

Carl Gordon Obst - Biography



Carl was the lead author and editor of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) – the international standard for this area of work. This work built on a long career working in the national accounts, including 5 years as head of the Australian national accounts, and roles in the advancement of various national accounting work including the measurement of financial output, productivity and capital stock, tourism accounts and measures of sustainable development.

Using this rich understanding of national accounts concepts and practice, and his experience in engaging with policy makers in the use of accounts, Carl is able to confidently convey national accounting ideas across sectors and disciplines and find solutions for the integration of environmental and economic data. In recent years he has been a leading player in closing the gap between national and corporate accounting approaches to natural capital accounting and also in bridging the differences in view on valuation between accountants and economists.