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## SEEA WEBINAR SERIES

# USING THE SEEA FOR MONITORING AND INFORMING THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

MONDAY, 15 APRIL 2024

7:30 – 9:30 AM (NEW YORK TIME) | ONLINE

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## CONCEPT NOTE

The [SEEA Ecosystem Accounting](#) represents a significant milestone in the field of environmental accounting, offering a comprehensive and standardized framework for measuring ecosystems and their services to humanity within an accounting framework. This achievement is the result of an extensive and inclusive process with countries, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders which also included detailed testing and consultation with data users and producers. This resulted in the official endorsement by the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2021.

The SEEA provides the methodological basis for a number of indicators of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). In particular, the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting will provide the methodological basis for two headline indicators adopted for high-level monitoring of the GBF, including in national reports under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – i.e., indicators A.2 Extent of natural ecosystems, and B.1 Services provided by ecosystems. In addition, the [SEEA Central Framework](#) includes accounts which contain information on biodiversity expenditures and investments that are relevant to the GBF's indicators on financing, such as indicators on domestic public and private funding on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems. The full list of indicators of the GBF can be found in the [Decision 15/5](#).

This is the first webinar part of a series organised by the [UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting \(UNCEEA\)](#). It aims at providing a foundational understanding of the SEEA and how the SEEA can support national implementation of the monitoring framework of the GBF.

### Objectives

1. To understand the SEEA framework and its relevance to the headline indicators of the GBF monitoring framework, with a focus on indicators A.2 and B.1.
2. To discuss the challenges and opportunities in applying the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting for monitoring of biodiversity.

### Audience

This webinar is directed to the CBD focal points, national statistical offices, policy makers, environmental economists, conservationists, researchers, and other practitioners of the SEEA.

### Expected outcomes

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the SEEA, particularly the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting and its role in informing the GBF, and how to integrate the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting into their own biodiversity monitoring efforts. In addition, participants will gain insight into the importance of building links between the biodiversity community, national statistical offices and other relevant agencies to take forward implementation of the SEEA in support of the GBF.

The webinar will be conducted in English only.

## Agenda

- 7:30 – 7:35 Welcome and introduction**
- *Ilaria Di Matteo, Chief of Section, Environmental-Economic Accounts Section, UN Statistics Division*
  - *Chair: Jonathon Khoo, Acting Program Manager, Physical Environment Accounts and Statistics, Australian Bureau of Statistics and Chair of the Working Group on Coordination and Communication of the UNCEEA*
- 7:35 – 7:45 Introduction to the GBF monitoring framework and headline indicators**
- *Jillian Campbell, Head of Monitoring, Review and Reporting, Convention on Biological Diversity*
- 7:45 – 8:10 Introduction to the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting framework**
- *Marko Javorsek, Statistician, Environmental-Economic Accounts Section, United Nations Statistics Division*
- 8:10 – 8:40 Headline indicators of the GBF based on SEEA Ecosystem Accounting**
- *Mandy Driver, Chair of the Technical Committee on SEEA Ecosystem Accounting*
- 8:40 – 9:00 Country experiences on the implementation of the SEEA in support of the GBF**
- *François Souldard, Research Manager for the Census of Environment program, Statistics Canada*
  - *Andrea Cruz Angón, Director of Biodiversity Coordination, National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity, Mexico*
  - *Peter Meadows, Acting Director of the Centre for Environmental and Satellite Accounts, Australian Bureau of Statistics*
- 9:00 – 9:25 Panel discussion with country representatives (Canada, Mexico and Australia) on the role of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting and the importance of interinstitutional collaboration for monitoring and reporting under the GBF, moderated by the Chair**
- 9:25 – 9:30 Closing remarks**