Technical Note on linking SEEA and TSA: Draft Outline

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Background to SEEA Technical Notes

• SEEA Central Framework released in 2012 with many components and accounts (incl. water, energy, emissions, waste, timber, environmental expenditures, etc)
• SEEA CF only provides conceptual definitions and scope, limited focus on measurement and reporting
• 2013 proposal to draft relatively short Technical Notes to summarise concepts, outline “core” tables and indicators, describe measurement approaches and advice
• Renewed motivation in relation to SDG indicators
• SEEA Technical Notes are currently being finalised for water, energy, air emissions, land, material flows, environmental protection expenditure and the environmental goods and services sector
Technical Note for SEEA and TSA

• MST in part motivated by potential to link SEEA and TSA as accounting frameworks to aid understanding of sustainable tourism
• Possible connection described in 2013 SEEA Applications & Extensions and demonstrated for some countries (e.g. Canada, Italy)
• MST now has a broader framing (beyond only economy and environment) but a core part remains linking SEEA and TSA
• Given SEEA and TSA are established frameworks, considered that a Technical Note describing the connections would be feasible in short term
• Strong support from UNSD and UNCEEA

The Draft Outline

• Chapter 1: Introduction : Motivation and context
• Chapter 2: Integrating SEEA and TSA
  • Key features of TSA and SEEA
  • Potential areas for integration – flows, stocks and ecosystems
• Chapter 3: Core accounts for tourism industries
• Chapter 4: Combined presentations and indicators
• Chapter 5: Compilation and measurement (following the GSBPM)
• Chapter 6: Extensions and further development
Natural inputs (e.g. minerals, energy, timber, fish and water)
Residuals (e.g. air emissions, solid waste, return flows of water)

Mineral and energy resources
Timber resources
Fish resources
Water resources
Soil resources
Land

World Tourism Organization | a specialized Agency of the United Nations
Observations and Next steps

- Structure slightly different from other SEEA Technical Notes since covers a variety of statistical areas
- Finalisation will need to take into account developments in the drafting of the Statistical Framework for MST
- Next steps
  - Update outline based on Committee feedback
  - Intention to provide first draft around April for presentation at the International Conference
  - Will utilise MST research program outputs and will be input to drafting the Statistical Framework
Thank you!

Looking forward to your ideas, suggestions and inputs!

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