



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
STATISTICS DIVISION
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**Fifteenth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on
Environmental-Economic Accounting
Online, 6, 8 and 9 July 2020, 7:30-10:30 EDT**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting will take place virtually on 6, 8 and 9 July 2020, from 7:30 to 10:30 or 10:45 A.M. EDT each day. A background note for each area of work will be made available in advance of the meeting, containing key questions for discussion during the meeting. All participants are asked to read the background notes in advance of the meeting and are encouraged to submit written responses in advance of the meeting. This will ensure that the sessions make use of the limited time through focused discussions. Given that only select topics will be discussed, additional materials for information will be provided on the website. Meeting discussions will take place in both plenary and break-out groups.

Please note that all times below are in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), i.e. New York time.

Monday, 6 July 2020

- 1. Opening and objectives of the meeting (20': 7:30-7:50)**
Bert Kroese, Chair UNCEEA and Deputy Director-General, Statistics Netherlands
Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist of the United Nations
Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division

- 2. Area B: Methodological for normative standards and other research**
Area B2 - SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: Eurostat) (160', including break: 7:50-10:45)
This session will discuss the current state of play of the revision of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting, including the substantive chapters of the draft manual, and how to present the revised document at the 52nd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The session will also review the progress made in developing global databases for ecosystem accounting.

7:50-8:30 Introduction, state of play and discussion on process and status

Five-minute break 8:30-8:35

8:35-9:30 Discussion on [questions 1-2](#) to the Committee

¹ During the meeting, the Area B session will be devoted to Area B2. Materials for information on Area B1, focusing on the link between the SEEA and the SNA revision will be circulated to the UNCEEA after the meeting, once the process and groups for the revision of the SNA are finalized.

Five-minute break (9:30-9:35)

9:35-10:20 Discussion on [questions 3-4](#) to the Committee

10:20-10:35 Presentation and discussion on ARIES

10:35-10:45 Conclusions

Wednesday, 8 July 2020

3. **Discussion of previous day's conclusions** (25': 7:30-7:55)
4. **Area C: Development of Global Databases for SEEA** (Area lead: OECD) (75': 8:00-9:15)
This session will review the progress made in the compilation of global databases for air emissions, material flow, land and energy accounts. This session will also cover the dissemination of global databases.

8:00-8:55 Presentation and discussion on progress on priority accounts ([questions 1-4](#))

8:55-9:10 Presentation and discussion on dissemination ([questions 5](#))

9:10-9:15 Conclusions

Ten-minute break (9:15-9:25)

5. **Area D: Implementation and statistical capacity building** (Area lead: Statistics South Africa) (65': 9:25-10:30)
This session will include an update on SEEA implementation around the world and the status of the Committee in reaching the 2020 implementation targets and discuss how to better facilitate implementation. In addition, the session will include discussion of the draft 2020 Global Assessment of Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics.

9:25-9:35 Presentation on state of play

9:35-10:00 Discussion in breakout groups and report-back on [question 1a and 3b](#)

10:00-10:25 Discussion on [question 2](#)

10:25-10:30 Conclusions

6. **Additional: Soft Launch of "The use of natural resources in the economy – A Global Manual on Economy Wide Material Flow Accounting"** (15': 10:30-10:45)

Thursday, 9 July 2020

1. **Discussion of previous day's conclusions** (20': 7:30-7:50)

Five-minute break (7:50-7:55)

2. **Area A: Coordination** (Area Lead: Statistics Canada) / **Area E: A practical strategy for the application of environmental accounting to emerging policy issues** (60': 7:55-8:55)

This session will discuss the programme of work for both Area A and Area E, focusing on common issues of importance, in particular related to coordination of groups working on environment statistics and accounting and mainstreaming of the SEEA for the SDGs, Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, climate change, and circular economy.

7:55-8:10 Presentation on state of play

8:10-8:55 Discussion on [questions to the Committee](#)

3. Business Accounting (45': 8:55-9:40)

This session will review a potential roadmap for alignment between business accounting for the environment and the SEEA and include a discussion on the role of the UNCEEA.

8:55-9:05 Presentation on state of play

9:05-9:40 Discussion on [questions to the Committee](#)

Ten-minute break (9:40-9:50)

4. Programme of Work, 2021-2025 (20': 9:50-10:10)

Each area lead will present a tentative programme of work for their work stream.

5. Working methods (20': 10:10-10:30)

The working methods of the UNCEEA will be reviewed and the [questions to the Committee](#) will be discussed.