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**Extraordinary Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on  
Environmental-Economic Accounting  
Online, 16 and 18 November 2020, 7:00-10:00 EST**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

The meeting will take place online on 16 and 18 November 2020, from 7:00 to 10:00 EST. The objective of the meeting is to discuss the progress made on the revised SEEA Ecosystem Accounting and the report to the UN Statistical Commission. The first day will be dedicated to discussing the process, status and outstanding issues of the complete document that is currently undergoing global consultation. The second day will be devoted to providing an update to the Committee on initiatives such as the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and progress made on areas including ocean accounting, SEEA implementation, and coordination and communication. Background notes with questions to the Committee will be prepared ahead of the meeting. All participants are asked to read the background notes in advance of the meeting and are encouraged to submit written responses in advance of the meeting. This will ensure that the sessions make use of the limited time through focused discussions. Only select topics will be discussed; additional materials for information will be provided on the website.

Please note that all times below are in Eastern Standard Time (EST), i.e. New York time.

*Monday, 16 November 2020*

1. **Opening and objectives of the meeting** (15 minutes)  
Bert Kroese, Chair, UNCEEA and Deputy Director-General, Statistics Netherlands  
Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
2. **SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: Eurostat)**  
This session will discuss the revision process, the draft circulated for global consultation and any remaining issues of the revised SEEA Ecosystem Accounting. The session will discuss how to present the revised document at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2021.
  - a. Panel discussion (50 minutes)  
Panelists will present and discuss the policy demand for the SEEA Ecosystem Accounts, the role national statistical offices should have in the development and implementation of the accounts, and the feasibility of compiling the accounts.
  - b. State of play (10 minutes)  
The Chair of the Technical Committee on the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting will review the process, current status and next steps of the revision.
  - c. Roundtable discussion (105 minutes)  
All organizations will be given the opportunity to provide their view on the revised SEEA Ecosystem Accounting and how the document should be brought to the UN Statistical Commission.

*Wednesday, 18 November 2020*

3. **Discussion of previous day's conclusions** (30 minutes)
4. **Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Monitoring Framework** (40 minutes)  
This session will focus on the state of play of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including the establishment of a high-level group supporting the monitoring framework and the engagement of the statistical community.
5. **Ocean Accounts** (35 minutes)  
This session will focus on a proposal for developing SEEA Ocean Accounts, put forth by the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Statistics Division and the World Bank.
6. **Update on the Global Assessment/SEEA focal points** (Area lead: Statistics South Africa, 30 minutes)  
The Committee will review the latest results from the 2020 administration of the Global Assessment of Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics, as well as the global call for SEEA focal points.
7. **Coordination and communication** (Area lead: Statistics Canada, 30 minutes)  
The Committee will discuss updates from the Working Group on Coordination and Communication.
8. **Update on the revision of the 2008 System of National Accounts** (for information, 15 minutes)