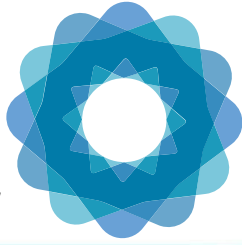


The logo for the 30th anniversary of the London Group on Environmental Accounting, featuring three stylized leaves in shades of blue and green.

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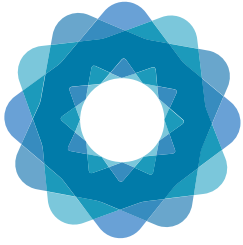
# Welcome

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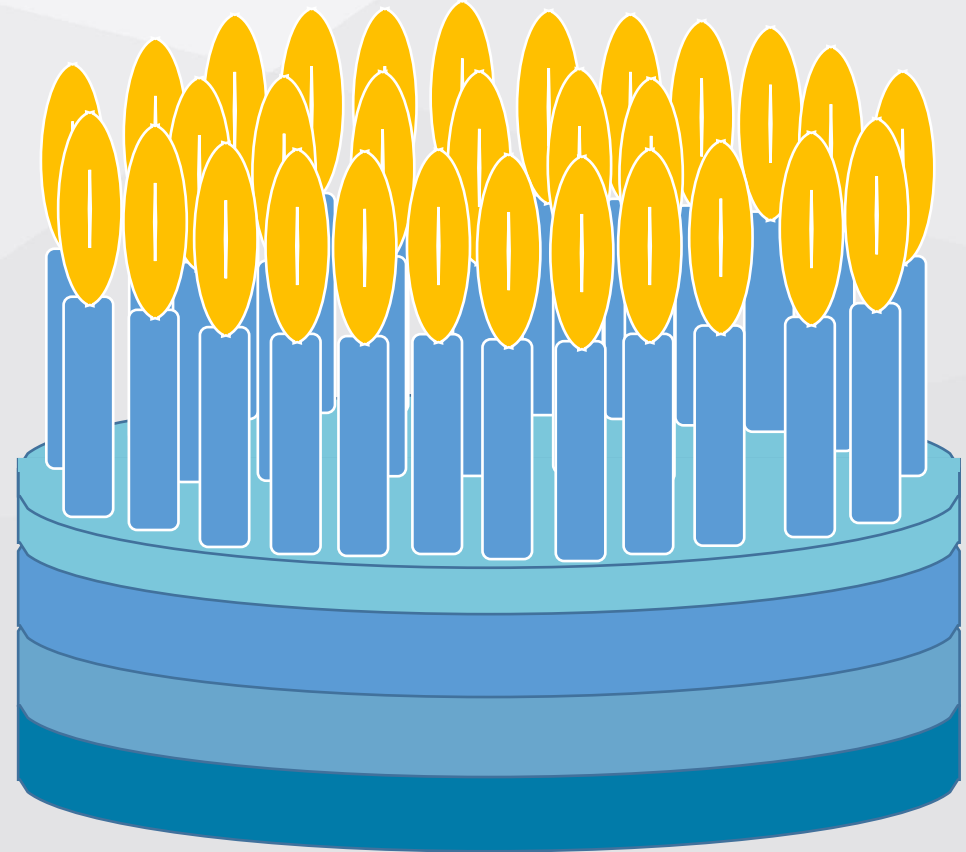
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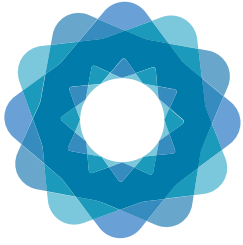


15:45 -> Celebratory Session



16:30 -> Downtown Walking tour

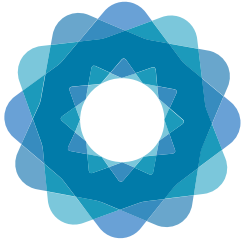




# Change, Challenges ...

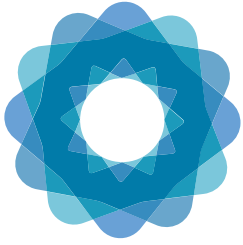
- ⚙️ Environmental Economic Accounting is „politically mainstreamed“
- ⚙️ UN CEEA as „high level“ political steering committee for Environmental Economic Accounting
- ⚙️ LG has no own report = voice in the StatCom anymore – report is part of UN CEEA' s area B
- ⚙️ LG not – like in the past – tasked with the SEEA CF update
- 👉 Do we need the LG any longer or is it time to come to an end after 30 years?

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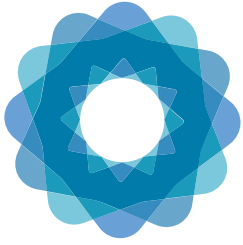
# Change, Challenges, Chances & Conclusions

- ❁ Without further development initiated by methodic expertise, environmental economic accounting is at an end.
- ❁ A strong methodological counterweight to the more politically orientated UN CEEA is necessary
- ❁ CEEA is currently updating its mandate and defining its relation to the LG new
- 👉 LG could consider doing the same
- 👉 Should we consider changing our name to London Group on Environmental **Economic** Accounting?
- 👉 Should we again report separately to gain more visibility?
- 👉 To be discussed not now but throughout the meeting and in the final session.



# Change, Challenges, Chances & Conclusions

- 🌸 restructured working arrangement (issue papers & position papers)
- 👉 Experiences?
- 👉 A format we should keep even after the SEEA CF update?



# 2024 main topics

## 🌸 SEEA CF Update

- 🌸 Treatment of human-induced flows within the environment
- 🌸 Treatment of emission trading systems and issues in taxes and subsidies accounts
- 🌸 Climate change mitigation and adaptation expenditures
- 🌸 Natural Capital
- 🌸 Treatment of water in the SEEA CF
- 🌸 Soil accounts
- 🌸 Baselines and counterfactuals in SEEA

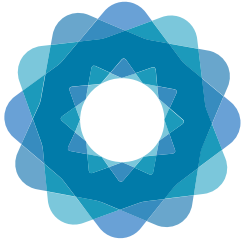
## 🌸 SEEA EA:

- 🌸 Monetary values connected to ecosystem services



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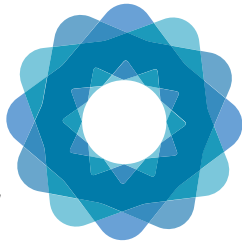
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# Thanks

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- 🌸 and all authors and contributors to our position and issue papers.



## Next meetings?

2025: Tallin – Europe

2026: ?

2027: ?

2024: Washington DC – North America

2023: Pretoria – Africa

2022: Siegburg – Europe

2019: Melbourne – Australia

2018: Dublin – Europe

2017: Escazú – North (Latin) America

2016: Oslo – Europe

2015: The Hague – Europe

2014: New Delhi – Asia

2013: London – Europe

2012: Ottawa – North America

2011: Stockholm – Europe

2010: Santiago – South America

2009: Wiesbaden – Europe

2008: Canberra – Australia





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