



# UNCEEA Area A Working Group on Coordination

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## Area A – Four categories of work

Focus of Area A is to:

- I. Coordination and greater communication of the use of SEEA as a statistical standard and greater dissemination of training events
- II. Avoid duplication of efforts – ensure that international and regional efforts are as coordinated and non-duplicative as possible
- III. Mainstreaming the SEEA – by focusing on some key emerging areas, such as biodiversity, climate change, sustainable finance, Area A can play a coordination and collaborative role to promote the SEEA
- IV. Communication to a broader audience of the benefits of SEEA (linked to mandate of Area E) – continue to explore strategies to demonstrate how SEEA can be used for policy/decision-making

# Avoid duplication of efforts

- Area A will organize a sub-working group to coordinate a mapping exercise of international groups engage in SEEA related work
- The approach will be iterative, and will eventually include SEEA-related work at the regional level
- The goal is to streamline the work as much as possible
- This exercise could also identify international development work, such as on green finance, biodiversity etc.) where there are no current linkages or participation of SEEA-related experts where SEEA could play a relevant role

# Mainstreaming of SEEA

- Mainstreaming the SEEA:
  - Biodiversity – support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework – particularly the ecosystem accounts module through the support of efforts such as regional webinars and workshops
  - Circular economy – continue to support through indicator and conceptual development of metrics to measure the circular economy by coordinating and supporting the work in various international organizations such as the UNECE and OECD.
  - Climate change – support the ongoing work in the area of climate change statistics and SEEA-based climate change statistics and indicators by international organizations such as the UNECE and IMF
  - Sustainable finance – Area A has begun discussions with various groups on how the SEEA can contribute to the needs of sustainable and green finance.

# Questions for the Committee

- Does the Committee have any comments or feedback on the body of work that Area A should focus on?
- How can Area A support elevating SEEA indicators to the same level as GDP in the context of monitoring the post-COVID recovery?
- What does the committee think of Area A's current role in the area of mainstreaming the SEEA?
- What should be the role of the NSO members of Area A, particularly in areas (such as biodiversity) where national leads tend to be assigned to policy ministries?