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# The UNCEEA and the SDG Indicators Process

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# UNCEEA and the SDG -Process so far

**June:** UNCEEA agreed to promote alignment of the SDG indicators with the SEEA where appropriate

**7<sup>th</sup> Sep:** A two-pager, **two discussion papers** and the broad brush analysis were submitted to the IAEG in early September

**15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Suggestions for alignment of relevant SDG indicators were submitted for the Bangkok meeting

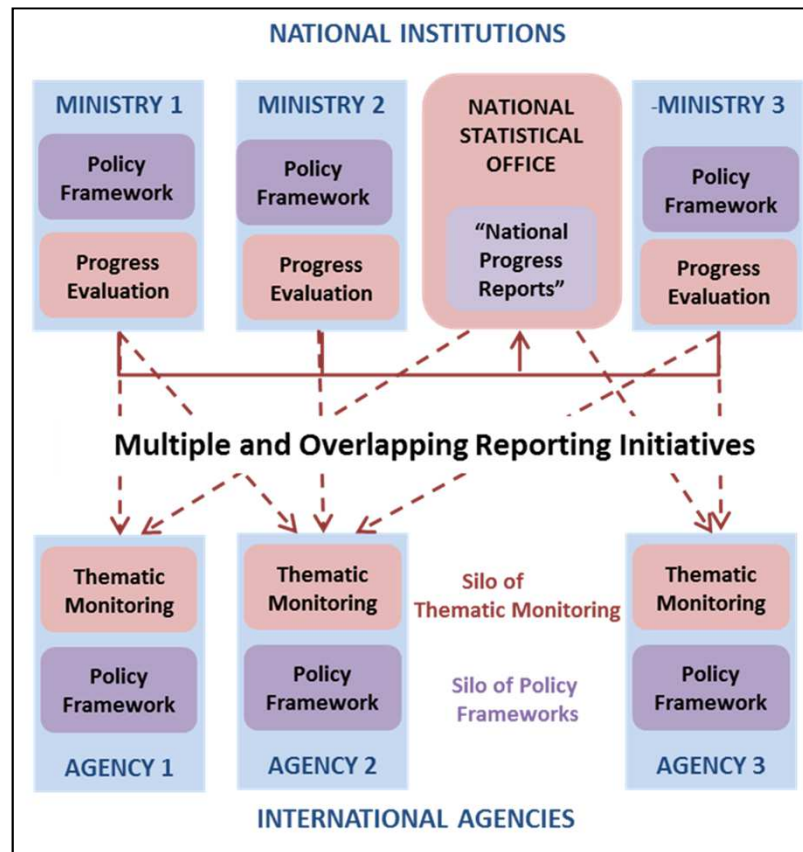
**July/Aug.:** UNCEEA did a broad brush analysis, identifying roughly 35 of SDG indicators which were “SEEA relevant”

**Sept/Oct:** Working groups within the UNCEEA (based on themes) worked to align the indicators, providing detailed definitions

# Two discussion papers...

1. UNCEEA/10/3a: *'SEEA and Transforming Global and National Statistical Systems for Monitoring SDG Indicators'*
  - Considers the **need for integration** of environmental-economic statistics, and the role of the SEEA as the conceptual framework
  - Discusses **benefits accruing to national and global policy-making** of integrating of environmental-economic statistics
  - Lays out a **transformative roadmap** for aligning SDG monitoring mechanisms with the statistical standard of the SEEA
2. UNCEEA/10/3b: *'The SEEA as the Statistical Framework in meeting Data Quality Criteria for SDG indicators'*
  - Illustrates how integrated **statistical frameworks** such as the SEEA can facilitate and enhance the production of statistics and indicators by national statistical systems

# Legacy Frameworks in Statistics



National statistical system operating in silos:

→ Lack of integrated information for policy-making

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Legacy Framework of International Organizations:

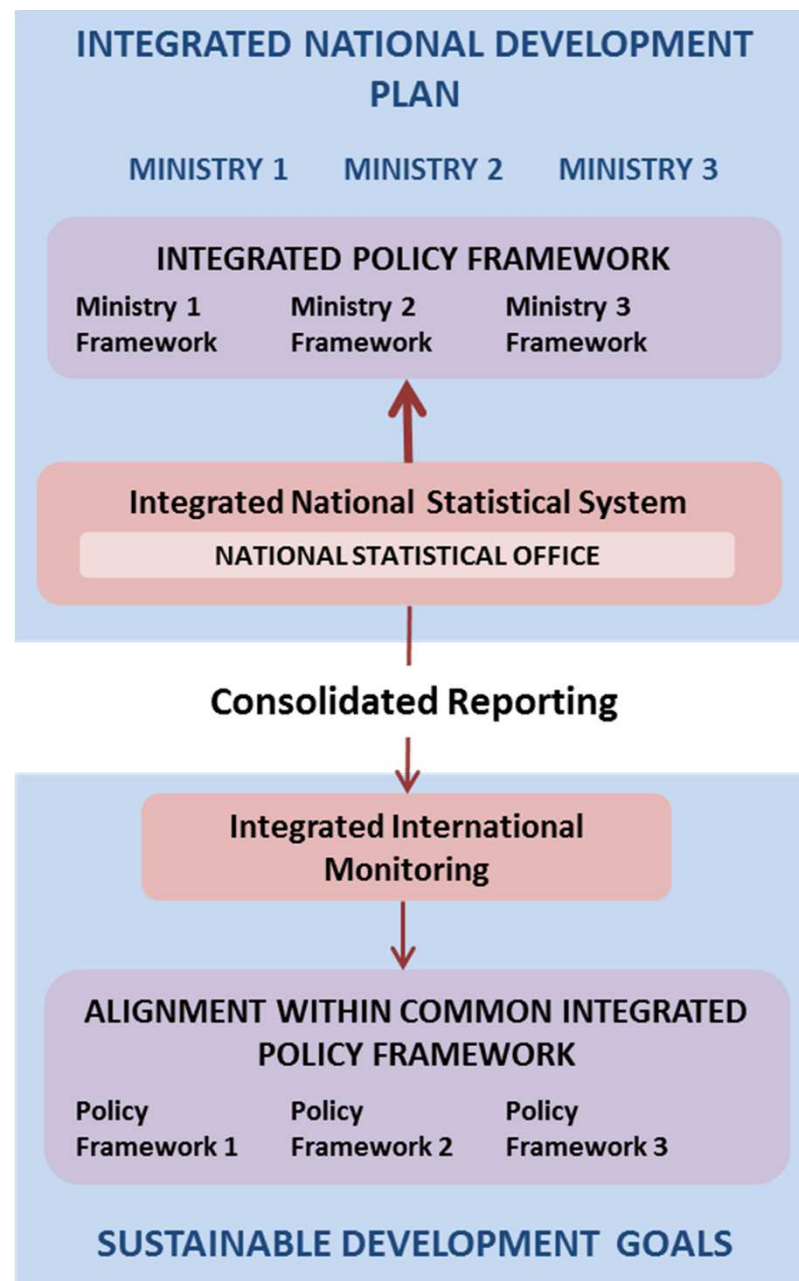
→ Multiple and distinct thematic monitoring initiatives

# Scope for Integration...

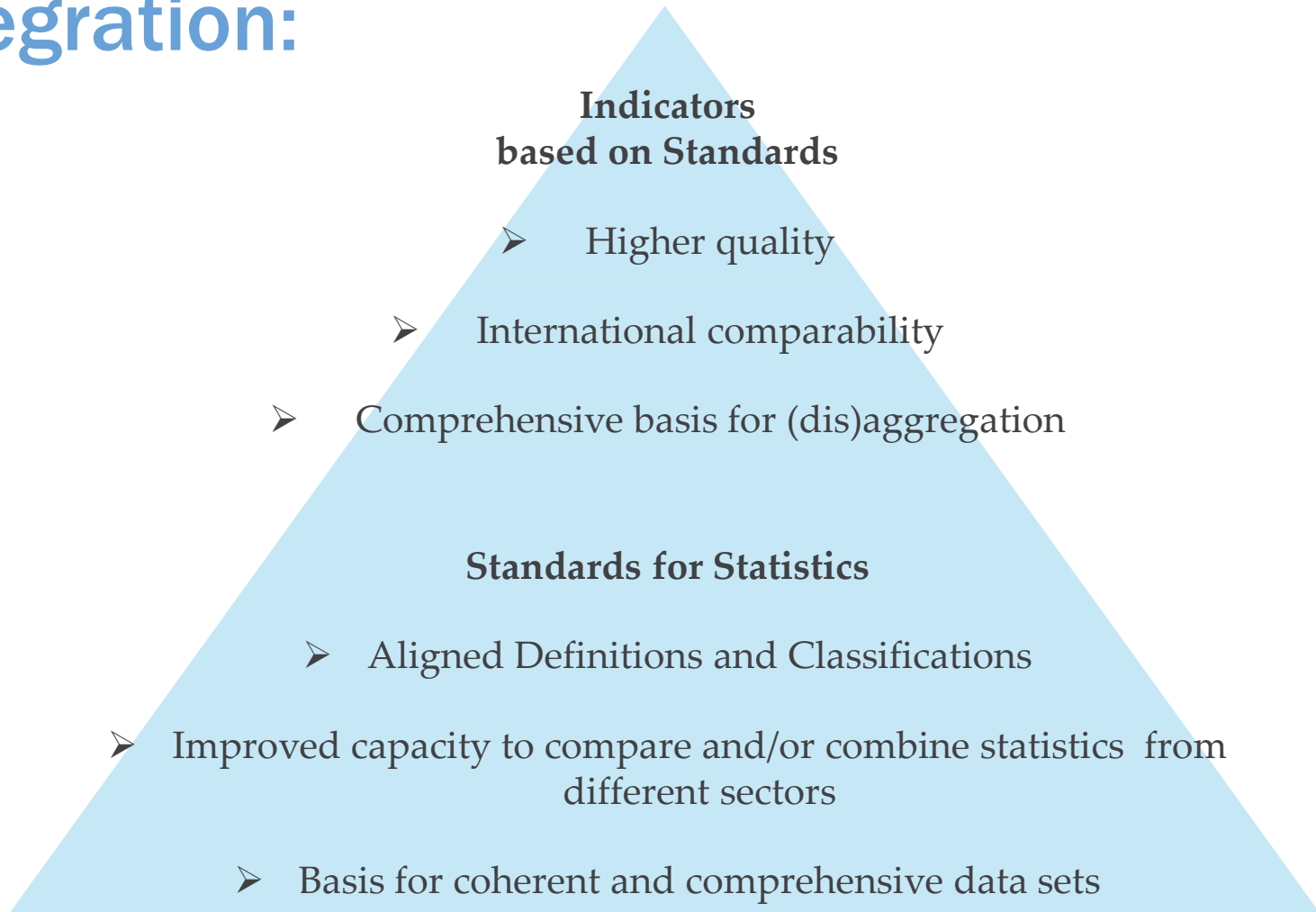
The SDGs represent important moves towards an integrated policy agenda.

**To support this, integration of statistics is needed:**

- National Statistical Systems need integrated information systems to inform sustainable development initiatives
- Global Reporting Mechanisms should reduce overlap, streamline reporting and ensure an integrated approach



# Importance of Standards-based Integration:



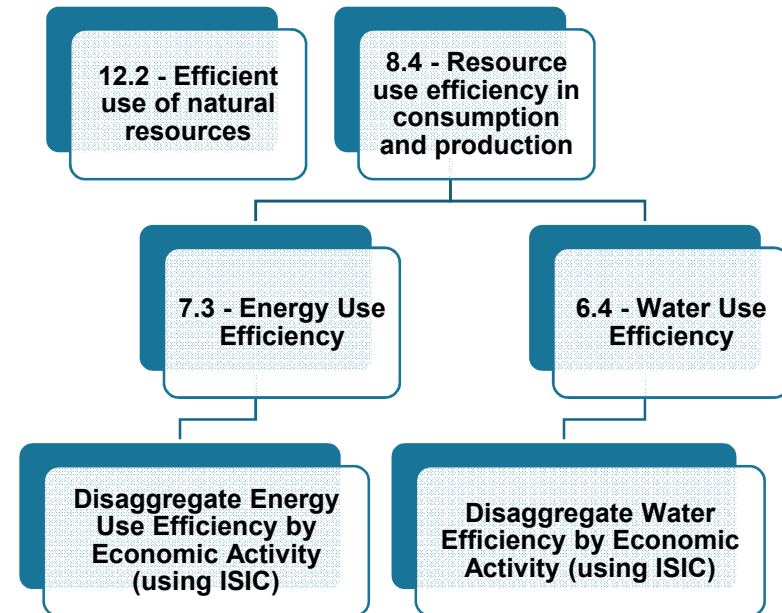


# Integrated Architecture for SDGs

Architecture of integrated global and national monitoring requires **methodological consistency** across **themes** and **levels of monitoring**.

The SEEA should be the methodological basis for;

1. The **integration** of environmental-economic indicators for the SDGs.
2. The **disaggregation** of aggregate 'global indicators' to inform national policy



# Roadmap

- Reflecting the SEEA in the SDG Indicators;
  - Indicators aligned with SEEA where relevant
  - Existing monitoring mechanisms should align to SEEA
  - Where new mechanisms are being set up, they should be established in alignment with the SEEA
- Incorporating the SEEA in other policy frameworks;
  - Further adoption of SEEA as underlying statistical framework to support policy frameworks and thematic indicators (e.g. 10YFP, UNCCD, etc)
  - Common message and approach to in-country work



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