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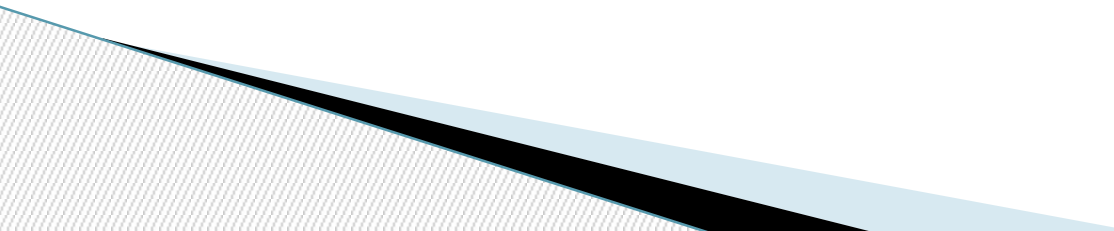
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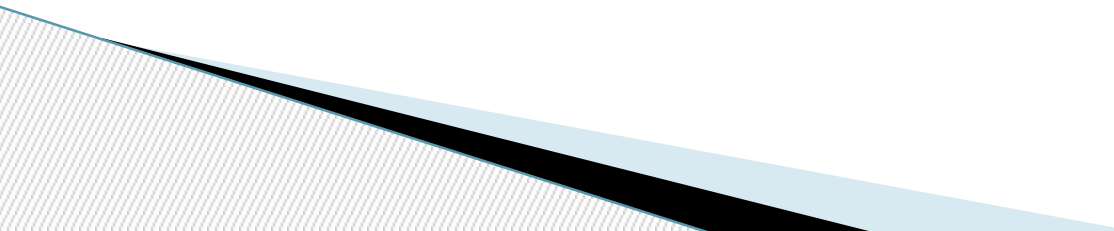
*Strengthening statistical capacities for building
macroeconomic and sustainable development indicators in
Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific countries*

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The broader context

- Sustainable Development Goals
 - Role of accounting systems (SNA and SEEA) in setting baselines and measuring progress
 - Leveraging implementation to improve statistical systems – Integrated statistics approach
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SNA implementation strategy

- *Strategic planning framework*: using possibly NSDS, DQAF
- *Information structure*: based on integrated economic statistics approach
- *Modalities*: Training and technical cooperation, publication, research and advocacy
- *Stages of implementation*: towards the 2008 SNA.
 - **Stage I**: Review strategy and set up plan
 - **Stage II**: Introduce new standards and new data collection and processing procedures
 - **Stage III**: Application of adapted frameworks and source data, back-casting and changeover to 2008 SNA

SEEA Global implementation strategy

- Flexible and modular approach
- Assist countries in the adoption of the SEEA Central Framework (including through DA projects)
- Technical capacity for regular reporting
- 4 phases:
 - Establish national institutional arrangements
 - Self assessment
 - Data quality assessment
 - Preparation of strategic development plan

Development Account Projects

- 3 projects focused on SNA and SEEA implementation
 - UNSD led project (Asia and Africa)
 - ECLAC and ESCAP led project (Brazil, Colombia, Curacao, Guatemala, Jamaica, Paraguay, Uruguay, Maldives, FSM, Cambodia, Vanuatu) with support from UNSD
 - ESCAP led project focused on the Pacific Islands
- To be implemented in a coordinated fashion using harmonized tools

Countries' point of view

What is expected from countries?

- Commitment at the National Level
- Involvement of all stakeholders
 - Central Banks, NSOs, Ministries, Policymakers
- Availability of Human Resources
- Development of a National Implementation Plan
- Active Participation in Workshops, Training, Regional and Inter-Regional Seminars
- Possibly, availability for Horizontal Cooperation Missions and Study Tours
 - To reach non-pilot or other pilot countries

Countries' point of view

What do countries gain?

- More capacity:
 - in collecting relevant data and statistics
 - in compiling national and economic environmental accounts
- More training for staff
- More assistance with data collection, processing and dissemination
- Direct assistance for handling specific problems

- More comparable statistics information
- Increased visibility of both national and economic environmental accounts to users

Countries' point of view

Both regions can benefit from:

- Tool Kit and other materials
 - Self assessment tools, case studies, etc
- Training materials
 - Online courses
- Strengthened relationships among countries
- Possibly, common consultants and technical advisors
- Shared experiences
 - Inter-regional workshop
 - Experience in other regions – Global Strategy

General Information about the Project

- Joint project between ECLAC, ESCAP and DESA/UNSD
- **Time frame: 2015–2017 (3 years)**
 - Approved end of December 2014
- Title: “Strengthening statistical capacities for building macroeconomic and sustainable development indicators, in Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia–Pacific countries”
 - SNA 2008 and SEEA 2012 implementation
- **11 pilot countries**
 - 7 from the LAC region
 - Brazil, Colombia, Curacao, Guatemala, Jamaica, Paraguay, Uruguay
 - 4 from the AP region
 - Maldives, FSM, Cambodia, Vanuatu
- Total budget: **USD 860.000**

General Information about the Project

4-phase implementation approach

- **Phase 1** – Assessment
 - In-depth review of the National and Environmental Accounts systems
- **Phase 2** – National Implementation Plan
 - Development (or enhancement) of National Strategies for the Implementation of SEEA and/or SNA
- **Phase 3** – SNA and/or SEEA Implementation
 - Implementation of specific international recommendations on National and/or Environmental Accounts, according to the priorities established in Phases 1 and 2
- **Phase 4** – Advocacy
 - Involvement of policymakers in the use of SNA and SEEA indicators for the design and monitoring of public policies

General Information about the Project

- **Governance**
 - Project Committee
 - ECLAC, ESCAP, UNSD
 - For activities in each pilot country: Focal points in respective organizations

Preliminary Calendar

EA	Act #	Description	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				
			I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	
		Commitment from pilot countries	■	■											
1	1	Pilot countries case studies	■	■											
1	2	Assessment phase regional workshops				■	■								
1	3	Advisory missions to countries on National Plans			■										
1	4	Horizontal Cooperation missions / study tours on National Plans					■	■	■						
2	1	Advisory missions to countries on the implementation of recommendations						■	■	■	■				
2	2	Horizontal Cooperation missions / study tours on the implementation of recommendations						■	■	■	■				
2	3	Implementation phase workshop											■		
2	4	Development of a Tool Kit		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
2	5	Inter-regional Workshop												■	■
3	1	Advocacy regional workshops										■	■		
3	2	Advocacy document											■	■	
		Evaluation													■

Only pilot countries involved
 Benefits / Involves non-pilot countries

Thank you

