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Environmental-Economic Accounting
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY 1

8:30AM Registration—Participants pick up their badges in the lobby of 2 United Nations Plaza and proceed to UN Headquarters

- 1. Opening remarks (9:00AM-9:30AM)**
 - Bert Kroese, Chair UNCEEA and Deputy Director-General, Statistics Netherlands
 - Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
 - Dawn Holland, Chief, Global Economic Monitoring Branch, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA
 - The United Nations Economists' Network
- 2. Area A: Coordination (Area Lead: Statistics Canada) (9:30AM-10:50AM)**
 - a. Opening remarks and framing the discussion: André Loranger, Statistics Canada (20 minutes)
 - Background information on what has happened to date
 - Workplan of the group for upcoming year
 - b. Mainstreaming the SEEA in reporting initiatives
 - Using SEEA for reporting on the SDGs: Sven Kaumanns, Destatis, Viveka Palmer, Statistics Sweden (30 minutes)
 - SEEA and biodiversity: Markus Lehman, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (30 minutes)

10:50AM-11:20AM Coffee break

- 3. Area E: A practical strategy for the application of environmental accounting to emerging policy issues (Area Lead, Australian Bureau of Statistics) (11:20AM-1:00PM)**
 - a. Opening remarks and framing the discussion: Amanda Clark, Australian Bureau of Statistics (20 minutes)
 - Collecting case studies—why now and how can we use them?
 - Communicating the policy uses of the SEEA—update on GIZ project
 - b. SEEA and Natural Capital case studies: John Maughan, Green Growth Knowledge Platform and Alison Fairbrass, University College of London (20 minutes)
 - c. World Bank WAVES experience: Sonu Jain, World Bank WAVES Programme (20 minutes)
 - d. Synthesis and discussion (40 minutes)

1:00PM-2:00PM Lunch

4. **Area C: Development of Global Databases for SEEA (Area lead: OECD) (2:00PM-4:00PM)**
 - a. Principles for the creation and maintenance of the global SEEA databases on the SEEA website: Peter Van de Ven, OECD
 - b. Dissemination of SEEA Global Databases on the SEEA Website: UNSD
 - c. Current status of global SEEA databases: air emissions, land, material flow and energy accounts
 - d. Moving forward with global databases for water: OECD, Statistics Canada

4:00PM-4:30PM Coffee break

5. **Area D: Implementation and statistical capacity building (Area lead: Statistics South Africa) (4:30PM-5:20PM)**
 - a. SEEA implementation and the 2020 Global Assessment: Gerhard Bouwer, Statistics South Africa
 - Current status of SEEA implementation – How do we measure against the implementation targets and what can we do to move things forward?
 - Moving forward to the 2020 Global Assessment, including dissemination and use of SEEA focal points

Reception to follow in DC2, 15th Floor

DAY 2

6. **SEEA & Business Accounting (9:00AM-10:00AM)**
 - a. State of play of business accounting and reporting on ecosystems: Johan Lammerant, UNSD consultant (20 minutes)
 - b. Trends in corporate sustainability accounting and reporting in the EU: Thomas Verheye, European Commission (10 minutes)
 - c. UN Global Compact and Towards a Common Water Accounting Framework: Mai-Lan Ha, UN Global Compact (5 minutes)
 - d. Synthesis and discussion (25 minutes)

10:00AM-10:30 Coffee break

7. **Area B2 – SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: Eurostat) (10:30AM-12:40PM)**
 - a. Opening remarks and short update on progress made: Anton Steurer, Eurostat (10 minutes)
 - b. Recent results of the EU INCA project: Anton Steurer, Eurostat (15 minutes)
 - c. Update on the NCAVES project and presentation of results: UNSD and project countries (30 minutes)
 - d. Update on the revision process: UNSD (15 minutes)
 - e. Synthesis and discussion (60 minutes)
 - The ambition is to elevate the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting to the level of a standard, eliminating “Experimental” from the title.
 - *Questions to the UNCEEA: Are we doing enough to reach the above objective? Should we do more?*

12:40PM-1:40PM Lunch

8. **Methodological Development for Normative Standards and Other Research
Area B1 - SEEA Central Framework (Area lead: Statistics Netherlands) (1:40PM-2:45PM)**

- a. Opening remarks and potential for revision of SEEA CF: Sjoerd Schenau, Statistics Netherlands (45 minutes)
- b. Progress on the development of the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism: Vivian Ilarina, Philippines Statistical Authority (10 minutes)
- c. Update from the London Group: Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden (10 minutes)

2:45PM-3:15PM Coffee break

9. Way Forward (3:15PM-4:00PM)

- a. Working methods of the UNCEEEA
- b. Review of UNCEEA membership

10. Conclusions of the UNCEEA (4:00PM-5:00PM)