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Expert Meeting on SEEA indicators for SDGs and post-2020 Agenda for Biodiversity

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Agenda

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Background

This workshop is part of the EU funded Natural Capital Accounting and Ecosystem Service Valuation project (<https://seea.un.org/home/Natural%20Capital%20Accounting>). This project is being implemented by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and aims to assist five partner countries advance the knowledge agenda on environmental and ecosystem accounting. To this end, the project initiate pilot testing of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EEA) framework with Brazil, China, Mexico, India and South Africa. The aim of the workshop is to develop sustainable development indicator set based on selected SEEA modules, and to provide an opportunity to discuss how the SEEA relevant indicator set can support the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework. These indicators are expected to be tested as part of the programme of work within the project pilot countries.

Workshop Objectives:

- To discuss how the SEEA-relevant indicators can support the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework
- To build consensus around a set of priority SEEA relevant indicators for SDG targets and Post-2020 Agenda for testing in the case study countries of the SEEA-EEA.
- To develop a methodological approach for calculating priority SEEA-relevant indicators using SEEA modules relevant to ecosystems.
- To explore and identify potential forward-looking indicators based on SEEA to support the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework

UNEP-WCMC and UNSD have completed an assessment of the linkages between global indicator initiatives, SEEA modules and the SDG Targets. This assessment suggests a set of priority indicators that can help inform the workshop. Workshop participants should read this document in advance. This document will be uploaded to the meeting website on 31st January, accessed via the following link: <https://seea.un.org/events/expert-meeting-seea-indicators-sdgs-and-post-2020-agenda>

12 February 2019 (Tuesday)

Time	Session	Expected outcomes	Session Speakers
8.30-9.00	Registration and Coffee		
9.00-9.40	Opening and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hilary Allison, UNEP-WCMC. ▪ Alessandra Alfieri, United Nations Statistics Division ▪ Salman Hussain United Nations Environment Programme ▪ Jakub Wejchert European Union ▪ Round table introductions 	Participants understand the objective of the meeting	Hilary Allison to moderate
9.40-11.00	Session 1 (SEEA): Overview of the SEEA; Global indicators assessments and key findings <p>The session will present an overview of the SEEA, the NCAVES project and the global indicator assessment, in the context of the morning discussion</p> <p>Suggested presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview presentation on the SEEA (UNSD) ▪ Overview presentation on the NCAVES project (UNSD) ▪ Overview presentation on the global indicators assessment and key findings (UNEP-WCMC) 	Participants are aware of and understand work to date on linking SEEA with SDG target and other indicators	Hilary Allison to moderate
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11.30-13.00	Session 2 (plenary): Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, Post-2020 planning and facilitated discussions <p>This session will feature keynote on the current developments of Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, reflections from the Convention of Parties to the CBD in 2018, Post-2020 planning and opportunities for the international community to influence the process</p>	Participants understand the latest developments towards the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and the SDG on Goals 14 and 15 Opportunities to influence the Post-2020 framework discussed	Markus Lehman to introduce the CBD perspective and moderate Yann Kervinio (French strategic vision for Post 2020)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Progress towards</i> Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework ▪ Post 2020 Planning ▪ Facilitated discussion 		Zhu Chunquan (IUCN, China) Anna Chenery (BIP)
13.00 - 13.45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13.45-14.45	<p>Session 3 (plenary with panel): Global indicator initiatives</p> <p>The session will feature panel presentations on the forward-looking plan by various indicator initiatives for informing sustainable development generally and in the context of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework. The session will focus on the entry points for indicators and understand what various initiatives are planning and how to engage with these.</p>	<p>Participants understand the latest indicator developments towards the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework</p> <p>Opportunities to support indicator development, identification of synergies and further influence the Post-2020 framework discussed</p>	<p>Steven King to moderate</p> <p>GEO BON (Mike Gill)</p> <p>IPBES (Hein Ngo)</p> <p>OECD (Katia Karousakis)</p>
14:45-15:45	<p>Session 4 (Break-out): Priority SEEA-relevant indicator sets</p> <p>The aim of these sessions will be to discuss the role of the selected SEEA relevant indicators, list in the global indicator review, and other indicators not currently used within international processes in supporting the monitoring of biodiversity and the sustainable use of ecosystems and its opportunity to serve as the measurement framework for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, in the context of the global indicator assessment</p> <p>Break-out group – by indicators</p>	<p>The set of priority indicators recommended in the report will be evaluated from the policy perspective, with an objective of agreeing the set, or recommending additional SEEA-relevant indicators that could influence the Post-2020 process</p>	
15.45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:15 – 16:45	<p>Report back</p> <p>Each group present their findings and recommend set of priority indicators in the plenary</p>	<p>Agreement reached on a set of proposed global indicators for the group to focus on aligning with the SEEA.</p>	

16:45-17:45	<p>Session 5 (plenary): Strategy and process to influence the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework</p> <p>The aim of this session is to build from the days discussions to discuss appropriate strategies and processes to deliver indicators that can inform and support the Post-2020 process. The session will aim to confirm the key policy and indicator entry points where the SEEA can contribute, which parties need to be engaged, barriers that need to be overcome and resources that need to be mobilised.</p>	Discussions will aim to define a structured engagement to inform the post-2020 process via SEEA.	
17:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close ▪ Logistical arrangements communicated ▪ Followed by group dinner in Cambridge ~ 7pm. 		

13 February 2019 (Wednesday)

Time	Session	Expected outcomes	
08:30 – 09:00	Recap on previous days discussions and objectives for the day		
9.00-10.30	<p>Session 6 (plenary): National indicator initiatives</p> <p>The session will feature presentations on the national indicator initiatives and explore the enabling factor to make the proposed global indicator set relevant at the country level. Country will also share the emerging initiatives/indicators that could be used at the global level.</p> <p>Suggested country presentation (15 min. each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brazil ▪ India ▪ Mexico ▪ South Africa <p>Plenary discussion – Enabling factors to make the proposed global indicators to</p>	<p>Participants are aware of indicator initiatives in pilot countries for the NCA and ESV project.</p> <p>An understanding of the barriers that exist and possible solutions with aligning global indicators to national reporting achieved through discussion.</p>	<p>Julian Chow to moderate</p> <p>Brazil (Paula Suélen Corrêa de Medeiros)</p> <p>India (Mr. Krishna Kumar Tiwari)</p> <p>Mexico (José Luis Ornelas de Anda)</p> <p>South Africa (Mandy Driver / Gerhardt Bouwer)</p>

	be relevant at the national level and the role for the SEEA in supporting them.		
10.30-11.00	<p>Session 7 (break-out): Review of methodological sheet for selected indicators</p> <p>Each group to review the existing methodological sheets for the global SDG Target Indicators and forward looking indicators (where available) identified as priority SEEA-related indicators. Each group should then begin reinterpreting the existing methodologies as a SEEA based methodology. These notes should provide a description of the indicator, enabling factors for indicator, a SEEA based methodology for calculation and calculation, highlight issues and questions to be addressed. Note: tomorrow there will be focusing on the data input for the indicator so this does not have to be an area of focus for this session.</p>	Begin with a review of methodological steps, with an objective on how SEEA framework can be used to compiling the indicators	
11.00.-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11.30-13.00	Session 7 (Break-out group): Continued		
13.00-13.45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13.45-15.15	<p>Session 8: Forward looking indicators for sustainable development and ecosystem services. This session will feature presentations on indicators that measure ecosystem services and inform on maintaining safe operating spaces for environmental-economic development.</p> <p>Plenary discussion will focus on the demands, possibilities and entry points for these types of indicators and the role for the SEEA in supporting them.</p>	<p>Participants understand the latest indicator developments on ecosystem services and planetary boundaries</p> <p>Opportunities to support indicator development in these areas discussed</p>	<p>James Vause to moderate</p> <p>Sarah Cornell (Stockholm institute)</p> <p>Zhu Chunquan (IUCN, China)</p> <p>Rocky Harris (Defra)</p>
15.15-15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>		

15.45 - 16.30	Session 9 (Break-out group): Continued		
16.30- 17.30	Report back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each group present methodological approach and options for improvement discussed in plenary 		Steven King to moderate
17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close – ▪ Followed by group ~1 hr walking tour (optional) at 6:00pm and dinner in Cambridge ~ 7.30 pm. 		

14 February 2019 (Thursday)

Time	Session	Expected outcomes	
08:30 – 09:00	Recap on previous days discussions and objectives for the day		
9.00-10.30	<p>Session 10 (Plenary): Database for indicators</p> <p>The session will feature presentations on the existing international databases/datasets that provide underlying data for the proposed indicator sets, lessons, opportunities, experiences</p>	Participants are aware of different data sources and a list of databases / data holdings compiled to support indicator compilation	<p>Claire Brown to moderate</p> <p>Land Degradation Neutrality (David Summers or Ish Wheeler)</p> <p>Conservation International (Trond Larson)</p> <p>PBL (Stefan van der Esch)</p> <p>Tour du Valat - Wetlands (Ilse Geijzendorffer / Anis Guelmami)</p> <p>Statistics Canada (Francois Soulard)</p>
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11.00-13.00	<p>Session 11 (break-out): Review of methodological sheet for selected indicators</p> <p>Each group continue the development of and review of the methodological notes. Include any updates from thoughts overnight but focus on including a new section, on the input data source of indicator.</p>	Identify data option for the global indicator review and methodological sheet.	Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (Erik Framstad)
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>		

14.00-15.00	Report back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each group present data options for the indicator compilation 		
15:00-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15.30-16.30	Session 12 (Plenary): Next Steps The session will summarize the finding of the workshop and discuss the next steps in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify any joint actions to influence the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework ▪ Finalizing the global indicator review and development of methodological sheet ▪ Initiation of the implementation plan for the selected indicator set at the country 	Alessandra Alfieri	to moderate
16:30-17:00	Concluding remark WCMC, UNSD, UN Environment, EU		
17:00	Close		