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SEEA-CF Update  
**TASK TEAM A**  
**OVERARCHING ISSUES**

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- What are we looking at?
- Progress so far, next steps
- Brief introduction to the issues

- Main focus
  - > Looking at updates in SEEA CF chapters 1, 2, 5 and 6 (mostly)
  - > Integration with other standards, classifications
  - > Extensions to compilation, analytical techniques
  - > Indicators and reporting
  - > Overall structure of the monetary environmental accounts

# The issues (in Tranche order)

- **Tranche #1 (Global consultation date: Jan-Feb 2026)**
  - > A4 – How SEEA CF accounts can be made spatially explicit (P. Meadows)
  - > A9.1 – SNA and Natural resources (C. Obst)
  - > A9.3 – Terminology and Classifications in SNA 2025 (C. Obst)
- **Tranche #2 (Global consultation date: May-Jun 2026)**
  - > A1 – Providing a broad overview of links between SEEA CF and SEEA EA (P. Meadows)
  - > A2 – Indicators (P. Meadows)
  - > A5 – Harmonisation with International Standards (C. Obst)
  - > A9.2 – SNA and Transactions
  - > A9.4 – SNA and other issues (C. Obst)

- **Tranche #3 (Global consultation date: Sep-Oct 2026)**
  - > A3 – Update of existing information on EE-IOT (N. Brown)
  - > A6 – Introduction of thematic accounts and strengthening the link to policy (C. Obst)
  - > A7 – Links to social domain (C. Obst)
  - > A8 – Explicitly linking/integrating environmental activity accounts (ch.4), asset accounts (ch.5) and flow accounts (ch.3) (P. Meadows)

# Progress

- Scoping notes completed for all nine issues (A1 – A9)
- Draft guidance notes for:
  - > Issue A4 – How SEEA CF accounts can be made spatially explicit (P. Meadows)
  - > Issue A9.1 and A9.3 – Consistency with the 2025 SNA revision issues (C. Obst)
- Guidance notes under construction
  - > A1 – Providing a broad overview of links between SEEA CF and SEEA EA (P. Meadows)
  - > A3 – Update of existing information on EE-IOT (N. Brown)



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# ISSUE SUMMARIES



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- **A1 – SEEA CF and SEEA EA**

- > Fix up the wording in SEEA CF
- > Explore the boundary challenges between SEEA CF, SEEA EA (and SNA)
- > Discuss lessons from SEEA EA for geography, valuation.
- > Clarify definitions of depletion and degradation
- > Define abiotic and biotic
- > Update wording on Supply Use tables

- **A4 – How SEEA CF accounts can be made spatially explicit**
  - > Update terminology for consistent use of terms in alignment with global guidance
  - > Link to ecosystem accounting
  - > Detail spatial techniques such as tabular and mapping approaches
  - > Clarify the treatment global commons
  - > Link to disaster risk management and environmental expenditure accounts

- **A5 – Harmonization with other international classifications and updates of relevant frameworks/manuals**
  - > Update changes from recent reviews of international classifications
  - > Focus on alignment with updates in GFSM and COFOG
  - > Also consider implications of changes to
    - ISIC and CPC
    - SIEC
    - COICOP
    - BPM (with links to 2025 SNA updates under issue A9)

# Issues involving clarifications and alignment

- **A8 – Explicitly integrating chapters 3, 4, 5**
  - > Links to most other issues
  - > Review the account design model and complete where appropriate
  - > Expand conversation on the links to depletion and degradation (in collaboration with A9)
  - > Think through linking physical units in chapter 3 and 4
  - > Consider the implications of accrual accounting on linking accounts
  - > Consider the impacts of instances of resource rent being consistently negative
  - > Examine the extensions of expenditure accounts to climate change and disaster expenditure accounts

- **A9 – SNA 2025 changes**

- > Group 1 – Biological resources, economic ownership and depletion, renewable energy resources, valuation of natural resources, specific taxes and subsidies in resource rent
- > Group 2 – Accounting for environmental transactions, e.g. emission permits
- > Group 3 – classifications, terminology, definitions
- > Group 4 – other issues: recording of catastrophes, leasing of land, stranded assets, accounting for land, SUT/IOT globalization, household electricity and sustainability data

- **A2 – Indicators**

- > Recommend some aggregate indicators based on existing material where possible
- > Wording around SEEA CF being primary sources of information for indicators
- > Provide metadata for indicators
- > Compare refined set of indicators with global indicator frameworks

- **A3 – Update of existing information on EE-IOT**
  - > Update chapter 2, new section in Chapter 6 (or new chapter)
    - Include full EE-IOT, solidify terminology and issues.
  - > Expand information in Chapters 3 and 4
  
- **A6 – Introduction to thematic accounts and strengthening links to policy**
  - > Examine the use of thematic accounts in SEEA CF and reconcile with equivalent uses in SNA and SEEA EA.
  
  - > Review wording on the links to uses of SEEA CF by policy.

- **A7 – Links to social domain**

- > Extend sections in Chapter 2 and 6 referring to links to social information
- > Work in parallel with the Friends of the Chair on social and demographic statistics
- > Focus on 10 or so themes and how they connect.
- > Focus on the accounting links between social and SEEA CF
  - Eg. on climate adaptation expenditure in chapter 4
- > Health, gender, education and food security are priorities

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