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**Working Group on Coordination and Communication (Area A)  
Summary of activities**

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# UNCEEA WORKING GROUP ON COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION (AREA A)

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## 1. Introduction

1. This note reports on the activities of the Committee’s working group on coordination and communication (Area A) carried out over the past year. Chaired by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Area A aims to foster coordination, integration and complementarity of programs relevant to environmental-economic accounting and related statistics, enhance coordination of programmes and activities on environmental-economic accounts to eliminate duplications of effort; promote complementary and resource-effective initiatives; and enhance communication with the users’ community with particular focus on the use of the SEEA for policy and decision-making.

## 2. Developments in 2025-26

2. Area A met regularly in the past year to discuss updates and opportunities to communicate and mainstream SEEA on various initiatives. In line with the workplan agreed at the 20th meeting of the UNCEEA, the main components of the 2025-2026 workplan included: (1) supporting the update of the SEEA Central Framework, in close coordination with Area B1, by facilitating the communication of progress with the broader community of users and compilers; (2) engaging in ongoing global initiatives aimed at enhancing the policy relevance of the SEEA; (3) maintaining the landscape assessment; and (4) overseeing the preparation and dissemination of the “UNCEEA Quarterly Update”.

3. In support of the update of the SEEA Central Framework, a global webinar was organized in collaboration with the Technical Committee on the SEEA Central Framework and Area D in support of the first tranche of the global consultation. The webinar provided an overview of the update process, including timelines and modalities for participation, as well as a presentation of the nine guidance notes and the main issues under consideration in the global consultation process. The webinar targeted SEEA compilers from national statistical offices, SEEA focal points and other relevant stakeholders. Two sessions were organized to accommodate participants from different time zones, resulting in the participation of over 200 participants from all regions. An [online message](#) was prepared by Jacqui Vitas, co-chair of the UNCEEA, to outline the importance of the SEEA CF update and encourage the participation in the global consultation. The video has had over 1200 views, highlighting the interest in SEEA related issues.

4. The SEEA website remains an important vehicle for communication between the Committee and the broader stakeholder community. In this context, a dedicated consultation page to support the update process has been created to share information about the consultation and feedback from stakeholders., thereby supporting transparency and broader engagement.

5. In support of mainstreaming the SEEA and promoting its relevance, Area A remained actively engaged in selected global initiatives. Notable ongoing efforts include the active participation of Area A members in the Net Zero Sprint of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians, 21 August and 15 October 2025.

6. The Net Zero Sprint, led by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, aimed at strengthening the use of official statistics in support of the transition to net zero emissions. It brought together national statistical offices, international organizations and other partners to identify priority data gaps, develop practical guidance, and showcase country practices for measuring climate-related economic activity, emissions, and transition pathways within the framework of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and other statistical frameworks such as the FDES. Through targeted workstreams—including methodological development, data integration, and communication—the Sprint sought to enhance the coherence and visibility of statistics relevant to climate policy, support the alignment of economic and environmental information, and promote the use of SEEA-based indicators for monitoring progress towards national and global climate goals. The engagement of Area A members has focused in particular on fostering coordination with related initiatives and highlighting the relevance of SEEA in informing net zero policy discussions. As a result of the Net Zero Sprint a [Net Zero Storybook](#) was prepared by the NES.

7. Area A has also engaged with the Expert Group on Well-Being Measurement (EGWM) specifically with the Task Team on Environment with a view to strengthen coordination across initiatives and ensure that environmental dimensions are appropriately reflected. Activities focused on identifying synergies with the SEEA and promoting the integration of environmental information in well-being measurement, thereby reinforcing the visibility and policy relevance of the SEEA in the evolving well-being measurement landscape.

8. The landscape assessment, developed by Area A as a living internal document, continues to provide a mapping of key groups and initiatives relevant to the Committee’s work, highlighting opportunities for broader engagement of the SEEA community. Its usefulness was acknowledged in the Net Zero Storybook as a tool for visualizing the broader ecosystem of SEEA-related initiatives. The Committee’s guidance is sought on whether to continue this exercise and how to further enhance its value.

9. In April 2025, Area A launched the “[UNCEEA Quarterly Update](#)” to inform members of the UNCEEA about the work of the Committee’s working groups and technical committees. Following its launch and a second issue in October 2025, no further editions were produced during the reporting period due to resource constraints and overlap with existing reporting mechanisms, such as reports to the Statistical Commission (typically taking place in March) and the annual UNCEEA meetings (typically taking place in June). The Committee’s advice is sought on the future scope, format, and frequency of this communication tool.

10. Due to persistent resource and budgetary constraints, the quarterly newsletter “SEEA News and Notes”, prepared by UNSD for a broader audience, continue to remain suspended following its last edition in December 2024. Area A discussed the potential consolidation of communication efforts, including the possible merging of environment statistics and SEEA newsletters.

### 3. Future work

11. In the coming year, Area A will continue to focus on the following key activities: (1) supporting the update of the SEEA Central Framework, in close coordination with Area B1, by facilitating the communication of progress with the broader community of users and compilers; (2) engaging in ongoing global initiatives aimed at enhancing the policy relevance of the SEEA and engagement with other relevant

communities; (3) maintaining the landscape assessment; and (4) overseeing the preparation and dissemination of “UNCEEA Quarterly Update,

12. Area A will continue refining communication strategies for the SEEA Central Framework update and undertake targeted outreach activities as appropriate with selected communities of experts to facilitate in dept discussion on selected issues.

13. In support of mainstreaming the SEEA and promoting its relevance, Area A will remain actively attentive to broad spectrum of relevant initiatives and policy areas such as the Expert Group on Well-Being Measurement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, The G20 Data Gap initiative, climate change, circular economy, sustainable tourism, disaster statistics, “beyond GDP” and others.

#### 4. Questions for the Committee

14. The UNCEEA is asked to

- Provide feedback on the proposed current and future activities and in particular its support to the SEEA CF update process;
- Provide advice on priority areas/initiative for mainstreaming the SEEA;
- Provide advice on the future scope, format, and frequency of the “UNCEEA Quarterly update”;
- Provide guidance on whether to maintain the landscape assessment and how to further enhance its value.