

32nd Meeting of the London Group on Environmental-Economic Accounting

Call for Papers

The 32nd meeting of the [London Group](#) on Environmental-Economic Accounting, kindly hosted by the Bank of Guatemala, will take place from **7 to 10 September 2026 in Guatemala City, Guatemala**.

At its annual meetings the London Group provides a forum to discuss and advance the conceptual and methodological development as well as the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA). To that end, the London Group Bureau issues a call for papers that cover or combine the following topics:

I. Topics related to the SEEA Central Framework (SEEA CF)

- SEEA CF Update:
 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation: expenditures, investments
 - Environmental activity accounts: harmonization, primary/secondary purpose
 - Differentiation of environmental taxes
 - Linking SEEA CF and SEEA Ecosystem Accounting
- Physical aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation: land use, material flows, energy-for-energy substitution
- SEEA CF and SNA 2025:
 - Natural resources and depletion
 - Accounting for emission permits/reduction plans

II. Topics related to the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA)

- Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Indicators:
 - GBF Indicator A.2 Extent of natural ecosystems: Conceptual and methodological challenges and lessons in compiling the indicator, including distinguishing between natural and anthropogenic ecosystem types and aligning with the Global Ecosystem Typology
 - GBF Indicator B.1 Services provided by ecosystems: Conceptual and methodological challenges and lessons in compiling the indicator, including selection of services for inclusion in the indicator, aggregation issues, interpretation and communication challenges
 - Use of SEEA (CF and EA) accounts to derive other GBF indicators
- Monetary values connected to ecosystem services and assets

III. Thematic accounting/additional themes

- Ocean/blue accounting
- Contributions of SEEA to “Beyond GDP”
- Uses and applications of the SEEA, e.g. for disaster related statistics, climate change, circular economy

IV. Regional session for SEEA Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Sharing of implementation status, experiences and challenges

➤ If you would like to submit a paper for a presentation related to any of the topics mentioned above, you may answer this call by submitting an abstract to seea@destatis.de by **Monday, 20 April 2026**. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and must clearly describe the main content of the paper.



The meeting will be in person only. Please note that due to limited capacity of the conference venue, the Chair of the London Group together with the London Group Bureau, will decide on the final participation in the London Group meeting. Priority will be given to people with accepted papers.

The London Group is supporting the update process of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting – Central Framework (SEEA CF)¹ by conducting research into selected issues and providing a forum for in-depth discussions. The SEEA CF Technical Committee, tasked with carrying out the update, is currently assessing the possibility to hold a meeting immediately following the 32nd London Group meeting to discuss guidance notes on the following issues:

A1 - Providing a broad overview of links between SEEA CF and SEEA EA; A8 - Explicitly linking/integrating environmental activity accounts (ch. 4), asset accounts (ch. 5) and flow accounts (ch. 3); A6 - Introduction of thematic accounts and strengthening the link to policy; A9.2 - Consistency with the 2025 SNA revision issues (including emission permits); B6 - Inclusion of residual flows to ecosystem type, i.e. pressure accounts; C8 - Incorporation of sustainable finance into an accounting framework; D7 - Valuation of water; and D8 - Treatment of the atmosphere as an asset.

To leverage the expertise of the London Group members, select issues will be discussed jointly with the London Group. Proposals for papers dealing with these issues are encouraged.

¹ The update of the SEEA Central Framework was mandated by the UN Statistical Commission in 2024 and is carried out under the auspices of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEE). More information on the update of the SEEA Central Framework is available at: <https://seea.un.org/content/update-seea-central-framework>