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Dear Colleague,

**Forum of Experts on SEEA Ecosystem Accounting 2021**  
*7 and 8 December 2021, online*

It is my pleasure to invite you to the sixth Forum of Experts on SEEA Ecosystem Accounting 2021 that will be held online on 7 and 8 December 2021. The Forum is organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, and the World Bank, and is an activity under the “Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services” project funded by the European Union.

In March 2021, United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) adopted the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting—Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA). In particular, it adopted the chapters 1-7 on the framework and physical accounts as an international statistical standard, and chapters 8-11 as internationally recognised principles and recommendations for monetary valuation of ecosystem services and assets. This major milestone was the result of a transparent and inclusive revision process over the past three years in which many experts, countries and stakeholders participated and actively contributed.

With the adoption of the SEEA EA, the UNSC encouraged its implementation in countries and tasked the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEAA) with developing an implementation strategy. The implementation of the SEEA EA has been identified as a priority also by the UN Secretary General who in the recently released United Nations Common Agenda *urges Member States and others to begin implementation of the SEEA EA.*

This Forum, the sixth of this kind, builds on the previous Fora which contributed to the advancement of the theory and practice of ecosystem accounting during the SEEA EA revision process. The objectives of the 2021 Forum will shift towards discussing the implementation strategy and sharing experiences and best practices in applying and compiling ecosystem accounts. It will also discuss, data and models interoperability and mainstreaming the SEEA EA into national and global initiatives.

The Forum will take place on 7 and 8 December between 7:00 and 10:00am EST (NY time) on each day. The meeting will be conducted in English using the Zoom online meeting platform. Your participation should be confirmed by completing the registration form available here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwucumhqT8vHNdjaFZP6mTP3TUY7SCT-LhT>

For more information about the Forum, please refer to the attached concept note and draft agenda, or see the event website here: <https://seea.un.org/events/forum-experts-seea-ecosystem-accounting-2021>. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Alessandra Alfieri, Environmental-Economic Accounts Section (E-mail: [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org)).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and looking forward to your positive response and active participation in the Forum.

Sincerely yours,



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