

# Research agenda for the SEEA CF, 2016

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# Background

- During the preparation of the SEEA CF, some important topics were identified that would benefit from further research and consideration.
- These topics are described in the Research Agenda that is part of the SEEA CF (ANNEX II).
- To move the SEEA CF research agenda forward, a revised complete list of issues has been developed by the SEEA CF technical committee,
- which also provides a deeper overview outline of those issues identified.

# A: Conceptual issues

		Lead agencies
1.	Development of classifications	UNSD / EUROSTAT/ FAO
2.	Development of consistent valuation techniques	OECD, World Bank
3.	Definition of resource management and structure of the resource management expenditure accounts	Eurostat
4.	Depletion of natural biological resources	???
5.	Integrated framework for environmental activity accounts	Eurostat
6.	Losses	???

## B: Implementation issues

		Lead agencies
1.	Implementation issues related to classifications	UNSD, Eurostat
2.	Approaches to the measurement of adapted goods	Eurostat
3.	Economy wide material flow accounts	OECD, ISTAT
4.	Input output techniques	OECD, Eurostat
5.	Global DSDs for data exchange for SDMX	Eurostat

# Proposed process research agenda

- SEEA-CF research agenda can be updated when needed.
- The proposed **timeline** for the topics currently identified is 2-4 years.
- **Lead agencies** have been assigned to topics, they ensure progress in the work on the issues
- The **SEEA CF Technical Committee** will oversee the resolution of both the research issues and implementation issues.
- The **London Group** will play an important role as the forum where the different issues are presented, discussed and refined.

## UNCEEA meeting 6-2016:

- Requested the Technical Committee on the SEEA CF to develop a set of criteria to **prioritize** the research issues.
- Identified **conceptual priorities**: a) Classifications, b) Integrated Framework for Environmental Activity Accounts and c) Valuation Techniques
- Identified **implementation priorities**: Input-Output Techniques, Economy Wide Material Flow Accounting and DSDs for SDMX
- Suggested the **additional research issues**, including: sustainable tourism, links to BIOFIN, nuclear energy, the circular use rate and links between SEEA and climate change related statistics.
- Recognized the need to have **climate change** high on the research agenda of future work of Committee.

# Questions for the London Group

- How can we engage the London group (more) in the work on the SEEA-CF research agenda ?
- How can we develop a work plan that will enable members of the LG to make research specific research issues that can be presented to the London Group ?
- Would an interim meeting by LG members, where first results can be presented, work to speed up the process ?