



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
STATISTICS DIVISION
UNITED NATIONS

**Sixteenth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on
Environmental-Economic Accounting
Virtual, 15-17 June 2021, 7:30-10:30 EDT**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting will take place virtually on 15-17 June, from 7:30 to 10:30 A.M. EDT each day using Zoom as the platform. A background note for each area of work will be made available in advance of the meeting, containing key questions for discussion during 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. Given that only select topics will be discussed, additional materials for information will be provided on the website.

Tuesday, 15 June 2021

- 1. 7:30 – 7:50: Opening and objectives of the meeting**
- 2. Area B: Methodological Development for Normative Standards and Other Research**

7:50 – 8:50: Area B1 – SEEA Central Framework (Area lead: Statistics Netherlands)
The topic of a potential update to the SEEA Central Framework will be discussed during this session, as will the current state of play of the SNA revision and ISIC and CPC updates.

8:50 – 9:00: Break

9:00 – 10:30: Area B2 - SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: Eurostat)
The session will discuss the proposed implementation strategy for the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, including potential priorities and governance mechanisms. A data interoperability strategy for ecosystem accounting will also be covered.

Wednesday, 16 June 2021

- 3. 7:30 – 7:50: Review of previous day's conclusions**
- 4. 7:50 – 8:40: Area C - Development of Global Databases for SEEA** (Area lead: OECD)
This session will review the progress made in the compilation of global databases for air emissions, material flow, land and energy accounts. The session will also review the potential for global databases for ecosystem accounting.

8:40 – 8:50: Break

5. 8:50 – 9:40: Area D - Implementation and Statistical Capacity Building (Area lead: Statistics South Africa)

This session will focus on advancing the implementation of the SEEA at the regional and country levels and in particular on identifying tools and approaches that can support implementation and coordination with existing initiatives. The session will also discuss annual administration of the Global Assessment of Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics.

6. 9:40 – 10:30 Business Accounting and the SEEA

The session will provide an update on pilot case studies looking at the relationship between private sector business accounting and reporting and the SEEA. The session will also propose areas of focus for the working group, based on the roadmap agreed to last year.

Thursday, 17 June 2021

7. 7:30 – 7:50: Review of previous day's conclusions

8. 7:50 – 9:00: Area A - Coordination and Communication (Area Lead: Statistics Canada)

This session will focus on the coordination of SEEA activities for emerging policy issues, in particular climate change and circular economy initiatives. Presentations will be given on the UNECE Task Force on Circular Economy and the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators. Discussion will focus on how to advance the SEEA in these areas and the role of the Committee. The session will also include an analysis of the different groups and initiatives working in the environment statistics space.

9. 9:00 – 9:45: Biodiversity and the SEEA

The role of the SEEA in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will be discussed, with a focus on indicators derived from the SEEA for the monitoring framework. The Committee will be asked to consider how best to foster collaboration between the biodiversity and statistical communities, particularly in the lead up to COP-15.

9:45 – 9:55: Break

10. 9:55 – 10:30: Discussion on prioritization of the Committee's work programme