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Area B1: Summary of activities

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Outline

- Update of the SEEA Central Framework
- Coordination with the revision of other international statistical standards and classifications
- Statistical Guidelines on Measuring Flows of Plastics along the Life Cycle

Update of the SEEA Central Framework: Background

- At its **18th Meeting in 2023**, the UNCEEA “*agreed to an update of the SEEA CF with a focused scope while requesting the SEEA CF TC to further elaborate the criteria for prioritization of the issues, further evaluate the costs and benefits of addressing the issues and develop a timeline for addressing each issue*”
- **2023-2024:** SEEA CF TC worked on refinement of issue list and project management framework for the update
- **March 2024:** UNSC endorsed the proposal to update the SEEA CF

Issue list for SEEA CF update

Review list of issues

- Input by SEEA CF TC, London group, UNCEEA Bureau, UNCEEA, various experts
- List now contains 35 issues

Grouping of the issues

- a) Overarching topics, including consistency with SNA
- b) Physical flow accounts
- c) Environmental activity accounts and related flows
- d) Asset accounts

Prioritization

- Based on policy impact and benefit; conceptual impact; complexity; and time requirements → priority 1 to 4
- Additional: issues identified as “must-do’s”



Global consultation for issue list

- Revised following UNCEEA review in April
- The list of issues and prioritization can undergo a global consultation during 2024 **Q3 after the 19th UNCEEA meeting**
- The global consultation will last for **6-8 weeks**
- Global consultation aimed at **broad audience** —SEEA community, national accountants, environmental economists, academia, private sector, etc.
- The **SEEA CF TC** will summarize the results of the global consultation and revise the list of issues based on the feedback
- To be sent to UNCEEA Bureau and the broader UNCEEA for approval
- The list of issues will then be presented to the UNSC at its 56th Session.



Project management framework

- Project management framework has been further refined and clarified; underwent consultation with UNCEEA in April
- **Three-pronged approach:**
 - (a) undertaking technical research and reaching recommended guidance on a set of specific issues;
 - (b) engaging in progressive rounds of inclusive, global consultations and review
 - (c) coordination and collaboration with different stakeholders.
- Plan to include a broad set of users in the update process, including statisticians, national accountants, policy makers, academia, environmental economics community, private sector, etc.
- Important to coordinate between other revisions of relevant standards/classifications



Project management framework

- Overall governance
 - **SEEA CF TC**, with UNSD as Secretariat, will lead the management of the SEEA CF update process
 - **Task teams** will be established under the TC CF to address the issues and prepare guidance notes
 - **Editorial Board** will be established to oversee drafting, and includes the SEEA CF TC and co-publishing agencies
 - **Bureau of the UNCEEA**, including all copublishing agencies, will provide regular oversight and coordination
 - **Committee** to provide oversight at a high level
- Project management framework will also be sent to the UN Statistical Commission in 2025

Draft timeline of the update process

Activity	Timeline	Agency/country responsible
List of issues and preliminary work		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify sources of funding 	Q1-Q3 2024	Bureau, Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement on the updated list of issues and prioritization by the Bureau and broader UNCEEA 	Q1-Q2 2024	SEEA CF TC, Bureau, UNCEEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion at UNSC 	Q1 2024	UNCEEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of task team leads, authors of topic papers 	Q1-Q2 2024	SEEA CF TC, Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement on project management framework by UNCEEA 	Q2 2024	UNCEEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global consultation on list of issues 	Q2-Q3 2024	Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence work on high priority issues which can begin already 	Q2-Q4 2024	SEEA CF TC, London Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize list of issues for presentation to UNSC, taking into account resources secured 	Q4 2024	SEEA CF TC, Bureau, UNCEEA
Issue papers		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting of all issue papers by task teams 	2025	SEEA CF TC, London Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered global consultation on the issue papers 	Q1 2025 – Q2 2026	Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of issue papers 	Q4 2025 - Q3 2026	SEEA CF TC
Updating SEEA CF text		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting relevant text to replace the text in the SEEA CF 	Q2 2026 - Q3 2027	Editor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global consultation on the chapters 	Q2-Q4 2027	Secretariat
Adoption of the SEEA CF	Q1 2028	UN Statistical Commission

Coordination with revisions of other standards/classifications

- 2025 SNA:
 - SEEA CF TC and UNCEEA have/are contributing to global consultations
 - Chair and Secretariat of TC participate in OECD informal Expert Group on Natural Capital; provide regular updates to TC
 - UNCEEA will be given opportunity to review the handbook in November (handbook to be published early 2025)
- TC contributed to final review of Classification of Environmental Purposes (CEP), which was endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission in 2024



Coordination with revisions of other standards/classifications

- COFOG
 - Chair and Secretariat of TC participating in TT on COFOG revision
 - Providing issues from a SEEA perspective for list of issues, which will undergo global consultation in Q3 2024
- GFS
 - TC plans to coordinate with the update of GFS
 - One of themes of GFS update is “natural resources and environment”
- Intention to collaborate on issues relevant to updates of SEEA CF, COFOG and GFS



Statistical Guideline on Measuring Flows of Plastics Along the Life Cycle

- Drafted by UN Environment Programme
- Intended to provide NSOs with guidelines on compiling statistics on plastics, including a PSUT for plastics and plastic waste consistent with SEEA
- TC reviewed the guidelines, focusing on consistency with the SEEA CF
- UNEP to conduct a global consultation later this summer

Questions for the UNCEEA

1. Does the UNCEEA agree that the revised list of issues can be sent for global consultation?
2. Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed process for the list of issues after the global consultation and leading up to the 56th Session of the UNSC?