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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The annotations (in blue) may help to obtain a common understanding of the purpose and expected outcome of each session. Further suggestions and comments are highly appreciated.

Tuesday, 12 November 2013

9:30 – Registration

10:00

1. Opening (*Glen Watson, Director General for ONS, 15 minutes*)
2. Keynote speaker (*Professor John Barrett, University of Leeds, 30 minutes*)

(break 11:00 to 11:15)

3. Discussion on the future role of the London Group (*Joe St. Lawrence, 15 minutes*)
4. UNCEEA business (*Alessandra Alfieri, 15 minutes*)

This item will present the outcomes of the UNCEEA meeting in June. It will present the communication strategy, the status on the finalization of the SEEA 2012 - Central Framework, SEEA 2012 Experimental Ecosystem Accounting and SEEA 2012 Applications and Extensions as well as on SEEA-Energy and the Energy Statistics Compilers' Manual (ESCM).

5. Country activities in the SEEA implementation (*Alessandra Alfieri, 15 minutes*)

This item will provide a brief summary of the current activities and future plans on the implementation of the SEEA in countries and international organizations based on a short questionnaire to be completed by London Group participants.

Session 1 – Implementation SEEA Central Framework

This session will present the main elements of the SEEA implementation strategy, inform on the outcomes of the International Conference on the SEEA implementation and on recent regional workshops in the Pacific region, the Latin American region and the Asian region as well as results of assessment missions in Samoa and Malaysia. It will also discuss what the different tools are in the context of the implementation programme of the SEEA. These tools are in support of the global implementation programme of the SEEA.

6. Implementation Strategy and outcome of International Conference and Regional Workshops (*UNSD, 30 minutes*)

(Lunch 12:15 to 1:15)

Session 1 (continued) – Implementation SEEA Central Framework

7. London Group review of SEEA implementation guide and diagnostic tools (*Carl Obst, 30 minutes*)

Sessions 2-9 Topic team sessions

These sessions will be thematic discussions of each topic area, and will cover training materials, outstanding issues, and any related materials. Members of the LG will be asked to review existing training/compilation materials (e.g. Eurostat guidelines, OECD tables - should be available by then, UNSD manuals, etc.) and make a recommendation on how these could be integrated and what work would be needed for use globally for the implementation of the SEEA. The second part of the session would be dedicated more to presentation of selected countries of how they implement the accounts and focus on specific issues of implementation to have a debate on best practices depending countries situations. It is important that we cover as many areas as possible considering that the demand for the training/compilation material is very high in countries. The primary objective of these sessions is to suggest core tables in each topic area and to determine the content of the technical notes that will be used to guide SEEA implementation. The basic structure of these technical notes will be along the lines of: Policy Use, Suggested Core Tables, Extensions, Compilation: Steps and Challenges, Examples, and Reference Materials.

Session 2 – Water accounting – Session chair: Michael Vardon

8. Overview of existing water accounting training/compilation materials

(Break 2:45 – 3:00)

9. Water accounts technical note and implementation issues

Session 3 – Material Flows and Waste – Session chair: Aldo Femia

10. Overview of existing material flows and waste training/compilation materials
11. Material flows and waste technical note and implementation issues

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9:00

Session 4 – Energy accounting – Session chair: Sjoerd Schenau

12. Overview of existing energy accounting training/compilation material
13. Energy accounting technical note and implementation issues

(Break 10:30 – 10:45)

Session 5 – Air Emission Accounts – Session chair: Joachim Thomas

14. Overview of existing air emission accounts training/compilation material
15. Air emissions accounts technical note and implementation issues

(Lunch 12:15 – 1:15)

Session 6 – Land and Ecosystems accounting – Session chair: Mark Eigenraam

16. Overview of existing land accounting training/compilation material
17. Land and ecosystems accounting technical note and implementation issues

(Break 2:45 – 3:00)

Session 6 – Land and Ecosystems accounting (continued)

Session 7 – Forest Accounts – Session chair: J.P. Castaneda

18. Overview of existing forest accounts training/compilation material
19. Forest accounts technical note and implementation issues

Thursday, 14 November 2013

9:00

Session 8 – Environmental Protection Expenditure Accounts/ Environmental Goods and Services Sector – Session chairs: Anton Steurer and Nancy Steinbach

20. Overview of existing EGSS training/compilation material
21. EGSS technical note and implementation issues

(Break 10:30 – 10:45)

Session 8 – (continued) –Environmental Protection Expenditure Accounts/ Environmental Goods and Services Sector – Session chairs: Anton Steurer and Nancy Steinbach

22. Overview of existing EPE accounts training/compilation material
23. EPE accounts technical note and implementation issues

(Lunch 12:15 – 1:15)

Session 9 - Environmental taxes and subsidies – Session chair: Viveka Palm

Overview of existing land accounting training/compilation material

24. Overview of existing taxes and subsidies training/compilation material
25. Taxes and subsidies technical note and implementation issues

Session 10 – SEEA Agriculture

This session provides London Group members the opportunity to discuss developments/draft material for SEEA Agriculture. This clearly has linkages with Ecosystem Accounting and all other areas of the SEEA (Land, Water, Stocks, Flows, Subsidies, etc...) It is a good opportunity for experts in those areas to consider the role of their subject matter area in the manual.

26. SEEA Agriculture (FAO, 45 minutes)

(Break 3:15 – 3:30)

Session 11 – Members discussion of current work and issues in need of discussion and resolution

This session will cover country presentations on cross-cutting areas or areas that do not fit into the topic based implementation sessions above. This could also be an opportunity for countries to discuss areas of the research agenda that they are working on, and future work for the London Group.

Closing of the meeting