System of Environmental Economic Accounting
UNCEEA Work programme in context of NCA & SDGs

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United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental Economic Accounting

UNCEEA is an intergovernmental body

- consisting of countries and international organizations
- that is responsible to mainstream the SEEA in national statistical systems.
- Bert Kroese of Statistics Netherlands is the Chair
- UNSD is the Secretariat to the UNCEEA

UNCEEA and its Bureau are assisted by and cooperate with a number of groups, e.g. technical committees, London Group on Environmental Economic Accounting, Forum of Experts on the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting.
UNCEEA Work Programme

• The UNCEEA is the umbrella body for coordinating efforts in environmental-economic accounting

• A **Work Programme 2017-2020** was developed by the Bureau of the UNCEEA and takes a **5-pronged approach** to global implementation

• For each area of work, different **area leads** are responsible for:
  - a) acting as a champion and providing leadership,
  - b) developing more detailed work plans and strategies,
  - c) coordinating with other members of the UNCEEA
UNCEEA Work Programme

1. Coordination and promotion
   (Statistics Canada)

2. Methodological development
   (Statistics Netherlands & Eurostat)

3. Development of databases
   (OECD)

4. Implementation and statistical capacity building
   (Statistics South Africa)

5. Formulation of a statistical response to emerging policy issues
   (Australia Bureau of Statistics & INEGI Mexico)

Experimental Ecosystem Accounting integral part of Work Programme, e.g. methodology and update guidelines/handbook
A group chaired by INEGI is being established to develop a strategy and work stream to mainstream SEEA in the SDG process, both at the level of implementation at the country level as well as through custodian agencies.
Role of standards

Indicators based on Standards

➢ Higher quality
➢ International comparability
➢ Comprehensive basis for (dis)aggregation

Statistical Standards

➢ Aligned Definitions and Classifications
➢ Improved capacity to compare and/or combine statistics from different sectors
➢ Basis for coherent and comprehensive data sets
Thank You
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