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An ongoing portion of the work programme under Area A has been the strategic intervention to mainstream the use of the SEEA for policy processes, namely the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change and biodiversity. With the end of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the build-up to the post-2020 biodiversity agenda, there have been multiple opportunities of late to mainstream the use of the SEEA for biodiversity. The importance of seizing these opportunities was recognized by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 50th Session in 2019, where the Commission “Requested the Committee of Experts to continue its work on mainstreaming the use of SEEA for policy processes, in particular with regard to biodiversity, in view of the adoption of the post-2020 biodiversity agenda...” [\[E/CN.3/2019/34\]](#)

To engage in this process, the UNCEEA has submitted two documents to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD Secretariat). The first document, submitted in December 2018, [provided a response](#) to a [request from the CBD Secretariat](#) on initial views on the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In January 2019, the CBD Secretariat provided a [synthesis of views of parties and observers](#) on the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The role of natural capital accounting as a tool to support implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was recognized in multiple places in this synthesis document. The CBD Secretariat further provided a discussion paper posing several questions for discussion. The [UNCEEA submitted a response](#) to these questions for discussion in April 2019. In particular, the UNCEEA submitted its views to the questions on the structure, ambition, targets, mainstreaming and indicators of the post-2020 framework.

The UNCEEA is asked to consider:

- 1. There are multiple entry points laid out on [the roadmap to the post-2020 biodiversity agenda](#). What entry points should the UNCEEA should focus on?*
- 2. The 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity integrated natural capital accounting into [Aichi Target 2](#). If natural capital accounting is again the focus of a target under the post-2020 biodiversity agenda, what can the UNCEEA do to better leverage this?*
- 3. How can the UNCEEA and international agencies better mobilize countries to voice their support for the use of the SEEA for the post-2020 biodiversity agenda?*