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SESSION 4: BREAK-OUT SESSION – PRIORITY INDICATORS BRAINSTORM

Priority Indicators for Post-2020

The objective of this session is to gather ideas on what indicators you would like to see Post 2020 and how can the SEEA help



Priority Indicators – some guidelines

The indicators should align with SEEA accounting themes

- Land accounts – Physical measures
- Ecosystem extent accounts - Physical
- Ecosystem condition accounts - Physical
- Ecosystem services accounts (provisioning) – Physical or monetary
- Ecosystem services accounts (regulating and cultural) – Physical or monetary
- Physical environmental assets accounts (e.g., stocks of timber) – Physical or monetary
- Thematic biodiversity accounts - Physical

Priority Indicators post 2020 – some boundaries

Characteristics to help align with the SEEA

- Relevant at national scale
- National indicators can that can inform global indicators
- Spatial
- Be wary of very complicated composite indicators
- Should not be SDG 15.3.1 – Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area (and land productivity)
- Should not be SDG 6.6.1 – Extent of freshwater ecosystems (and wetland ecosystem services)

Priority Indicators – some guidelines

Step 1: What is the indicator for?

- Subject; Concept; Phenomena; etc.
- Definition

Step 2: How will it be used?

- Policy questions to answer
General (e.g., State of Environment) to Specific (e.g., SMART Targets)
- Assessments to inform
- Other decisions or processes

Priority Indicators – some guidelines

Step 3 – What thematic data is needed for which SEEA Accounts?

- Land accounts - Physical
- Ecosystem extent - Physical
- Ecosystem condition - Physical
- Ecosystem services (provisioning) – Physical or monetary
- Ecosystem services (regulating and cultural) – Physical or monetary
- Physical assets (e.g., stocks of timber) – Physical or monetary
- Biodiversity - Physical

Priority Indicators – some guidelines

Step 4: Are there other important data characteristics?

- Spatial and temporal resolution
- Accessibility
- Units of measurement

Reporting back

Each group select 2 favorite indicators:

- Name each indicator
- Report back the answers on Step 1 to 4 questions
- Before you leave the building put a sticker on your two favorite indicators!

We will work on SEEA based methods to calculate these indicators tomorrow and Thursday (~ 4 hours per person)

They should be practical and useful

This is an opportunity to harness ~ 40 hours of development time to your favorite!