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**Seventeenth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on
Environmental-Economic Accounting**
Virtual, 27-28 June 2022, 7:30-11:00 EDT

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting will take place virtually on 27-28 June, from 7:30 to 11:00 A.M. EDT each day using Zoom as the platform. 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.

Monday, 27 June 2022

1. 7:30 – 7:40: Opening and objectives of the meeting

Bert Kroese, Chair of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting and incoming Director of the Statistics Division of the IMF

2. Area B: Methodological Development for Normative Standards and Other Research

7:40 – 8:50: Area B1 – SEEA Central Framework (Area lead: Statistics Netherlands)

The session will discuss the current state of play of the SNA update, with a focus on the status of the guidance notes of the Wellbeing and Sustainability Task Team, the progress of the valuation group, in particular with regard to its relevance for ecosystem accounting valuation, and the engagement of the UNCEEA in reviewing the draft of the chapters on wellbeing and sustainability. The session will also discuss proposals from the SEEA community on the CPC and ISIC update and progress of the SIEC and COFOG updates.

8:50 – 9:00: Break

9:00 – 10:10: Area B2 - SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: SANBI)

The session will discuss the progress with the implementation of the SEEA EA after the Implementation Strategy was adopted by the Statistical Commission in March 2022. In particular, the session will discuss the progress and workplans of the two working groups on forests and oceans, as well as receive an update from Eurostat on the directive on ecosystem accounts.

3. 10:10 – 11:00: Area A - Coordination and Communication (Area Lead: Statistics Canada)

This session will focus on the coordination of SEEA activities for emerging policy issues, in particular climate change and circular economy initiatives. The session will also include an analysis of the different groups and initiatives working in the environmental economic accounting space.

Tuesday, 28 June 2022

- 4. 7:30 – 7:50: Review of previous day's conclusions**
 - 5. 7:50 – 8:35: Area C - Development of Global Databases for SEEA** (Area lead: OECD)
This session will review the progress made in the compilation of global databases for air emissions, material flow, land and energy accounts.
 - 6. 8:35 – 9:25: Area D - Implementation and Statistical Capacity Building** (Area lead: ESCAP and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics)
This session will focus on advancing the implementation of the SEEA at the regional and country levels and in particular on identifying tools and approaches that can support implementation and coordination with existing initiatives. This session will thus discuss priorities and work plan for this area for the next year.
- 9:25 – 9:35: Break**
- 7. 9:35 – 10:20: Area E – Business Accounting** (Area lead: INEGI)
This session will present the progress of the working group over the past year and some initiatives which they have identified for future collaboration. The session will have presentations from the Task Force on Nature related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB).
 - 8. 10:20 – 10:50: Biodiversity and the SEEA**
The role of the SEEA in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be discussed, with a focus on indicators derived from the SEEA for the monitoring framework. The Committee will also discuss how best to contribute to the formulation and implementation of the monitoring framework in the events leading up to COP-15.
 - 9. 10:50 – 11:00: Closing remarks**
Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division