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The London Group

Where do we go from here?

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The London Group's Objectives

- (a) to play a leadership role in defining international best practices in the theory and practice of environmental accounting within the framework of the System of National Accounts;
- (b) to provide a forum for the sharing of national and international expertise in this field; and
- (c) to encourage the adoption of best practices in the field by promoting the results of the Group's efforts via proceedings volumes, concepts and methods manuals, operational manuals and other means.

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UNCEEA's Objectives

1. Mainstreaming environmental-economic accounting and related statistics;
2. Elevating the System of integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA-2003) to an international statistical standard; and
3. Advancing the implementation of the SEEA at the global level.

SEEA-Central Framework Implementation



- Technical notes, presentations, and training materials
- Core tables
- Research agenda
- Outreach, promotion, technical assistance

SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

- Technical Expert Groups
- Research agenda
- Testing / pilot accounts
- Coordination and linkages (Convention on Biodiversity, TEEB, Stiglitz, GDP and Beyond, etc...)

And...

- SEEA – Agriculture
- SEEA - ?
- ESCM
- Our own research and development questions
- Our actual jobs
- Managing workload is key
- Coordination of international obligations is more key

The London Group



- Lots of talent
 - Diverse practical experience
 - Devotion to subject matter
 - Willing to help
 - We see the connections and the big picture (importance of staying in the game on ecosystem accounts)
- Open forum
 - (we're all cows and pigs here)
- History of success

So what's next?



After this meeting, make recommendations to UNCEEA on:

- Training materials
- Technical notes
- Core SEEA tables

Beyond this meeting:

- Completing technical notes and work on core tables
- Furthering the SEEA research agenda
- LG role in Ecosystem Accounting
- Etc...?