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1. Evaluation tool for SEEA training materials

- The main goal of this tool is to evaluate the SEEA training material to ensure that any concepts or methods mentioned in the training materials are consistent with the SEEA.
- A draft evaluation tool has been developed which will be used to assess SEEA training materials.
- Statistics Canada experts will pilot the use the evaluation tool and provide feedback to AREAA on how well the evaluation tool works and will provide any proposed improvements.
- Further testing and revisions may be necessary before launch
- If the training material is not deemed to be aligned with the SEEA standard, the reviewers will ask the original author to revise the material to ensure it is up to date with the current methodology
- Training materials will be made available on the UNCEEA website once the evaluation is complete

2. Analysis of the UNCEEA TOR and SEEA Governance Groups

- Review of the Terms of Reference of the UNCEEA and other SEEA Governance Groups. At this year's meeting of the UNCEEA, we will be reviewing the working methods and membership of the UNCEEA to ensure that the Committee is functioning as effectively as possible.
- We believe a wider analysis would be a logical next step, to ensure that the UNCEEA is harnessing synergies with other governance groups and not duplicating efforts

3. Mainstreaming of the SEEA through various initiatives

- AREA A will work to engage in initiatives in an opportunistic manner and prioritize areas where the UNCEEA could have the largest impact.
- Examples include biodiversity, climate change, sustainable tourism and the circular economy
- AREA A will analyze existing and possible initiatives and lay out a strategy based on the analysis

4. SEEA and the compilation of SDG indicators

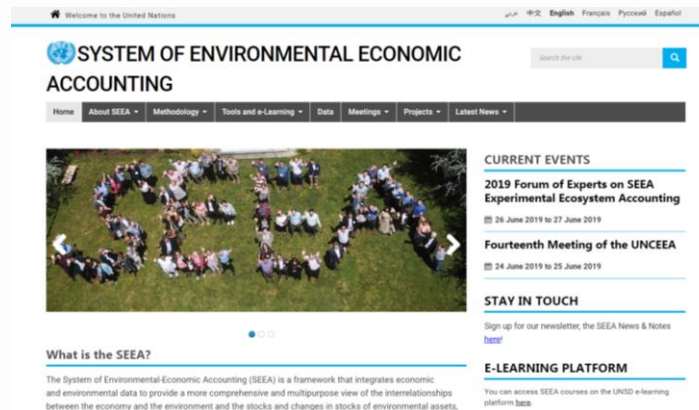
- This initiative is linked to item #3 from the previous slide
- Area A will continue to engage with the IAEG-SDGs to focus on the use of SEEA in the compilation of SDGs
- Area A will circulate a report on how the SEEA can be used for reporting the SDGs

Website developments

- Re-organization of SEEA website
- New and upcoming content
- Development of knowledge base

Re-organization of SEEA website

- Website structure previously followed structure of UNCEEA
- Tested proposed re-organization with UNCEEA, NGOs and other stakeholders
- Re-organized top navigation bar to accommodate first-time users as well as long-time users and SEEA experts
- Greater inter-connectivity—no “information islands”



New and upcoming content

- Creation of “Frequently Asked Questions,” with more to come
- Applications of the SEEA: Dedicated space for information on the SEEA and SDGS, biodiversity, climate change, as well as case studies.

Frequently Asked Questions

The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) is an international statistical standard that uses a systems approach to bring together economic and environmental information to measure the contribution of the environment to the economy and the impact of the economy on the environment. The SEEA uses a structure and classifications consistent with the System of National Accounts (SNA) to facilitate the development of indicators and analysis on the economy-environment nexus. This collection of Frequently Asked Questions provides an introduction to the main elements of the SEEA.

1. [What are environmental-economic accounts?](#)
2. [What is the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts \(SEEA\)?](#)
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6. [How are SEEA environmental-accounting standards determined?](#)
7. [How many countries have SEEA accounts?](#)
8. [Where can I access SEEA datasets?](#)
9. [How are environmental-economic accounts different than environmental statistics?](#)

Development of knowledge base

- Being developed as part of the E.U. funded Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) project
- Up-to-date repository of SEEA and natural capital accounting related documents
- Articles and reports, handbooks and guidelines, multimedia, policy briefs
- Keyword and metadata filter searches
- Timeframe: End of 2019

Questions

- Do the members have and comments or recommendations on initiatives that could be used to promote the mainstreaming of the SEEA?
- What should the next steps be related to mainstreaming the SEEA?
- Do the members agree with the Area A priorities and areas of focus?