Fourteenth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting
New York, 24-25 June 2019

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)
   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)
   b. Collecting case studies—why now and how can we use them?
   c. Communicating the policy uses of the SEEA—update on GIZ project
   d. SEA and Natural Capital case studies: John Maughan, Green Growth Knowledge Platform and Alison Fairbrass, University College of London (20 minutes)
   e. World Bank WAVES experience: Sonu Jain, World Bank WAVES Programme (20 minutes)
   f. 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 Verhey, 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 UNCEEA
   b. Review of UNCEEA membership

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