment, natural resources, planning, finance, etc.
- NSO staff engaged in consultation with users of NSO products and services
- Producers of environmental and economic statistics and accounts

## ORGANIZATION

Participants will attend two self-paced online courses.

- 1) Introduction to the SEEA CF

<https://learning.officialstatistics.org/course/view.php?id=19>

There are several modules in this course. This training programme only includes the first module—Introduction to the SEEA.

- 2) SEEA for Policy Makers

<https://learning.officialstatistics.org/course/view.php?id=40>.

This online course consists of the following chapters:

- Four reasons to use the SEEA (overview)
- Mainstreaming biodiversity into economic planning
- Creating integrated climate change policies
- Financing a sustainable future

A tentative schedule for the course is as follows:

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Module</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
3 November, 9:00 AM GMT+8	Introduction to the SEEA Central Framework – Introduction to the SEEA	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing the SEEA in the Asia Pacific, (Anthony Dvarskas, UN ESCAP)</li> <li>• Compiling environmental accounts- the Philippines experience (Virginia Bathan, Philippine Statistical Authority)</li> </ul>
10 November, 9:00 AM GMT+8	SEEA for Policy Makers – Four reasons to use the SEEA (overview)	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the SEEA and its policy applications (Alessandra Alfieri, UN Statistics Division)</li> <li>• Using the SEEA for eco-compensation in China (Professor Ouyang, Chinese Academy of Sciences)</li> </ul>
17 November, 9:00 AM GMT+8	SEEA for Policy Makers – Mainstreaming biodiversity into economic planning	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEEA and biodiversity policies, (Jillian Campbell, Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity)</li> <li>• SEEA and Biodiversity in Indonesia (Martha Siregar and Irfan Darliazi, Bappenas)</li> </ul>
24 November, 3:00 PM GMT+8	SEEA for Policy Makers – Creating integrated climate change policies	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEEA and climate change policies (Angelica Tudini, UNECE Task Force on Climate-Change Related Statistics)</li> <li>• Using the SEEA for climate change policies (Enkhzaya Dambijanstan, National Statistics Office of Mongolia)</li> </ul>
1 December, 9:00 AM GMT+8	SEEA for Policy Makers – Financing a sustainable future	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEEA and macroeconomic/finance policies (Jim Tebrake, International Monetary Fund)</li> <li>• Bridging Climate-Related Data Gaps in Malaysia (Li Ming Ong, Central Bank of Malaysia)</li> </ul>

Participants can expect to spend 1-2 hours each week for the training programme. This includes completing the relevant e-Learning module as well as attending the hour-long webinar.

## REGISTRATION AND SIGN-UP

- 1) Please register your participation no later than 22 October, 2021.
- 2) The courses are hosted on the [UN Global Platform Learning Hub](#), which is the learning management system of the UN Global Platform. To sign up for the courses, please follow the instructions below.
  - On [learning.officialstatistics.org](#), click the “Log in” link at the top right corner.
  - On the log in page, click on the last button “Create new account”, which is under the heading “Is this your first time here?”

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- Once you have your new account, you can log in from [learning.officialstatistics.org](#).
- Once you are logged in, click on “[System of Environmental Economic Accounting \(SEEA\)](#)” under “Course categories”.
- Then click on “[SEEA for Policy Makers](#)” and enroll.
- Also click on “[SEEA – Central Framework \(English\)](#)” and enroll.