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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening and objectives of the meeting

2. Area A: Coordination (Area Lead: Statistics Canada)

This session will discuss the programme of work for the medium term of the group, in particular related to the repository of training and methodological materials on the website and collaboration with the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) in light of the 2020 revision of SDG indicators. This session will also discuss efforts made ensure that the SEEA is mainstreamed into the post-2020 biodiversity agenda.

3. Area B: Methodological for normative standards and other research

Area B1 - SEEA Central Framework (Area lead: Statistics Netherlands)

This session will discuss progress of work in advancing the research agenda and materials supporting the implementation of the SEEA Central Framework, as well as the need to revise the Framework, given the possible future revision of the System of National Accounts. The session will also address the work planned to link the SEEA Central Framework with the revised SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting.

Area B2 - SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: Eurostat)

This session will discuss the programme of work for the revision of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting, including the research agenda and progress made by the working groups of the revision. In addition, the session will discuss advancement with testing and experimentation as well as the development of guidelines on biophysical modelling and scenario analysis. The session will also include a review of the collaboration between the Committee and the Global Working Group on Big Data.

4. Area C: Development of Global Databases for SEEA (Area lead: OECD)

This session will discuss progress in finalising DSDs for energy, air emissions, water, land accounts and MFA. It will review the progress made in the compilation of global databases for air emissions, material flow, land and energy accounts. It will also review a roadmap for dissemination of existing datasets using the Statistics Division's SEEA website as a platform. Finally, the session will discuss a roadmap on how to proceed with global water accounts.

5. Area D: Implementation and statistical capacity building (Area lead: Statistics South Africa)

This session will include an update on SEEA implementation around the world and the status of

the Committee in reaching the 2020 targets of 100 countries implementing the SEEA Central Framework and 50 countries implementing the SEEA Experimental-Ecosystem Accounting. In addition, the session will include discussion of roadmap for administering the 2020 Global Assessment of Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics.

6. Area E: A practical strategy for the application of environmental accounting to emerging policy issues (Area lead: Australian Bureau of Statistics)

This session will discuss the progress made in the communication of the SEEA, the use of issues papers and case studies in promoting the SEEA for policy and review the updated communication strategy.

7. Aligning Business Accounting and the SEEA:

This session will review the state of play in terms of efforts made by the private sector to include the environment in business decision making and reporting. It will discuss some common methodological approaches and data needs and challenges in business decision-making and reporting on natural capital. The session will also discuss possible entry points to better alignment between business accounting for natural capital and the SEEA.

8. UNCEEA Membership

The membership of the UNCEEA will be reviewed.

9. AOB