



Scaling up the Implementation of SEEA in Uganda

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Introduction

Legal Mandate

- The 1998 UBOS Act mandates UBOS as the principle data Collection, Analysis, Production and Disseminating Agency for official statistics in Uganda.
- The Act mandates UBOS to coordinate all producers and users of statistics in the NSS.
- With the above legal mandate, UBOS is central at the implementation of SEEA.

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- Prioritization of interventions for climate change in the National Development Plan (NDP) II has created an impetus for the implementation of SEEA.
- SEEA was recognised as a reporting and monitoring tool for the environment sector and hence the quest to scale up its implementation.

Uganda's Strategy

- UNCEEA developed an implementation strategy which was endorsed by UNSC in 2013.
- This strategy serves as a guide with practical actions for countries while adopting the SEEA Central Framework.
- Uganda is currently developing its implementation plan based on the UNCEEA strategy.
- Uganda is adopting the flexible and modular approach, while considering national priorities in relation to the specific environmental-economic policy issues in the National Development Plan II.

Uganda's Strategy...

- It is being implemented in the prescribed phases below:

First Phase

- Involved undertaking awareness campaign in the relevant MDAs and CSOs.
- Involved the establishment of institutional mechanism, in collaboration with National Planning Authority (NPA) and National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).
 - This led to the prioritization of interventions for mitigating climate change in the NDP II, with the objectives of;
 - Increasing the country's resilience to the impacts of climate change, and
 - Improving climate change legal and institutional framework.

Uganda's Strategy...

- The interventions for these objectives include;
 - Strengthen national coordination, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of regional, international standards and commitments,
 - Establish an appropriate institution for Coordinating National Climate Change response, and
 - Establish an appropriate Legal framework for Climate Change Policy implementation and compliance.
- These interventions made the need to implement SEEA critical.

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Second Phase

- Is the general assessment phase which is currently being undertaken.
- Expected to be done in two rounds, beginning with NPA and the priority MDAs under water and energy sectors.
- Involves conducting self assessments of all stakeholders on the;
 - general capacity of the institution to produce environment statistics,
 - priority policy issues that the MDAs are currently addressing in their programmes,
 - quality and availability of data being produced.

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- Involves compilation of a pilot account for water or energy to inform the implementation strategy on issues that are related to the compilation process.

Third Phase

- Involves preliminary collection of available data
- Signing of data sharing agreements for confidential data
- Involves detailed assessment of collected data using the UBOS data quality assessment framework.
- Involves identification of weak data, data gaps and overlaps

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Fourth Phase

- Involves drafting of the implementation plan for SEEA with:
 - recommended activities to be undertaken to improve the data issues identified in Phase two and three
 - the types of accounts prioritized for compilation in a modular approach
 - a list of core tables to be developed with preset timelines

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Fifth Phase

- Involves continuous data collection and regular compilation of the provisional tables and accounts as set out in the implementation plan.
- Dissemination of the provisional tables and accounts to selected stakeholders.
- Revision of the provisional tables and accounts with updated information for a period of two years.
- First official dissemination of the core tables and accounts

Initiatives to support the implementation

- For effective coordination and collaboration of the multiple stakeholders, initiatives for effective programme management, monitoring and reporting are in place, and these include;
 - Creation of a Section for Satellite Accounts and Environmental Accounting within UBOS which will spearhead the implementation of SEEA
 - Inclusion of NEMA as an agency within the scope of NSDS (PNSD in Uganda) of the NSS. NEMA is currently developing its Sector Strategic Plan for Statistics.
 - Implementation of a country project for development of environment statistics in collaboration with NEMA and funding from UNSD,

Initiatives to support the implementation...

- Provision of a coordinated capacity enhancement programme
- Establishment of the Environment Information Network (EIN) group comprising of 26 institutions with NEMA as the Secretariat. The EIN is mandated to facilitate the coordination, monitoring and reporting of the SEEA in a multi-stakeholder environment.

Risks and mitigating measures

Risk	Mitigation measure
Ineffective supervision of SEEA activities within UBOS	Proposal to Board to create a Section (Separate from National Accounts) with a Head for Environment Accounting and Satellite Accounts is in place.
Ineffective coordination of the multi-stakeholders in the environment sector.	Formation of a National Working Group on SEEA.
Data availability and Quality	Use of data sharing arrangements like MOUs. Persuasion with enforcement mechanism. Persuasion to adhere to agreed release calendar.

Risks and mitigating measures...

Risk	Mitigation measure
Data overlaps	Inter-institutional coordination and collaboration to eliminate duplication
Ineffective plan implementation	Aligning the plan to the activities of the institutions involved.
Weak M& E system	Conduct periodic reviews.

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