UPDATE ON UNCEEA

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Summary of discussion at 21-22 June 2018 UNCEEA meeting

Have a look at new https://seea.un.org/

Deliberations of UNCEEA covered 5 main areas:
- Coordination
- Methodology
  - SEEA central framework
  - SEEA ecosystem accounting
- Global SEEA databases
- Capacity building
- Communication (incl. SEEA News and Notes)

Conclusions are available as LG background doc.
Highlights on coordination

- Calendar of meetings available on seea.un.org
- Training material is being collected and e-learning resources are available
- Newly established subgroup on use of SEEA for SDGs (sub to Working Group on interlinkages). Lead: Germany. UNCEEA suggested to explore potential of SEEA also in light of 2020 and 2025 revisions of global SDG indicator set
- CCRS: dual approach (residence and territory)
- Cooperate with big data global WG on use of earth observation data
Highlights on methodology: CF

- Many research issues of interest but focus on priority areas with volunteer willing to advance (in other words the bottle neck is capacity to advance the research areas)
- Welcomed Eurostat work on integrated framework
- Asked to examine link between CF research agenda and future SNA revision
- Tourism: a SEEA/TSA technical note exists now
- MFA: global handbook well advanced (UN Environment leading)
Highlights on methodology: EEA

- Good progress on EEA revision. Funding of editor more or less secured. Aim is to supply revised handbook to UNSC in March 2021.
- Make link to SNA research agenda
- UNCEEA recommended to focus on exchange values in the core SEEA EEA
- Several large projects are under way (WAVES and WAVES+, EU INCA, EU-funded UNSD project on NCA...)

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Highlights on global databases

- Aim is to gather and disseminate global data sets for key accounts areas (air emissions, energy, MFA, water and land) -> DSDs now in test phase

- Endorsed OECD method for estimating air emissions accounts for UNFCCC Ann. 1 countries

- On land, FAO estimates land cover accounts

- MFA: UN Environment to maintain global DB

- Energy: a tool exists that uses energy statistics

- Water: need to harmonise collections, accounts will be discussed at 2019 UNCEEA meeting.
Highlights on capacity building

- 2017 global assessment was analysed. Next assessment 2020. Aim is 100 countries with CF and 50 with EEA activities
- Need to coordinate technical assistance
- Integrated information systems that can serve several purposes, incl. accounts
- Global Environmental Facility a possible funding source for countries
Highlights on communication

- New website (already mentioned)
- News and notes (Sept issue came this morning!)
- Awareness raising activities are encouraged
- Strategic thinking (e.g. influence revision of SDG indicators nationally and globally, keep an eye on the SNA revision...)

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Highlights on communication

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- SEEA developments in Asia and the Pacific
- Measuring air quality benefits of vegetation in the UK
- 2018 Expert Forum on ecosystem accounting
- Report on the 13th meeting of UNCEEA
- Inaugural meeting of Ocean Accounts Partnership
- Now available: Online courses on ecosystem accounting
- Using Earth observation for water-related ecosystem indicators
- Ecosystem accounting and environmental policy in China
- Stats NZ restarts environmental-economic accounts
- Upcoming meetings
- Resource corner
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