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

### A: Conceptual issues

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1. Development of classifications
   - --> 1a: environmental activities
   - --> 1b: residuals
2. Definition of resource management and structure of accounts
3. Integrated framework for environmental activity accounts
4. Losses
5. Linkages and overlaps between SEEA CF and SEEA EEA
6. Fossil fuel subsidies by industry as part of climate change related statistics
7. LULUCF and SEEA

### B: Implementation issues

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1. Implementation issues related to classifications
2. Approaches to the measurement of adapted goods
3. Economy wide material flow accounts
4. Input output techniques
5. Global DSDs for data exchange for SDMX
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
2008: last revision

SEEA
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?