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Monday, 1 October 2018

INTRODUCTIONS and UNCEEA up-date

Session A

9:00 – Registration

Session A: Introduction

The goal of this session is to welcome the participants and provide a platform to begin the meeting.

The 13th 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 new work packages established by the UNCEEA.

1. Welcome address by Paul Morrin, Assistant Director General, Central Statistics Office
 2. Opening remarks, previous meeting notes and work plan (*Nancy Steinbach, London Group Chair*)
 3. Round table of participants (*Please present yourself briefly – name and institution*)
 4. UNCEEA business and update – for information (*Anton Steurer, Eurostat*)
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METHODOLOGICAL WORK SEEA CF

Session B

Approximate timing: 11.45-17.00 including lunch around 12.45-13.45 and a break around 15.00

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.

Chair: Sjoerd Schenau, Statistics Netherlands, CBS

5. **Introduction to the SEEA CF research agenda** (*Sjoerd Schenau, CBS*)
6. **Identifying fossil fuel subsidies in the SEEA for SDG reporting**
Presenter: Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden SCB
Paper: Identifying fossil fuel subsidies in the SEEA for SDG reporting (Viveka Palm and Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden, Jane Harkness and Adam Tipper, Statistics New Zealand)

LUNCH 12:45-13:45

7. Classification of environmental activities

Presenter: Veronika Vyšná, Eurostat

Paper: Classification of environmental activities, (Eurostat)

8. Natural resource reserve index

Presenter: Gabriel Gagnon, Statistics Canada

Paper: Natural resource reserve index, (Statistics Canada)

Discussant: Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden

9. Summary of the research agenda and next steps (Sjoerd Schenau, CBS)

SEEA CF Implementation

Session C

10. World Café round tables – rotate and listen to the following presentations in small groups:

Presenter: Scott Wentland, Bureau of Economic Analysis, US

Paper: Natural Capital Accounting in the U.S.: Preliminary Tables, Methodological Issues, and Data Challenges (The Powell Natural Capital Accounting Working Group)

Presenter: Susanna Roth, Statistics Sweden

Paper: Up-to-date environmental accounts, quarterly emissions to air, (Susanna Roth and Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden)

Presenter: Mike Booth, Statistics Australia, Janice Green, Bureau of Meteorology

Paper: Bringing two water accounts together – an integrated water account for the Australian Capital Territory (Australia), (Australian bureau of statistics, Australian bureau of meteorology, and the Australian national university)

Presenter: Bayron de Jesús Cubillos López DANE, Colombia [to be confirmed]

Paper: Statistical strengthening for the construction of environmental and economic accounts in Colombia

11. Summary of day 1 (London group chair)

End of day one approximately 17.00

Extra session on energy balances to accounts (attendance optional) 17.15-18.45

A review and hands-on demonstration of an excel based conversion tool taking IEA energy balances to produce energy accounts. (UNSD with partners)

Tuesday, 2 October 2018

METHODOLOGICAL WORK SEEA Experimental ecosystem accounting revisions and applications

Session D

Begin at 09.00 am. *Approximate timing 9.00 to 12.30 with break*

The goal of this session is to introduce the SEEA EEA revision process to the London Group and continue the efforts of taking Ecosystem Accounting forward.

Chair: Rocky Harris, Defra

12. Introduction to the EEA revision and state of play (*Anton Steurer, Eurostat*)

13. EEA revision – ecosystem extent

Presenter: Sjoerd Schenau, CBS

14. EEA revision – Condition accounts

Presenter: Rocky Harris, Defra

15. Condition accounts

Presenter: Jan-Erik Petersen, EEA

Paper: Developing ecosystem condition accounts for the EU on the basis of parameters identified under the EU MAES process as critical for ecosystem condition in Europe (Jan-Erik Petersen, Markus Erhard, Kremena Gocheva (EEA) & Joachim Maes (JRC))

Presenter: Gerhard Bouwer Statistics, South Africa

Development of ecosystem condition accounts for South Africa [to be confirmed]

Presenter: Raul Figueroa, INEGI

Ecosystem condition accounts for Mexico [to be confirmed]

16. Biodiversity accounts

Presenter: Steve King, UNEP-WCMC

Paper: Testing the development of biodiversity accounts for measuring ecosystem condition in the EU. (Steve King UNEP-WCMC, Jan-Erik Petersen EEA)

Presenter: Mike Booth, ABS and Michael Vardon, ANU

Paper: From Moonlight Jewels to Common Browns: Butterfly accounts for the Australian Capital Territory (ATC). (Suzi Bond ABS and Michael Vardon ANU)

Lunch 12.30-13.30

Approximate timing: 13.30-17.00 including break around 15.00

17. EEA revision – Ecosystem Services definition and classification issues

Presenter: Lars Hein, Wageningen University

18. Ecosystem services SNA and non-SNA benefits

Presenter: Alessandra La Notte, JRC

Paper: SNA and non-SNA benefits investigated through CICES – NESCS (Alessandra La Notte, Charles Rhodes)

19. EEA revision – issues concerning the valuation of ecosystem services

Presenter: Rocky Harris, Defra

20. Provisioning services

Presenter: Silvia Cerilli, FAO

Paper: Crop and timber provisioning services application and revision: a pilot assessment for Europe (Silvia Cerilli, FAO, Alessandra La Notte, JRC)

21. Urban Accounts

Presenter: Per Arild Garnåsjordet (SSB/NINA)

Paper: Integrating ecosystem extend and condition accounts to identify ecosystem capacity, illustrated by an example of accounting for prioritized ecosystem services in the metropolitan area of Oslo Region (Per Arild Garnåsjordet (SSB/NINA), Margrete Steinnes (SSB), David N. Barton (NINA), Zofie Cimburova (NINA), Iulie Aslaksen (SSB))

Presenter David N. Barton, NINA

Paper: Valuation of cultural ecosystem services in ecosystem accounting – a comparison of methods for local nature recreation in the Oslo Region, Norway (David N. Barton (NINA), Kristine Grimsrud (SSB))

Paper: Valuation of ecosystem services for ecosystem accounting – challenges with hedonic valuation on an urban rural gradient in the Oslo Region, Norway (Kristine Grimsrud, (SSB), David N. Barton (NINA))

Discussant: Francois Souldard, Statistics Canada

22. SEEA EEA in the Natural Capital Report of Italy

Presenter: Greti Lucaroni, Italian Ministry of Environment

Paper SEEA EEA in the Natural Capital Report of Italy (Giacomo Pallante, Greti Lucaroni, Fabio Eboli, Andra Molocchi, Aldo Ravazzi: Italian Ministry of Environment)

Summary of the day: Rocky Harris, Defra

Wednesday, 3 October 2018

METHODOLOGICAL WORK SEEA Experimental ecosystem accounting revisions and applications

Continued.

Begin at 09.00 am. *Approximate timing 9.00 to 12.30 with break 10.30*

Chair: Rocky Harris, Defra

23. EEA revision – other valuation related issues (*Rocky Harris, Defra*)

24. Valuation – capacity accounts

Presenter: Alessandra La Notte, JRC

Paper: An ecosystem typology for capacity accounts (Alessandra La Notte, Sara Vallecillo, Alexandra Marques, Joachim Maes, JRC)

25. EEA revision – moving forward together (*Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden, tbc*)

Discussion of the role of the London group in the revision process

26. Summary of the discussions and next steps (*Rocky Harris, Defra*)

COMMUNICATION AND POLICY APPLICATIONS

Session E

Approximate timing: 10.45-16.00 including lunch at 12.30-13.30 and a break around 15.00

The goal of this section is to provide a platform for exchanges on communication and policy applications done nationally and internationally. It will enable enhanced discussions on these aspects for coherence and a greater understanding. It will also enable sharing best practises and extensions. This knowledge will feed into e.g. the continued push in the area of environmental accounts. Critique and inspiration are aspired for.

Chair: Mike Booth, Australian Bureau of Statistics

27. Introduction to the UNCEEA communication strategy and the national approach in Australia

Presenter: Mike Booth, ABS

28. How to engage the private sector?

Discussant: Sofia Ahlroth, World Bank

Presenter: Marta Santamaria, Natural Capital Coalition

Paper: Combining forces on public and private sector work on natural capital (Carl Obst, IDEEA Group, Marta Santamaria, Natural Capital Coalition)

Presenter: Celine Steinfeld, Wentworth Group (Video link)

Paper: Accounting for Nature in the private sector, and links with national environmental accounts (Peter Cosier, Celine Steinfeld and Bruce Thom, Wentworth group).

Lunch 12.30-13.30

29. An empathy map

The key aim of the exercise is to take yourself out of own positions as a statistician and put ourselves in the shoes of a policy maker using SEEA for decision making. So for example, what is driving their motivation for using accounts and what level and detail of data do they need to make decisions? Who are their stakeholders and what are the pressures on them to deliver on policy that could be informed by SEEA? By "getting into the heads" of our stakeholders and having a collective brainstorming exercise the LG may be able to pull out some specific areas for focusing our interactions with central agencies on SEEA.

30. How to engage at a larger scale?

Presenter: Sofa Ahlroth, World Bank

Paper: How can we engage better with potential account users? (Michael Vardon, ANU, Jean-Pablo Castaneda, World Bank)

Presenter: Aldo Femia, Istat

Paper: How to communicate Environmental Accounts (Karim Salah, Statistical Office of Tunisia, Aldo Femia, ISTAT)

31. Combining SEEA CF with the SEEA EEA

Presenter: Gemma Thomas, ONS

Paper: Presenting SEEA CF and the SEEA EEA statistics together: UK experience and lessons learnt. (Emily Connors, Gemma Thomas, ONS and Rocky Harris, Defra)

Summary of the day: London group Chair

An outing starting at 19.00 – a tour and dinner at the Guinness factory.

Thursday, 4 October 2018

COMMUNICATION AND POLICY APPLICATIONS

Continued

Begin at 09.00 with a break around 10.30, the meeting ends at 12.30 with lunch.

32. SEEA CF and tourism accounts

Presenter: Angelica Tudini, Istat (Video link)

Paper: SEEA CF and Tourism accounts – the Italian experience (Carolina Ardi, Emanuela Recchini, Angelica Tudini, Istat, Cesare Constantino – UNWTO consultant)

33. The use of ecosystem services accounting in economic analysis

Presenter: Alessandra La Notte, JRC

Paper: Policy applications: a consumption-based indicator for water purification. (Alessandra La Notte and Alexandra Marques, JRC)

34. New policy relevant indicators on national consumption and environment

Presenter: Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden

Paper; New policy relevant indicators on national consumption and environment (Viveka Palm Statistics Sweden)

35. Environmental economic instruments

Presenter: Kaia Oras, Statistics Estonia

Paper: Multidimensional framework for the evaluation of the effectiveness of environmental instruments, present state and way forward (Kaia Oras, Grete Luukas, Kaia Aher, Statistics Estonia, Tea Nõmmann SEI-T and Velda Buldas, Ministry of Financial Affairs)

36. Ensuring policy relevance and promoting the use of SEEA Central Framework: UK Experience

Presenter: Gemma Thomas, ONS

Paper: Ensuring policy relevance and promoting the use of SEEA Central Framework: UK Experience (Gemma Thomas, ONS)

37. SEEA in the SDG process

Presenter: Sven Kaumans, Destatis

38. Summary of the session (Mike Booth, ABS)

39. Moving forward with the London group. (All)

*A new chair of the London group
What comes next?*

Summary of the meeting: Chair

Lunch 12.30-