



“SEEA - The Monitoring Framework for Green Economy and Sustainable Development”

A Side Event co-Sponsored by Australia and Brazil

DATE: 14 June, 2012, 5:30pm-7:00pm

VENUE: RioCenter, Room T-9

Background: Adopted as the international statistical standard for environmental-economic accounts by the United Nations Statistical Commission in February 2012, the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) applies accounting structure, concepts, definitions and classifications to environment statistics coherent with the System of National Accounts, the standard for economic statistics. The SEEA is a multi-purpose system that organizes and integrates environment, economic and socio-demographic statistics to answer sustainable development and green economy policy questions. National governments as well as international organizations have included the SEEA as part of their programs on the green economy and sustainable development.

Representatives from a number of organizations will discuss how they use SEEA concepts and accounts to answer policy questions related to the green economy and sustainable development. Programs that incorporate the SEEA include among others the EU Beyond GDP initiative, World Bank’s Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) partnership, UNDP’s Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI), UNEP Green Economy and OECD Green Growth programmes.

Introductory Remarks by the Co-chairs:

- **Ms. Wasmalia Bivar, President, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, Brazil**
- **Mr. Ivo Havinga, Chief Economic Statistics Branch, United Nations Statistics Division, DESA**

Panel:

- **Pedro Diaz, Director Directorate Sectoral and Regional Statistics, Eurostat**
- **Veerle Vandeweerd, Director Environment & Energy Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP**
- **Sylvie Lemmet, Director Division for Technology, Industry and Economics, UNEP (tbc)**
- **Glenn-Marie Lange, Programme Leader WAVES, Environment Department, World Bank**
- **OECD (tbc)**
- **Peter Harper, Chair United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting and Deputy Australian Statistician**
- **European Environment Agency**

Q& A: Interactive Discussion

Wrap-Up and Moving Forward

- **Ms. Wasmalia Bivar**
- **Mr. Ivo Havinga**