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Webinar Series on Selected Topics in Environmental-Economic Accounting

12-14 October 2021

7-9 AM UTC

Concept note

I. Background

The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) is a statistical framework that brings together environmental and economic information in a coherent and consistent manner. It is an international standard containing agreed concepts, definitions and classifications. The SEEA is comprised of two foundational and complementary statistical standards, the SEEA Central Framework and the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

The SEEA Central Framework (SEEA CF) is a multipurpose conceptual framework that describes the flows and stocks and changes in stocks of environmental assets. It brings together, in a single measurement system, information on water, minerals, energy, timber, fish, soil and land, pollution and waste, production, consumption and accumulation. The SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA) is a spatially-based, integrated statistical framework for organizing biophysical information about ecosystems, measuring ecosystem services, tracking changes in ecosystem extent and condition, valuing ecosystem services and assets and linking this information to measures of economic and human activity.

In this series of webinars, we will focus on 2 SEEA topics that are of importance to the countries of Central Asia: water accounts and ecosystem accounts.

II. Target audience and main objectives

The target audience are staff in national statistical offices, line ministries and other institutions who are working on the compilation and dissemination of environmental information in Afghanistan,

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The main objectives of the series of webinars are:

1. Participants increase their knowledge on the SEEA Central Framework and water accounts.
2. Participants increase their knowledge on the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting
3. National statistical systems increase their capacity to compile and disseminate SEEA Accounts

III. Structure and dates of webinars

Three webinars will be organized in three consecutive days. Each webinar will last for 2 hours; it will begin with substantive presentations of the topics by experts followed by discussion sessions. Webinars will be conducted in English with simultaneous Russian interpretation. Relevant materials for the webinars will be prepared in English and Russian. Participants have an opportunity to interact with the presenters orally.

Webinar 1 (12 October): Setting the scene and a brief introduction to SEEA; SEEA Water

Presenters: SIAP and ESCAP SD (tbc)

Description: This session will focus on the overall SEEA Framework and then provide details on water supply and use as well as water asset accounts.

Time (UTC)	Agenda
7:00-7:15	Welcome remarks (Organizers)
7:15-8:00	Introduction to SEEA and Q&A (Sokol Vako, SIAP and ESCAP-SD (tbc))
8:00-8:10	Stretch Break
8:10-9:00	Compiling water accounts and Q&A (Sokol Vako, SIAP)

Webinar 2 (13 October): Recent advances in ecosystem accounting (ecosystem extent and condition)

Presenters: SIAP, Statistics Netherlands and Joint Research Center (tbc)

Description: This session will provide an overview of the newly adopted international statistical standard on ecosystem accounts. In particular, participants will learn about measuring ecosystem extent and ecosystem condition.

Time (UTC)	Agenda
7:00-7:15	Introduction day 2 (Sokol Vako, SIAP)
7:15-8:00	Measuring ecosystem extent and Q&A (Sjoerd Schenau, Statistics Netherlands)
8:00-8:10	Stretch Break
8:10-8:55	Measuring ecosystem condition and Q&A (Joachim Mas, JRC)
8:55-9:00	Wrap-up

Webinar 3 (14 October): Recent advances in ecosystem accounting (ecosystem services and ARIES)

Presenters: SIAP, UK DEFRA and Basque Center for Climate Change

Description: In the final session, participant will deepen their knowledge of ecosystem accounting by learning about measuring ecosystem services and some of the advanced IT tools (ARIES) available for the compilation of SEEA ecosystem accounts.

Time (UTC)	Agenda
7:00-7:05	Introduction day 3 (Sokol Vako, SIAP)
7:05-7:50	Measuring ecosystem services and Q&A (Rocky Harris, UK DEFRA)
7:50-7:55	Stretch Break
7:55-8:55	Introduction to ARIES and Q&A (Alessio Bulckaen and Stefano Balbi, Basque Center for Climate Change)
8:55-9:00	Closing remarks

IV. Nomination of participants

Nominated participants should register at the link below. Further details will be communicated to participants in early October.

V. Contact

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VI. Time in participating countries

Afghanistan	11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Armenia	11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Azerbaijan	11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Kazakhstan (Almaty)	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Kyrgyzstan	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar)	3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Russian Federation (Moscow)	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tajikistan	12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Turkmenistan	12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Uzbekistan	12:00 PM-2:00 PM