UNCEEA Working Group on Capacity Building Area D

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Outline

- Global Assessment "light"

- Advancing implementation

- Questions

Global Assessment "light"

- ## 2020 Global Assessment

  - Administered every 3 to 4 years, last administration completed in 2020.

  - Assessment is critical data source for SDG indicators focusing on SEEA (12.b.1 and 15.9.1) and understanding current status of SEEA implementation.

  - Assessment helps UNCEEA understand countries' priorities and needs for technical assistance and provides inputs for development for support materials.

- ## Annual Global Assessment "light"

  - Needed for SDGs

  - Rapid pace of implementation of SEEA CF and SEEA EA, there is a need to gather information of implementation on an annual basis.

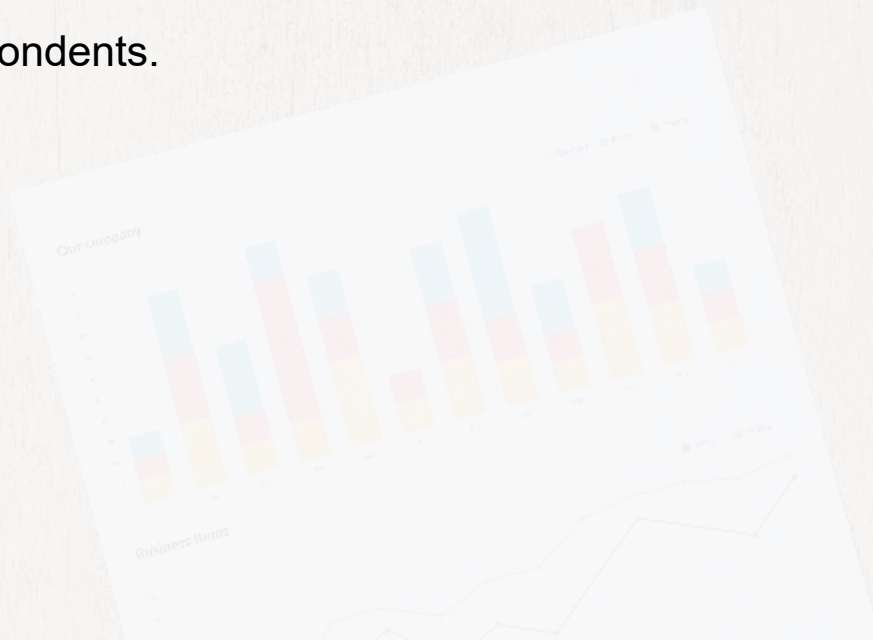 - Global Assessment "light" be administered on annual basis in between benchmark years.

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Global Assessment "light"

- Administration of Global Assessment "light"

  - Limit questions to those on current compilation of accounts since previous questionnaire and send prefilled questionnaires to lower response burden.

  - Secretariat could administer questionnaire globally.

  - Regional commissions assist Secretariat by reviewing prefilled questionnaires and follow up with respondents.

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Publishing Global Assessment

- ## Need for detailed information

  - Demand from stakeholders for more detailed information on implementation.

  - Sharing more detailed information can help encourage collaboration among countries and between countries and international organisations.

  - UNSD proposes to publish detailed results on SEEA webpage.

  - Information could include overview of which countries are compiling which accounts, and their stage of implementation. For example:

Country name	Programme currently active	Stage of implementation (SDG 15.9.1)	Compiling institution	Compiling SEEA CF?	Compiling SEEA EA?	Website(s)	Separate columns for thematic areas, with a check mark indicating compilation

Publishing Global Assessment

- Stats Wiki page

  - Information could serve as input to the UNECE online inventory of "satellite accounts" through their Stats Wiki page.

  - Suggested to disseminate same information on the both the SEEA website and the UNECE wiki to minimise confusion and ensure information disseminated in UNECE wiki is consistent with the framework.

  - Suggested to improve the messaging on the SEEA to portray the SEEA as its own system, at the level of an international statistical standard

Advancing Implementation

Activities envisioned in advancing implementation of the SEEA:

- E-Learning

  - Coordination of training and E-learnings.

  - Maintaining close communication with SEEA focal points in countries, organizing webinars for relevant topics (e.g. ARIES for SEEA Explorer in-depth illustration of how to use it, etc.).

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Advancing Implementation

- Development of Community of Practice for NCA

  - Brought together practitioners and users of different areas.

  - Opportunities for NSOs to share experiences (webinars, newsletters, WhatsApp/Telegram groups) useful for knowledge and information sharing.

- Existing COPs:

  - Africa Natural Capital Accounting COP was established at the end of 2019 and now includes over 300 participants from African countries and organisations and is supported by 11 partner organizations; the COP had a dedicated website, a whatsapp/telegram group and an active secretariat and a steering committee; to date 11 webinars were organized

  - ECLAC Regional Network on Environment Statistics was established in 2017 and has a very active whatsapp group with over 200 participants, a website and holds regular webinars

  - Latin American Community on NCA (ComLAC) was established as an informal network, it has an active whatsapp group, a website and organizes monthly webinars

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Advancing Implementation

Given regional nature of capacity building and the global nature of monitoring implementation:

- Division of working group into two workstreams- capacity building and global assessment

    - Global Assessment work stream remains chaired by Stats SA.

    - Capacity building work stream to have co-chair from the UN Regional Commissions focusing on coordination of capacity building activities.

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Questions

- Global assessment:

  Does the Committee agree:

  1) With the proposed frequency and scope of the Global Assessment "light"?

  2) To prefill the previous year's answers for those countries which responded and ask respondents what has changed?

  3) That the Secretariat should administer the Global Assessment "light" with the support of regional commissions?

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Questions to the Committee:

- Global Assessment

  With regards to dissemination of the global assessment data, does the Committee agree with the following proposal?

  (a)   Disseminate the Global Assessment results following the proposed table.

  (b)   Improve the messaging on UNECE SEEA wiki page, including the title, the graphics and the explanatory text to reflect the current views that the SEEA should not be seen as a satellite of the SNA, but a system in its own right; and

  (c)   Change the page structure/typology of accounts on the UNECE SEEA wiki and modify the data items to correspond to what is disseminated on the SEEA website. This would also improve the current presentation.

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Questions to the Committee:

- Advancing implementation

  UNCEEA members are asked to consider the following questions regarding advancing implementation:

  1) What are members' views on a rotating co-chair arrangement for the capacity building work stream?

  2) Is there an interest for Regional Commissions to start their own COP?

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Thank you