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Proposed structure and classification of SEEA super calendar
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Introduction

During the 12th meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental Economic Accounting (UNCEEA), the Committee stressed the importance of developing a "super calendar" to include events organized by UNCEEA members and other events relevant to the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) to help promote coordination and integration of capacity-building efforts and ensure that the activities of international organizations are complementary and resource-effective. This paper provides details on the proposed structure of the super calendar, the meetings and events covered by the calendar, a proposed classification for meetings and a process for ensuring that the calendar is kept up to date.

Proposed structure of SEEA super calendar

The SEEA super calendar will live on the newly launched SEEA website (seea.un.org) and be accessible to all users of the website. The super calendar will present both future and past events in a list format and will display event date, location, meeting title. In order to help users find a specific meeting, the super calendar will also have multiple ways which users can organize the meetings. Users will be able to view all meetings or filter by year, meeting type, country or project.

Each event will have its own page which presents more detailed event information, agendas, meeting documents and presentations. These documents will be organized according to the proceedings of the specific event. If the event is not organized by UNSD, the meeting page will link to the host organization's event page.

UNSD is currently working to upgrade the current meetings page (https://seea.un.org/meetings) to implement the proposed structure of the super calendar.

Meetings and events covered by the SEEA super calendar

Defining the types of meetings that will be included on the SEEA super calendar will ensure that the super calendar remains consistent and relevant to its goal of promoting coordination and integration of capacity-building efforts over time. On a broad scale, the super calendar will include all meetings, seminars, workshops and forums that have a focus (either primary or secondary) on the SEEA or natural capital accounting.

The super calendar will include all UNCEEA meetings, London Group meetings, expert group meetings and SEEA workshops. The super calendar will also include any Sustainable Development Goal events that include proceedings on SEEA-relevant indicators, as well as events that focus on integrating SEEA and/or natural capital accounting into adjacent areas (e.g. business accounting).

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In addition, the super calendar will list SEEA training opportunities. UNSD, in collaboration with GIZ, has hosted several eLearning trainings, often with in-person phases. These will be listed on the super calendar, eventually with a link/path for invitees. Related eLearning sessions held by partner international organizations (e.g. SIAP, regional commissions) will also be presented on the super calendar.

Classification of meetings and events

The proposed super calendar includes the option for users to filter the calendar by type of meeting. The proposed meeting types include:

- UNCEEA meetings
    - All United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental Economic Accounting (UNCEEA) meetings and sub-meetings will be listed under this category.
- London Group meetings
    - All London Group meetings and sub-meetings will be listed under this category.
- Expert group meetings
    - All expert group meetings will be listed under this category. The expert group meetings may also be cross-listed under another category (e.g. projects, London Group), if they are considered a sub-meeting on a specific topic or occur under a project, for example.
    - Relevant SDG-IAEG meetings will be listed in this category.
- Workshops
    - Events focusing on capacity-building and learning will be listed under the workshops category. The category will include international, regional and national workshops.
    - Seminars and forums should be listed under workshops, as they are also focused on disseminating knowledge.
- eLearning
    - Any eLearning that has a set time frame will be listed under this category. If the eLearning also has an in-person phase, it should be cross-listed under workshops.

Maintaining the super calendar

Ensuring the super calendar is up-to-date and that it includes relevant meetings from all partners will be crucial. To help with this effort, UNSD will send a quarterly e-mail to relevant partners, asking them for information on upcoming events. In addition, in 2018, UNSD will populate the super calendar with all past events that were previously listed at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/workshops.asp.