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Dear colleague,

Global consultation on the initial list of issues for the update of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012—Central Framework

We are pleased to launch the global consultation on the initial list of issues for the update of the System Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012—Central Framework (SEEA CF). At its 55th Session, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) endorsed the proposed update of the SEEA CF in order to align with other recently revised statistical standards (most notably the System of National Accounts and Balance of Payments Manual) and to respond to emerging demands for environmental and economic data in support of policy making in areas such as climate change, circular economy, biodiversity, etc.

The update of the SEEA CF is undertaken by the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA) and expected to conclude in 2028. The aim of this global consultation is to collect feedback on the initial list of issues identified by the UNCEEA for the update of the SEEA CF. The responses to the global consultation will be reviewed by the UNCEEA in order to finalize and submit the list of issues for the update to the UNSC in March 2025.

We kindly ask for your review and comment on the initial list of issues and their prioritization using the accompanying online comment form [here](#). In addition, all documents for the global consultation can be found [here](#). The initial list of issues and comment form are being circulated to national statistical offices, international organizations and the broader user community, including academia, non-governmental organizations, private sector organizations and others. When filling out the form, we encourage your office to engage with the relevant users and producers of the SEEA CF in your institution and other relevant institutions in your country, as appropriate either by preparing a coordinated response or by forwarding the comment form to them.

All comments on the initial list of issues should be provided by **13 September 2024**. A summary of the responses to the global consultation will be made available [here](#). If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ilaria Di Matteo, Chief, Environmental-Economic Accounts Section (E-mail: seea@un.org).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and look forward to your contribution to the update of the SEEA Central Framework.

Sincerely,



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