



# Update from Area A

Extraordinary Meeting of UNCEEA, 16 and 18 November 2020

A close-up photograph of a person's hand wearing a white golf glove, holding the head of a golf club. The club head is positioned over a golf ball on a green field. The background is a blurred green landscape.

Outcomes  
of the last  
UNCEEA  
meeting

Decisions of the last UNCEEA meeting included:

- Combining the former Areas A (Coordination) and E (Communication) into the *new* Area A
- Drafting a Terms of Reference and workplan for the combined group
- Review of membership (increased inclusiveness)

## Mandate

To foster collaboration, integration and complementarity of programs relevant to environmental-economic accounting and to increase the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting and mainstream its use in integrated policy making

## Objectives

Specifically, there are several key areas of work included in the mandate of this group:

- Expanding use of SEEA in the development and reporting of indicators, on analysis, on decision-making
- Leveraging the use of training tools that have already produced in order to make them more readily accessible, and where necessary, to produce common tools to be used and disseminated widely
- Design and implement practical strategies to promote the SEEA for emerging policy issues.

# Proposed Mandate and Objectives

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## Proposed key activities

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### **Mainstreaming the SEEA in reporting initiatives:**

expanding the use of the SEEA in the development and reporting of indicators, analysis and decision-making at national and global levels.

### **Coordination of training and assistance:**

making existing training tools more readily accessible through the UNSD website and where necessary, producing common tools to be used and disseminated widely. This will include a quality assurance process to ensure that various existing SEEA training materials properly convey concepts and methodologies.

**Develop a strategy and work plan for collaboration and mainstreaming the SEEA on emerging issues, such as the climate change, sustainable finance, biodiversity, circular economy, SDGs:** this work programme is directly related to Area E's previous mandate as well as Area A's coordination role. For these emerging issues, it is necessary to identify entry points and mechanisms to support the mainstreaming of the SEEA in relevant policy and statistical initiatives

# Moving ahead

- Is there feedback on the proposed mandate, objective and workplan?
- As Area A places a greater emphasis on strategic engagement, how is user feedback incorporated into the broader UNCEEA workplan?

