



London Group Work Programme 2022 – 2025

General

This paper outlines a work programme for the term 2022-2025.

This work programme was developed on the basis of the discussions on the future of the London Group during its 27th Meeting (27-30 September and 4 October 2021) and input of the London Group Bureau members including the Chair of the SEEA CF Technical Committee. The work programme takes into account the recent adoption of the SEEA EA, the ongoing update of the SNA and the international statistical classifications and a possible revision of the SEEA CF.

The work programme of the London Group complements the work programme of other groups that are involved in the further development of the SEEA methodology and environmental-economic accounting in general. Wherever there is an overlap with these, cooperation should be sought. The strength of the London Group lies in the technical capabilities of the experts which attend the meetings and thus contribute to enabling, among other things, statistically sound measures integrated in the framework on environmental accounting which relies on scientific measurements organized according to the accounting rules and principles.

Way of working together and dealing with issues

The London Group has recently adopted a multiyear approach which involves identifying the issues to be addressed develop issue paper and develop a solution. These papers do not have to be prepared by one person or institution but may be prepared by a group of several London Group members. As before, the London Group will meet physically (as possible) once a year. The meeting will regularly take place in autumn (September/October). In-between meetings, the London Group Bureau will generally meet once a month to coordinate the work and prepare for next meeting.

The London Group Bureau will communicate the focus of the work to the members at the beginning of the period of the three-year cycle of the work programme (see below). If additional issues emerge or some issues need to be prioritized during the three-year cycle, the Bureau will decide whether to include those issues on the agenda for the next meeting.

Topics to be covered during the 2022- 2025 period

The programme of work of the London Group is determined by the research agenda in the SEEA EA, the SEEA CF, the SNA update and update of international classifications (e.g. ISIC, CPC, COFOG, SIEC, etc.) and a possible revision of the SEEA CF in which an integration of SEEA EA could also be taken into consideration. The work programme covers topics for the further methodological development, implementation as well as sharing country experiences and lessons learned from implementation.

The London Group will support the research agendas of the SEEA CF and SEEA EA, which are led by the respective Technical Committees. They include topics such as

- better integration of monetary and physical accounts,
- classification and delimitation issues,
- input-output calculations for consumption/footprint information,
- implementation issues for ecosystem condition and services accounts and
- monetary valuation of ecosystem services.