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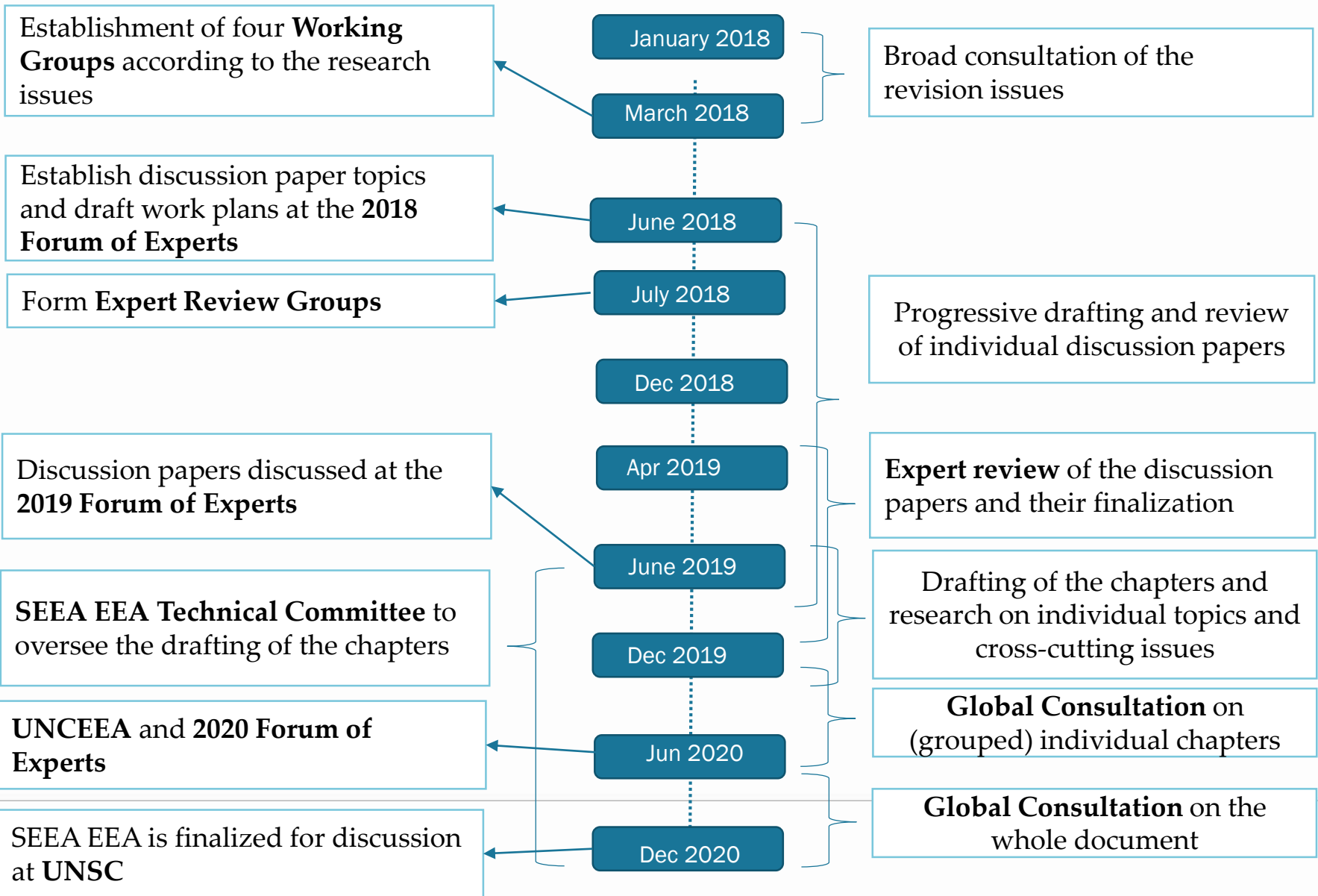
Session 10: Moving forward

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Revision process: keystones & timeline



Concrete opportunities to remain engaged

- **Papers on Ecosystem Services and Valuation (WG3 and WG5) (Sept 2019)**
- Biophysical modelling guidelines
- Scenario modelling guidelines
- Valuation guidelines
- Strategy for alignment with business accounting
- Ocean accounts (ESCAP)
- Protected areas?
- Biodiversity?
- **Chapters – progressively as they are circulated for global consultation**
- TESTING

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How to engage?

- List of **issues** that remains to be addressed
- List of questions for **testing**
- Expression of interest request will be sent together with the list of issues and questions for testing to participants
- Encourage engaging with the statistical offices and of course identify entry points for promotion of the SEEA in the various communities

Important meetings and events

- UNCCD COP14 – New Delhi, 2-13 September 2019
- London Group – Melbourne, 7-10 October 2019
- IUCN regional congresses – July-November 2019
- NCA Policy Forum (global and regional) – Uganda, 18-21 November 2019
- UN Statistical Commission – New York, 3-6 March 2020
- NCA workshop at Yale University – New Haven, 18-20 March 2020
- IUCN World Conservation Congress – Marseille, 11-19 June 2020
- UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting – New York, June 2020
- **2020 Forum of Experts on SEEA EEA – June 2020 ??**
- CBD COP 15 – Beijing, October 2020
- London Group on Environmental Accounting – usually October 2020

Stay informed - revision website

<https://seea.un.org/content/seea-experimental-ecosystem-accounting-revision>

SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Revision



In March 2013, the United Nations Statistical Commission endorsed the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting – Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EEA) as the basis for commencing testing and further development of this new field of national accounting. The [SEEA EEA](#) was formally published in 2014 as a joint publication of the United Nations, European Commission, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the World Bank.

Given the level of interest, testing and experimentation, the body responsible for the development and advancement of the SEEA, the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEAA), following the decision of the United Nations Statistical Commission from March 2017, determined in June 2017 that a revision of the SEEA EEA drafted in 2012 was appropriate with the intention to reach agreement on as many aspects of Ecosystem accounting as possible by 2020. This revision process has now commenced. The revision process will be based on the SEEA EEA endorsed in 2013, the experiences of the many initiatives on ecosystem accounting in practice, and on the recently released Technical Recommendations in support of the SEEA EEA 2012 ([white cover publication](#)).

As customary when launching a revision process, issues that remain unsolved and need to be addressed have been identified. A list of issues has been developed through discussions at the June 2016 and June 2017 meetings of the UNCEEAA and the October 2017 meeting of the London Group on Environmental Accounting. The current list has been endorsed by the SEEA EEA Technical Committee. The working group under the auspices of the UNCEEAA that will

News

The [2019 Forum of Experts on SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting](#) is taking place on 26-27 June 2019 at Glen Cove, New York. See the [even website](#) for background documents and presentations.

Latest documents

[18 June 2019] Background documents for the **Forum of Experts** are available on the [event website](#).

[1 May 2019] Draft **discussion papers on spatial units** for expert consultation:





THANK YOU

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