

# NewsLetter

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Regional Training Workshop on an Accounting Approach to Climate Change Statistics and Indicators 11–14 April 2023, Japan

The System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) provides the agreed upon statistical framework for measuring the relationship between the environment and the economy. It is comprised of two complimentary international statistical standards: the SEEA Central Framework (SEEA CF) and the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA). The SEEA CF takes a resource-based approach to measuring the supply and use of environmental resources and availability of environmental assets. The SEEA EA takes a more holistic, approach in providing a spatially explicit approach to compiling accounts on cosystems. The SEEA can be flexibly implemented by countries prioritizing accounts based on availability of information and policy priorities. The accounts are designed to respond to data needs for multiple policy initiatives including global initiatives on sustainable development and on mitigating and adapting to climate change.

#### Introduction to International Recommendations on Refugee and IDP Statistics 13 March-21 April 2023

The numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) have increased rapidly in recent years, with UNHCR estimating over 100 million forcibly displaced persons in 2022. With displacement's growing prominence, there is increasing interest at national, regional and international levels in statistics on refugees and IDPs including complete, accurate, timely and internationally comparable estimates of the numbers of people displaced, their well-being and vulnerabilities. Good-quality statistics are a requirement for developing, implementing and monitoring national, regional and international policies and agreements concerning refugees and IDPs. This course introduces the "International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics" (IRRS) and the "International Recommendations on IDP Statistics"

#### Increasing user engagement around data and statistics – identifying and responding to user needs 27 March-28 April 2023

Identifying and responding to the needs of users for data and statistics is at the heart of the mission of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and national statistical systems. NSOs already undertake many activities interacting with different users such as preparing press releases to aid journalists and communicate with the public at large and organizing launch events/workshops to disseminate important results from surveys and censuses. In general, the NSO interacts with users towards the tail end of the statistical production process when the data is disseminated. There is an opportunity for national statistical offices to further improve their collaboration with users by engaging more systematically throughout the statistical production process. User engagement is the process of conducting a dialogue with users of official statistics to understand their needs and improve the products, services and operation of a statistical organization accordingly.

## Webinar on 2008 SNA Implementation 22-23 February 2023

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## Upcoming

#### Regional training for SDG4 monitoring using MICS survey data 15 - 19 May 2023 Daejeon, Republic of Korea

The program will focus on understanding education indicators based on household survey data, as well as administrative sources with a focus on SDG4 and other relevant SDG targets related to education such as child labour. Most of the indicators, however, will come from MICS 6 data, which should be available for all participating countries. In addition to the training, the capacity building activity will also serve as an opportunity for participating countries to share their experiences in terms of data use, including both Education Management Information Systems (EMIS) and household data.

#### Regional Training Course on Big Data for Sustainable Development 19-23 June 2023 Daejeon, Republic of Korea

The course aims to provide a platform for demonstrating methods, good practices and tools and for exchanging experiences in dealing with challenges and issues in the introduction of Big Data into the production and dissemination of official statistics. The course will focus on the use of publicly available data, private sector data sources, administrative data and other type of nontraditional data.



#### In-depth Training on Water Accounts 15 May – 23 June 2023 e-Learning

This course will focus on water statistics and accounts, as well as some important water aggregates and indicators (including SDGs). The water accounts are based on the System for EnvironmentalEconomic Accounting-Water (SEEA-Water) and the International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS). These two documents support analysis of the role of water within the economy, understanding of the hydrological cycle and valuation of water assets. They are consistent with the SEEA Central Framework and follow a similar accounting structure to the System of National Accounts (SNA).

### Sustainable Development Goal 9 (SDG 9): Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

#### 24 April- 26 May 2023 e-Learning

This e-Learning course was developed by the United Nations, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Statistical Institute for the Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). In 2021, out of 62 participants from 25 different countries, 37 learners (60%) completed the course successfully. This course provides opportunity for participants to learn about the main pillars of SDG 9, the relationship of this goal and the 2030 Agenda with ISID, including its contribution to building peace and prosperity

#### Webinars on Indicators on business performance related to well-being and sustainability 26 April, 31 May and 28 June 2023

This webinar series will focus on the set of indicators related to wellbeing and sustainability and is organized to (1) provide an overview of the importance of measuring impact of businesses on wellbeing and sustainability; (2) review data sources including, for example non-financial reporting; and (3) share country experiences on challenges and opportunities in the compilation of these indicators.