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WEDNESDAY, 28 September 2016

INTRODUCTIONS and WORK PLAN 09.00-13.30

9:00 – Registration

Session A: Introduction (9.30-13.30)

The goal of this session is to welcome the participants and provide a platform to begin the meeting. Among other things, at the 21st meeting of the London Group it was decided to up-date the mandate and governance structure for the group. The final document will be presented and the LG is invited to approve the document

The 11th meeting of the UNCEEA has taken place. The LG will be informed about the outcomes of that meeting, including updates about e.g. the SEEA implementation strategy and the progress of the technical notes.

1. Welcome address by Statistics Norway (*Torstein Bye, Director of Department of economics, energy and the environment, Statistics Norway (á 10 minutes)*
2. Opening remarks and previous meeting notes (*London Group Chair*) *(á 10 min)*
3. Round table of participants *(Please present yourself briefly – name and institution) (á 50 min)*
4. UNCEEA business and UNSD update – for information (*Viveka Palm, UNCEEA member and Leila Rohd-Thomsen, UNSD) (á 20 min)*
5. LG Mandate, Governance structure and tentative work plan – for discussion and approval *(London Group Chair) (á 60 min)*

(Lunch 12:00-13:00)

INTERNATIONAL WORK AND CAPACITY BUILDING 13:30-17:30

The goal of this section is to provide an up-date of the current status of the sustainable development goals, of international initiatives for data collections and capacity-building

Session B: Sustainable development goals, Agenda 2030 (13:00-14:45)

6. Current up-date from the IAEG-SDGs and tasks from the UNCEEA– for information *(Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden) (á 10 min)*
7. National, regional or international initiatives related to SDG indicators and SEEA
   - *An assessment of the capacity to track the SDG indicators and transposition of the SDGs within a national strategy – an example from Montenegro (Alessandro Galli Global Footprint Network) – (á 15 min)*
   - *Monitoring the shift to sustainable consumption and production patterns in the context of the SDGs (Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden) ('a 15 min)*
8. How do we employ SEEA and national accounts for the monitoring of the progress towards the targets in the SDGs – *for discussion (All á 30 min)*

(Break)

Session C: Capacity building (14:45-16:15)

9. World-wide capacity building – news from the UNSD (*Leila Rohd-Thomsen, UNSD)(á 15 min)*
10. Regional capacity building – experiences from the WAVES programme *(JP Castaneda and Michael VardonWorld Bank) (á 15 min)*
11. SEEA Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries: current status and country implementation plans - *for information (Francesco Tubiello, FAO) (á 15 min)*
12. Involvement of LG members – *for discussion (All) (á 45 min)*

Session D: SEEA CF Research agenda (16:15-17:00)

13. The SEEA CF research agenda – for information (*Sjoerd Schenau, CBS*) *(á 10 min)*
14. SEEA Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries: Land use, land cover and GHGs: relations between SEEA CF and the IPCC - a discussion (Francesco Tubiello, FAO) –*(á 15 min)*
15. SEEA Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries: Methodological issues identified – an example of the Seychelles – a presentation *(Julie Hass) (á 15 min)*

Summary of day 1 (17:00-17:30)

The day is concluded – open for discussion *(chair)*

(Closing of day 1)

Post-meeting reception hosted by Statistics Norway

THURSDAY, 29 September 2016

METHODOLOGICAL WORK 08:30-09:35

The goal of this section is to provide an up-date of the current status of the SEEA CF research agenda. It will provide input from those who have addressed some of the topics of the research agenda and where work has advanced. The session ends with setting out some recommendations on how the LG can further contribute to the research agenda.

Session D: SEEA CF Research agenda continued (08:30-09:30)

16. Reviewing agricultural statistics and linking it to SEEA agriculture (*Mark Lound*, *ABS*) (*á 15 min*)
17. Integrated framework for environmental activity accounts– a presentation *(Sjoerd Schenau, CBS) (á 15 min)*
18. Environmental goods and services sector - a presentation (*Arturo de la Fuente, Eurostat) (á 15 min)*
19. The role of the London Group in the future work of pushing the research agenda – for discussion (All) *(á 30 min)*

IMPLEMENTATION, and EXTENSIONS 09:30-13:30

Session E: SEEA domains and extensions (09.30-13.30)

The goal of this section is to provide a platform for exchanges of implementation done nationally and internationally. It will also enable sharing best practises and extensions in the context of SEEA CF. This knowledge will feed into e.g. the continued push in the area of environmental accounts. Critique and inspiration are aspired for.

20. Bio economy (*Sami Hautakangas, Statistics Finland*) *(á 15 min)*

(Break)

21. Estimating flows of ancillary biomass resources associated to permanent and temporary crops production and their uses (*Aldo Femia, Istat*) (*á 15 min*)
22. Research project PRINCE (*Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden*) *(á 15 min)*

(Lunch 11:30-12:30)

23. Land accounts in Canada *(Gabriel Gagnon, Statistics Canada) (á 15 min)*
24. Land and Forest accounts in South America *(JP Castaneda, and Michael Vardon World Bank) (á 15 min)*

25. Australian Environmental Economic Accounts – a compilation of integrated accounts (*Mark Lound, ABS*) (*á 15 min*)

ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTS 13.30-16.30

Session F: SEEA Experimental Ecosystems Accounts (13.30-16.00)

The goal of this session is to reach agreement on some of the key issues to be addressed in taking Ecosystem Accounting forward.

26. State of Play on guidance, research agenda, development of standards for EEA *(Anton Steurer, Eurostat) (á 15 min)*

27. Delineation of spatial units *(Per Arild Garnåsjordet, Statistics Norway) (á 15 min)*

28. Indicators of condition (*Michael Vardon, ANU, Australia*) (*á 20 min*)

29. Carbon accounting/thematic accounts *(Brendan Freeman, ONS, UK) (á 15 min)*

30. Biodiversity accounting *(Steven King, UNEP-WCMC) (á 20 min)*

Summary of day 2 (16:05-16:30)
The day is concluded – open for discussion *(chair)*

An outing starting at 16.30

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ECOSYSTEMS ACCOUNTS (cont) 09:00-12:00

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31. Classifications of ecosystem services *(Jan-Erik Petersen, EEA; Mark Eigenraam, IDEEA) (á 60 min)*

32. Valuation of ecosystem services and assets *(Lars Hein, Wageningen University; J-P Castaneda, World Bank; Emily Connors, ONS; Mark Lound, ABS) (á 60 min)*

33. Measurement of ecosystem capacity and degradation *(Lars Hein, Wageningen University) (á 15 min)*

Lunch 12.00-13.00

POLICY USES 13.00-15.00

Session G: Policy uses: push and pull (13:00-14:30)
The goal of this section is to provide a platform for exchanges on how SEEA can be used in policy and the drivers of increasing the use of SEEA.

34. National, regional and international uses of environmental accounts. – for information
Quick presentation from the LG (beforehand participation notice required, including short document 'a 3 min)
35. An heterodox view on the relation between natural capital accounting (evaluation), physical flow accounting and environmental sustainability policy *(Aldo Femia, Istat) (á 15 min*)

Summary of day 3 (14:30-15:00)
The day and meeting is concluded – open for discussion *(chair)*