



SEEA CF research agenda

Overview

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Background

- During the preparation of the SEEA CF, some important topics were identified that would benefit from further research and consideration.
- To move the SEEA CF research agenda forward, a revised complete list of issues has been developed by the SEEA CF technical committee.
- In 2016, the items on the research agenda have been prioritized and a detailed time line for 2017-2019 has been established.



Status SEEA CF Research Agenda

	Topic lead	First issue paper	Discussed in LG/expert meeting	Discussed in SEEA CF TC	Accepted by UNCEEA	Comments
A: Conceptual issues						
1 Development of classifications . --> 1a: environmental activities	Eurostat	At LG meeting 2018, 2019	X			A1a together with A2
. --> 1b: residuals	???					not started
2 Definition of resource management and structure of	Eurostat	At LG meeting 2018	x			
3 Integrated framework for environmental activity . accounts	Eurostat	At LG meeting 2016	X	X	X	
4 Losses	???					not started
5 Linkages and overlaps between SEEA CF and SEEA . EEA	???	At LG meeting 2019				not started
6 Fossil fuel subsidies by industry as part of climate . change related statistics	Statistics Sweden	At LG meeting 2018, 2019	X			
7 LULUCF and SEEA	FAO	At LG meeting 2017	X			
B: Implementation issues						
1 Implementation issues related to classifications .						See A1
2 Approaches to the measurement of adapted goods .	Canada/ Eurostat					Not strated ?
3 Economy wide material flow accounts	Istat	At LG meeting 2017	X	X	X	
4 Input output techniques	OECD, Eurostat					not started
5 Global DSDs for data exchange for SDMX	Eurostat	At LG meeting 2017	X	X	X	

Conclusion

Not all issues on the list have been solved !

Why ?

- Some topics are complex and need a long time to solve
- No topic leads for several topics
- Focus has been on SEEA EEA research agenda
- No real goal / hard deadline



Revision of the SEEA ?

SNA

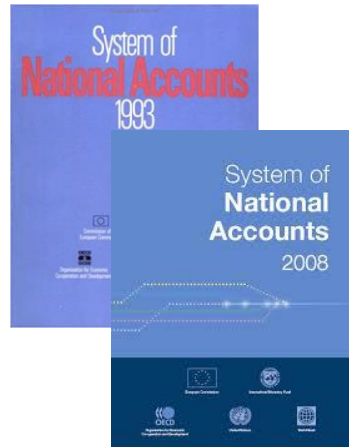
1947: first report on SNA

1953: publication first SNA

1960, 1964, 1968, 1993:
revisions SNA

2008: last revision

SNA



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1993: first manual

2003: Update

2012: SEEA CF international
standard

2012, 2021: SEEA

Ecosystem accounting



Why revise SEEA CF ?

- 1) General user needs
- 2) Responding to new policy demands
- 3) Integrating the workd on the SEEA CF agenda
- 4) Alignment with SEEA EEA
- 5) Alignment with SNA research agenda

Work on the SNA research agenda

- The **Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts** (ISWGNA) started technical research in prioritized and current national accounts issues.
- A **subgroup on Wellbeing and Sustainability** has been established with the objective to *produce one or more guidance notes on well-being and sustainability issues identified by the AEG as a first priority. These are:*
 - *Unpaid household work*
 - *Distribution of household income, expenditure and wealth*
 - ***Environmental-economic accounting***
 - *Defining a broader framework for capturing economic activities, well-being and sustainability*
- As a first step the list of issues should be established (October 2019)
- Final draft guidance notes should be ready for the autumn 2020 meeting of the Advisory Expert Group (AEG) on National Accounts.
- **Overlap with the SEEA CF research agenda!**
- **The work on the research agendas should be further aligned.**



Options for a revision

Option 1: No revision

The first option is to decide **not** to start a revision of the SEEA CF in the coming 5-6 years.

Option 2: A limited revision of SEEA CF

Incorporation of the current and new work on SEEA CF research agenda, incorporation of the work on SNA research agenda, an up-to-date description of relationship with SEEA EEA, making SEEA CF more up to date to meet some important policy needs.

Option 3: Revision of SEEA CF and **integration with SEEA EEA**

Full integration of the two manuals, Establishing closer links between the accounts of SEEA CF and SEEA EEA.



Outcome of the UNCEEA discussion

The UNCEEA

→ Requested the UNCEEA Bureau to further explore the potential for a revision, including a thorough evaluation of resources required, the need for integration of the SEEA CF with methodological documents (e.g. SEEA-Water, SEEA AFF etc.), possible integration with the revised SEEA EEA, lessons learnt from country implementation, advances in the research agenda and the possible revision of the SNA;

→ Agreed that revision options beyond those presented during the meeting should be explored;

Questions to the London Group

- 1) Questions for clarifications
- 2) What is your view on the potential of the SEEA CF revision in the near future?

AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS OF THIS SESSION

- 3) How to move forward the SEEA CF research agenda ?



How to move forward the SEEA CF research agenda ?

- Should be reprioritize / restructure the research agenda
- How do we best align with the work on the SNA research agenda ?
- How can we set deadlines for resolving certain issues
- How to distribute the work involved ?
- How can the London group get more involved ?