



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
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Eighteenth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on
Environmental-Economic Accounting
Virtual, 20-21 June 2023, 7:30-11:00 EDT

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting will take place virtually on 20-21 June, from 7:30 to 11:00 EDT each day using Microsoft Teams 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. The notes will provide a short summary of the work done during the past year and present the programme of work for the next 12-18 months or the medium term. All participants are asked to read the background notes in advance of the meeting and encouraged to submit written responses in advance of the meeting and actively participate in the discussion. 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.

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

1. **7:30 – 7:35: Opening and objectives of the meeting**
Andre Loranger, Interim UNCEEA Chair, Assistant Chief Statistician, Statistics Canada
 2. **7:35 – 8:20: Area A – Coordination and Communication** (Area Lead: Statistics Canada)
This session will focus on the updated workplan of the group, which includes a series of policy-oriented webinars and an analysis of the different groups and initiatives working in the environmental economic accounting space.
 3. **8:20 – 8:40: Biodiversity and the SEEA (CBD)**
The role of the SEEA in the recently adopted Global Biodiversity Framework will be discussed, with a focus on indicators derived from the SEEA for the monitoring framework and how the statistical community can better engage in implementation of the framework.
 4. **8:40 – 9:00: Data Gaps Initiative III and the SEEA (IMF)**
This session will focus on the new Data Gaps Initiative III (DGI3) and the role of the SEEA in the recommendations related to climate change data gaps.
- 9:00 – 9:10: Break**

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

9:10 – 10:45: Area B1 – SEEA Central Framework (Area lead: Statistics Netherlands)

The session will discuss the possible update of the SEEA Central Framework. It will also cover the current state of play of the SNA update, with a focus on the progress of the valuation group and the chapter on wellbeing and sustainability. The session will also provide a summary of the state of play of the updates of CEF, CPC, SIEC and COFOG.

6. 10:45 – 11:00: Concluding remarks for Day 1
Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division

Wednesday, 21 June 2023

7. 7:30 – 7:50: Review of previous day’s conclusions

8. 7:50 – 8:35: Area B2 – SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (Area lead: SANBI)

This session will review the progress made towards the implementation of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, the work of the working groups and the workplan for the next year. The revised Terms of Reference and membership for the Technical Committee will be presented for consideration.

9. 8:35 – 9:25: 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.

9:25 – 9:35: Break

10. 9:35 – 10:00: Area D – Implementation and Statistical Capacity Building (Area leads: ESCAP and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics)

This session will focus on the updated implementation guide for the SEEA as well as plans for this year’s benchmark version of the Global Assessment on Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics.

11. 10:00 – 10:15: Area E – Business Accounting (Area lead: INEGI)

The session will present the group’s recent contributions to aligning private and public sector natural capital accounting, including engagement with the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

11. 10:15 – 10:35: Overall programme of work of the UNCEEA (Interim Chair)

This session will present the draft programme of work pulled together from the work plans of the different areas to provide an overall view of the programme for the next 12-18 months.

12. 10:35 – 11:00: Election of the Chair

Closing