

UNCEEA Working Group on Capacity Building Area D

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Outline

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Current status of SEEA implementation



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Current status of SEEA implementation

- Update as of June 2020
 - According to information gathered from 2017 Global Assessment and supplemented with up-to-date information from countries, UN Regional Commissions and international organizations, 92 countries have compiled SEEA accounts (either SEEA CF and/or SEEA).
 - Among these 92 countries that have compiled accounts:
 - All have compiled SEEA CF accounts and 41 SEEA EEA accounts
 - 62 countries have published accounts.
 - 48 countries have regular funding.
 - 27 countries are planning to compile accounts.
 - This estimate indicates the Committee's progress in reaching the 2020 implementation targets , and the 2020 Global Assessment will provide the final figures.



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2020 Global Assessment Questionnaire



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2020 Global Assessment Questionnaire

- Update 2020 Global Assessment
 - Past year focus of Area D working group has been updating 2020 Global Assessment.
 - Assessment is critical data source for SDG indicators focusing on SEEA (12.b.1 and 15.9.1)
 - Determine whether 2020 implementation targets are met.
 - Results of Assessment will be presented to Commission in 2021.
 - Questionnaire expected to be sent out during fall 2020



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SEEA focal points



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SEEA focal points

- Establishment of focal points by
 - UNSD send letter to head of NSOs, asking them to identify a SEEA focal points within organisation.
- List of focal points
 - List of SEEA focal points from each country need to be established and maintained.
 - UNSD maintaining database with members of Area D and the UNCEEA providing updates on focal point changes.
- Terms of Reference
 - Drafting TOR of SEEA focal points



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Regional Community of Practise



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Regional Community of Practise

- Development of Community of Practice for NCA
 - At 1st African Forum of Natural Capital Accounting it was agreed to create a community of practice.
 - Developed by UNSD, World Bank, GDSA and UN Environment.
 - Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) offered to host platform as initial step
- Current platforms
 - NCA COP consists of 348 people from 40 African countries & 12 Non-African countries.
 - WhatsApp group named “African SEEA/NCA” was created and consist of 232 participants from African countries and organisations
 - The African Community of Practice joins the ECLAC Community of Practice for the SEEA, which consists of a very active WhatsApp group named “Red Carioca Est. Amb. AmL”, with over 200 participants from ECLAC countries and organisations.



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Regional Community of Practise

- E-Learning
 - African NCA COP webinar: “Linking natural capital accounts to policy in Africa”. Webinar provided an update on the latest policy linkages between NCA and regional policy initiatives in Africa in the context of upcoming regional and global environmental milestones.
 - African NCA COP webinar: “Revision of the SEEA EEA statistical standards.” The purpose of the webinar is to give SEEA/NCA practitioners in Africa the opportunity to contribute to the finalization of the SEEA EEA revision.



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Questions



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Questions: Breakaways

- **Global Assessment**

- What are the Committee's views on the updated 2020 Global Assessment?

In particular, in the past, the Global Assessment has been sent solely to NSOs. This likely results in undercounting SEEA implementation, particularly for the SEEA-EEA, as it is often implemented by other ministries. The current draft of the 2020 Global Assessment encourages NSOs to play a coordinating role in sending the survey to other institutions also compiling the SEEA. What are the Committee's views on this?

- **Focal Points**

- Should the list of focal points comprise solely NSOs, or should they also include relevant line ministries and/or other organisations?



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Questions: Plenary sessions

- Implementation:
 - What are the Committee's views on this tiered approach - in which compilation would be considered "implementation", while regular compilation and publication would be considered "full implementation" - to measuring implementation?
- Global Assessment
 - Does the Committee agree with the proposed frequency and scope of administration of the Global Assessment?
- Community of Practice
 - What are the UNCEEA's views on the COPs and how can the Committee better support these efforts?



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Thank you



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