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Dear Colleague,

**Global consultation on selected Guidance Notes for the update  
of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 —Central Framework**

I am pleased to launch the global consultation on a selected set of Guidance Notes that have been prepared for the update of the *System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 —Central Framework (SEEA Central Framework)*. The update of the SEEA Central Framework was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) at its 55<sup>th</sup> session to ensure alignment with recently revised statistical standards—most notably the 2025 *System of National Accounts* and the *Balance of Payments Manual 7*—and to respond to emerging demands for integrated environmental and economic data supporting policymaking in areas such as climate change, the circular economy, biodiversity, and more.

The update is being undertaken by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA) and is expected to conclude in 2028. A list of 29 issues was identified for the update process and endorsed by the UNSC at its 56<sup>th</sup> session in 2025. Since then, significant work has been carried out to advance discussions on these issues and to develop Guidance Notes containing proposals for the update of the SEEA Central Framework. To support their technical review and facilitate their global consultation, the issues have been grouped into three sets, to be advanced in three phases during 2026.

The aim of this global consultation is to collect feedback from the broader community on the first set of Guidance Notes (nine in total). Global consultations for the second and third sets of Guidance Notes are planned to take place in May/June and October/November 2026, respectively. This consultation is being circulated to national statistical offices, relevant international organizations, and various communities of experts. The responses to this global consultation will be carefully reviewed by the UNCEEA and its Technical Committee to finalize the Guidance Notes.

The Guidance Notes for consultation are available at <https://seea.un.org/content/consultation-update-SEEAACF>. An online form has been created for each Guidance Note to facilitate the submission of feedback. After reviewing a Guidance Note, please complete and submit the corresponding form at your earliest convenience, but no later than **Friday, 17 April 2026**. When filling out the form, we encourage your office to engage with the relevant users and producers of the SEEA Central Framework in your institution and other relevant institutions in your country, as appropriate either by preparing a coordinated response or by forwarding the comment form to them.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ilaria Di Matteo, Chief, Environmental-Economic Accounts Section, UNSD, at [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your attention to this important work, and I look forward to your valuable contribution to the update of the SEEA Central Framework.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mukherjee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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