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**Twentieth Meeting of the United Nations Committee of
Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting
Virtual, 25-26 June 2025, 7:30 - 11:00 EDT**

**DETAILED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
23 June 2025**

The twentieth meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEAA) will take place virtually on 25 and 26 June 2025 from 7:30 to 11:00 EDT. A paper summarizing the activities for each Area of the Committee will be made available in advance of the meeting. These documents will provide a brief summary of each Area's achievements over the past year, updates to the work programme of work for the next 12-18 months, and key questions for discussion. Committee members are kindly requested to review the background notes prior to the meeting, actively engage in the discussions, and contribute recommendations. This will help ensure that the limited meeting time is used effectively through focused and productive discussions. Only selected topics will be discussed during the meeting, additional materials for information may be provided on the meeting website.

Wednesday, 25 June 2025

7:30 – 7:40: Opening remarks and objectives of the meeting

- André Loranger, Chair of the UNCEEAA and Chief Statistician of Canada, Statistics Canada
- Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division

7:40 – 8:00: Update from the 56th session United Nations Statistical Commission

This session will review the outcome of the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 56th session and discuss implications for the work of the Committee.

8:00 – 9:00: Area A – Coordination and communication (Area lead: Australian Bureau of Statistics)

The session will review the work of Area A in coordinating with other relevant groups of experts to promote consistency and coherence with the Committee's and to mainstreaming the SEEA in relevant initiatives. Presentations on relevant selected initiatives or groups of experts are planned, with discussion focusing on identifying potential areas collaboration, coordination and methods of engagement.

- Activities of Area A, Jonathon Khoo (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Chair of Area A)
- Net Zero Sprint initiative, Jonathon Khoo (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Chair of Area A)

- Data Gaps Initiative (DGI-3), Alessandra Alfieri (International Monetary Fund)
- Expert Group on Well-Being Measurement (EGWM), Richard Heys (Office for National Statistics, Co-Chair of EGWM)
- Open discussion

9:00 – 9:10: Break

9:10 – 10:40: Area B1 – SEEA Central Framework (Area lead: Statistics Netherlands)

The session will discuss the update of the SEEA Central Framework, focusing on the work done by Area B1 and its task teams and the work planned towards the updated SEEA Central Framework. The session will also provide an overview of relevant related revisions processes, such as Classification of the functions of government (COFOG) and Government Finance Statistics (GFS).

- Activities of Area B1, Sjoerd Schenau (Statistics Netherlands, Chair of Area B1)
- Overview of discussion on the issues, Carl Obst (Editor of SEEA Central Framework)
- Update on the revision of COFOG, Tom Orford (HM Treasury, United Kingdom, Chair of TT-COFOG)
- Update on the revision of GFS (IMF)
- Open discussion

10:40 – 11:00: Updates from the London Group on Environmental Accounting (Chair of the London Group on Environmental Accounting)

This session will review the activities of the London Group on Environmental Accounting and its coordination with the Committee to support and advance the update of the SEEA Central Framework.

- Updates from the London Group, Sven Kaumanns (DESTATIS, Chair of the London Group on Environmental Accounting)
- Open discussion

Thursday, 26 June 2025

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

7:50 – 8:50: Area B2 – SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: South Africa)

This session will review Area B2's efforts to support the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting implementation through the development of practical guidance notes and methodological guidelines. The session will also provide an overview of the EU-funded project aimed at operationalizing the compilation of the SEEA-related headline indicators for the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). A presentation on the GBF monitoring framework will also be made by the secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD).

- Activities of Area B2, Mandy Driver (Chair of Area B2)
- Updates on the GBF, Kieran Mooney (CBD)
- Overview of the project on the Monitoring Framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), UNSD
- Open discussion

8:50 – 9:00: Break

9:00 – 9:45: Area C – Development of global databases for SEEA (Area lead: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD))

This session will review the progress made in compiling global databases for air emissions, energy, land, material flow and water accounts and discuss priority areas for the next five years.

- Activities of Area C, Roberto Astolfi (OECD, Chair of Area C)
- Open discussion

9:45 – 10:30: Area D – Implementation and statistical capacity building (Area leads: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) and United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP))

This session will review the activities of the working group to support SEEA implementation and coordinate capacity-building activities, along with plans for the coming year.

- Activities of Area D, Soko Vako (SIAP, Co-Chair of Area D) and Christine Magu (KNBS, Co-Chair of Area D)
- Open discussion

10:30 – 10:50: Election of the Co-Chairs (UNCEEAA Chair)

10:50 – 11:00: Closing remarks