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## Valuing and Accounting for the Environment in the Asia Region

United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 4, Bangkok, Thailand  
8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

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### Agenda

#### DAY 1 – 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013 (TUESDAY)

**Registration (8:30 am - 9:00 am)**

**Welcome, Rational and Workshop Objectives (9.00 am - 9.40 am)**

Pushpam Kumar, UNEP (Welcome and Introduction, 10 minutes)

Ivo Hovinga, UNSD (Objectives, 10 minutes)

Rikke Munk Hansen, ESCAP (Welcome, 10 minutes)

Priya Shyamsundar, SANDEE (Welcome and Objectives, 10 minutes)

**Participants Self Introduction (Name and Institution, 20 minutes)**

#### **I. Policy demand and priorities to monitor the relationship between human activity and the environment (10.00 am - 3:30 pm)**

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This section will discuss policy demands, priorities and analytical frameworks at the national and international levels to monitor the relationship between economic and other human activity and the environment. Continued economic growth and human welfare are dependent upon the benefits obtained from the environment and there are growing concerns about the effect of each country's economic activity on the global and local environment. This session will discuss how measuring and accounting for environmental changes is a way forward to address these concerns. It will also discuss indicators and alternative macro-economic aggregates to answer policy questions.

**Why Natural Capital and National Accounts (10:00 am - 10: 45 am)**

Sir Partha Dasgupta, Cambridge University

**Chair:** Priya Shyamsunder

**TEA (10:45 am - 11:15 am)**



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**National Accounts and the Environment - Policy Demand and Initiatives at the Global and Regional levels (11:15 am – 1:00 pm)**

**Panel** (10 min. per panelist): Constantine Chikosi (World Bank), Hitomi Rankine (ESCAP), Pushpam Kumar (UNEP), Ivo Havinga, (UNSD), AnnaMaria Oltorp (Sida), Roberto Oliva (ACB)

**Chair:** Keobang A. Keola (tbc)

*LUNCH (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)*

**National Accounts and the Environment – National Policy Considerations and Practical Challenges (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)**

**Panel** (10 min. per panelist): Khamlien Pholsena (Lao PDR), Tri Dewi Virgiyanti (Indonesia), Kuenga Tshering (Bhutan), Rosemarie Edillon (Philippines), San Oo (Myanmar), D.C.A. Gunawardena (Sri Lanka)

**Chair:** Priya Shyamsundar

*TEA (3:30 pm - 4:00 pm)*

**II. Implementing the SEEA Central Framework (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm)**

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SEEA provides an international standard and applies accounting concepts, structures, rules and principles of the System of National Accounts (SNA) to environmental information and to account for natural capital. This session will provide an overview of the SEEA, discuss its utility in meeting policy demands and present the implementation strategy for the SEEA Central Framework. Countries will have opportunities to discuss policy priorities and uses of SEEA.

**Overview of SEEA and Global Implementation Strategy:** Ivo Havinga / Alessandra Alfieri (UNSD)

**Country Experiences in implementing the SEEA Central Framework:**

**Panel** (10 min. per panelist): Bill Allen (Australian Bureau of Statistics), D.C.A. Gunawardena/ D. Amarasinghe (Sri Lanka), Zarinah Mahari (Malaysia), Lina Castro (Philippines), Etjih Tasriah (Indonesia), S. Jeyalakshmi (India)

**Chair:** Krishna Gayen

*RECEPTION (COCKTAILS) HOSTED BY THE WORLD BANK (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm)*

*Shuttle back to the hotel: 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm*



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DAY 2 – 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013 (WEDNESDAY)

**II. Implementing the SEEA Central Framework (continued) (9:00 am - 12:30 pm)**

**International Initiatives and Experiences in Natural Capital Accounting**

**Panel** (15 min. per person): A.K. Duraiappah (IHDP), Ivo Havinga (UNSD)

**Chair:** Raymundo Talento

*TEA (10:45 am - 11:15 am)*

**Implementing the SEEA Central Framework - Initial statement of strategy**

**Introduction:** Alessandra Alfieri

**Feedback:** From countries on a proposal to draft an initial statement of strategy

**Chair:** Haishan Fu/ Rikke Munk Hansen

**III. Experimental Ecosystem Accounting and Valuation (12:30 pm - 5:30 pm)**

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This session presents the research agenda for Experimental Ecosystem Accounting research agenda and discusses the need to value ecosystems. The session will introduce concepts in economic valuation, review valuation tools and discuss the challenge and opportunity of valuation in the context of natural capital accounting.

**Experimental Ecosystem Accounts: Introduction and challenges (12:30 pm-1:00 pm):**

Alessandra Alfieri

*LUNCH (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)*

**Valuing Ecosystems – Examining Possibilities and Challenges**

**Chair:** Sanath Ranawana

**Valuing Ecosystems – Tools, Strategies and Policy Connections (2.00 pm - 3:00 pm)**

**Panel** (10 min. per panelist): Enamul Haque (IUB), Pranab Mukhopadhyay (Goa University), Lars Hein (Wageningen University), Hermi Francisco (EEPSEA)

**Role of Economic Valuation in National Accounts (3:00 pm - 3:40 pm)**

**Panel** (10 min per panelist): Luke Brander (Hong Kong), Haripriya Gundimedda (IIT), Gem Castillo (REEP)

*TEA (3:40 pm - 4:00 pm)*

**Implementing SEEA Experimental Ecosystems Accounts (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)**

**Feedback:** Q and A and responses from countries

**Chair:** Sanath Ranawana

**RECEPTION AND DINNER HOSTED BY UNEP (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)**

*Shuttle back to the hotel: 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm*



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**DAY 3 – 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013 (THURSDAY)**

**IV. Regional and national strategies for development of environmental economic accounts (9.00 am - 1.00 pm)**

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This session will discuss regional and national institutional mechanisms for implementing the SEEA Central Framework in particular, and environmental accounts in general. It will seek commitments from participants to work actively for the development of environmental economic accounts in the Asia Pacific region.

It is expected that the workshop will result in an outcome document on implementation of the SEEA Central Framework/Environmental Accounts, containing the following elements:

- i) Priority policy questions, identifying accounts, valuation and tables that could provide evidence for addressing these policy questions.
- ii) Suggestions on modalities and priorities for developing national strategies outlining policy priorities, institutional frameworks, data and accounts.
- iii) Recommendations on the main elements of a regional strategy for the SEEA implementation based on policy priorities.
- iv) Research priorities for implementing the SEEA framework and embarking on experimental ecosystems services valuation

**Introduction to small group discussions:** Alessandra Alfieri/Daniel Clarke/Priya Shyamsundar  
**Small Group Discussions (9.00 am -10.45 am)**

*TEA (10:45 am -11:15 am)*

**Recommendations from Groups and Follow up (11.15 am – 1:00 pm)**

**Chair:** Hermi Francisco

**Priority Lessons, Agency Responses and Vote of Thanks (12:30 -1:00 pm)** (3 min. key lessons/priorities)

Pushpam Kumar, UNEP

Ivo Havinga, UNSD

Hermi Francisco, EEPSEA

Sanath Ranawana, ADB

Priya Shyamsundar, SANDEE

Roberto Oliva, ACB

Haishan Fu, ESCAP

*LUNCH (1:00 pm -2:00 pm)*

*Shuttle back to the hotel: 2:30 pm*



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