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Global Assessment of Environmental- Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics, 2020

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- Sent to all national statistical offices on 25 September 2020
- National statistical offices asked to coordinate responses and encourage relevant institutions to complete the survey
- Aim is to assess progress of SEEA implementation
 - Implementation targets of UNCEEA
 - SDG indicators 15.9.1 and 12.b.1
 - Key for developing effective capacity building programmes at international and regional level

Updated Definition of SEEA Implementation

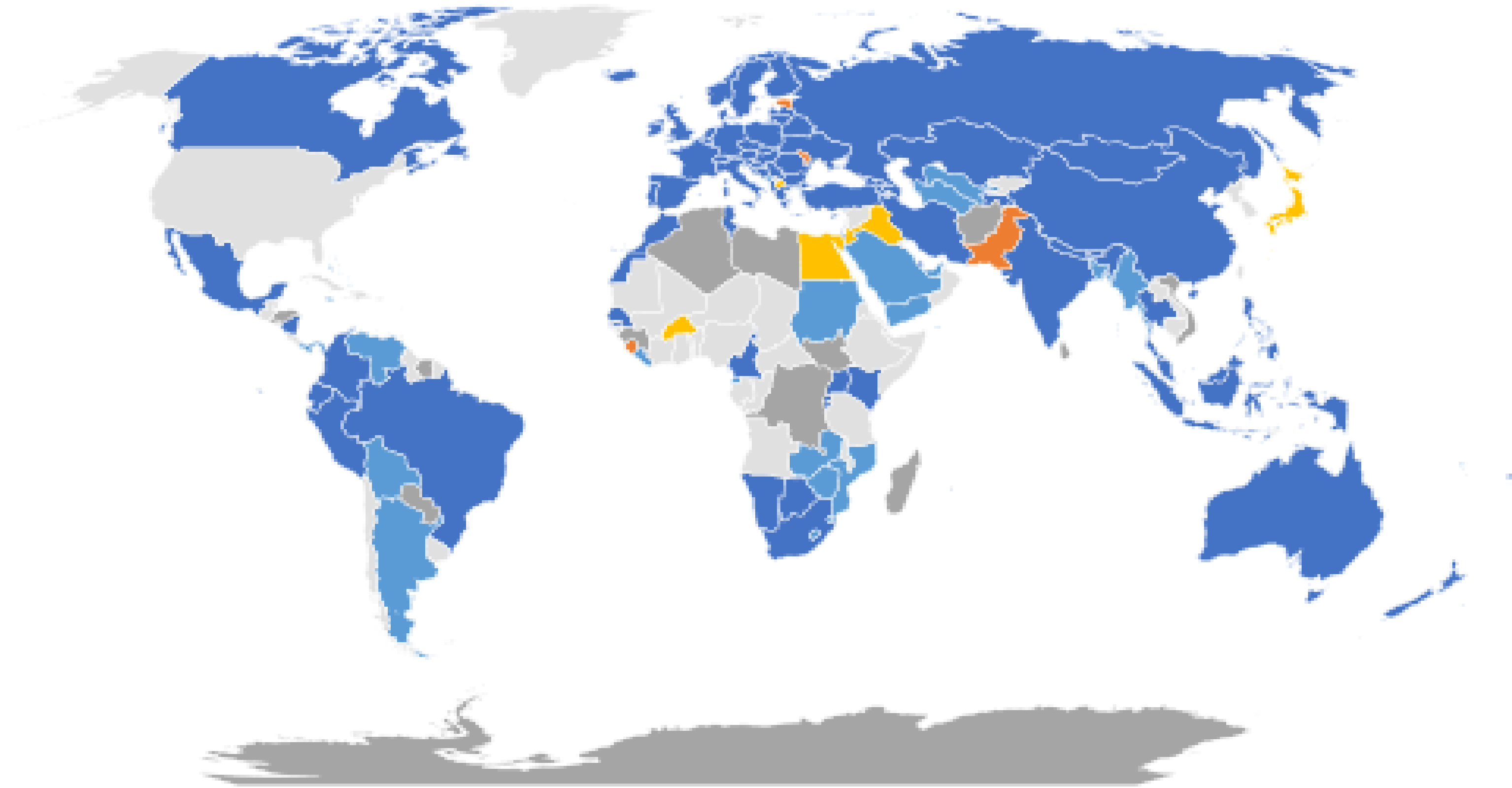
- Following its 15th meeting, UNCEEAA agreed to update SEEA implementation definition following tiered approach:
 - Stage I: Compilation – Compiled at least one account (consistent with SEEA) over the past five years,
 - Stage II: Dissemination – Compiled and published at least one account within the past five years.
 - Stage III: Regular compilation and dissemination – Regularly publishes at least one account.
- Updated definition is embedded into the 2020 Global Assessment

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- 2006
 - 100 respondents
 - 49 countries compiling SEEA accounts
 - 20 countries planning to compile the accounts
- 2014
 - 85 respondents
 - 54 countries compiling SEEA accounts
 - 15 countries planning to compile the accounts
- 2017
 - 109 respondents
 - 69 countries compiling SEEA accounts
 - 22 countries planning to compile the accounts
- 2020
 - 132 countries – **survey still in progress!**
 - 80 countries compiling SEEA accounts (includes 4 countries currently compiling)
 - 26 countries planning to compile the accounts

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- 76 countries have compiled accounts in the last five years and 4 are compiling for the first time making the total number compiling SEEA accounts 80.



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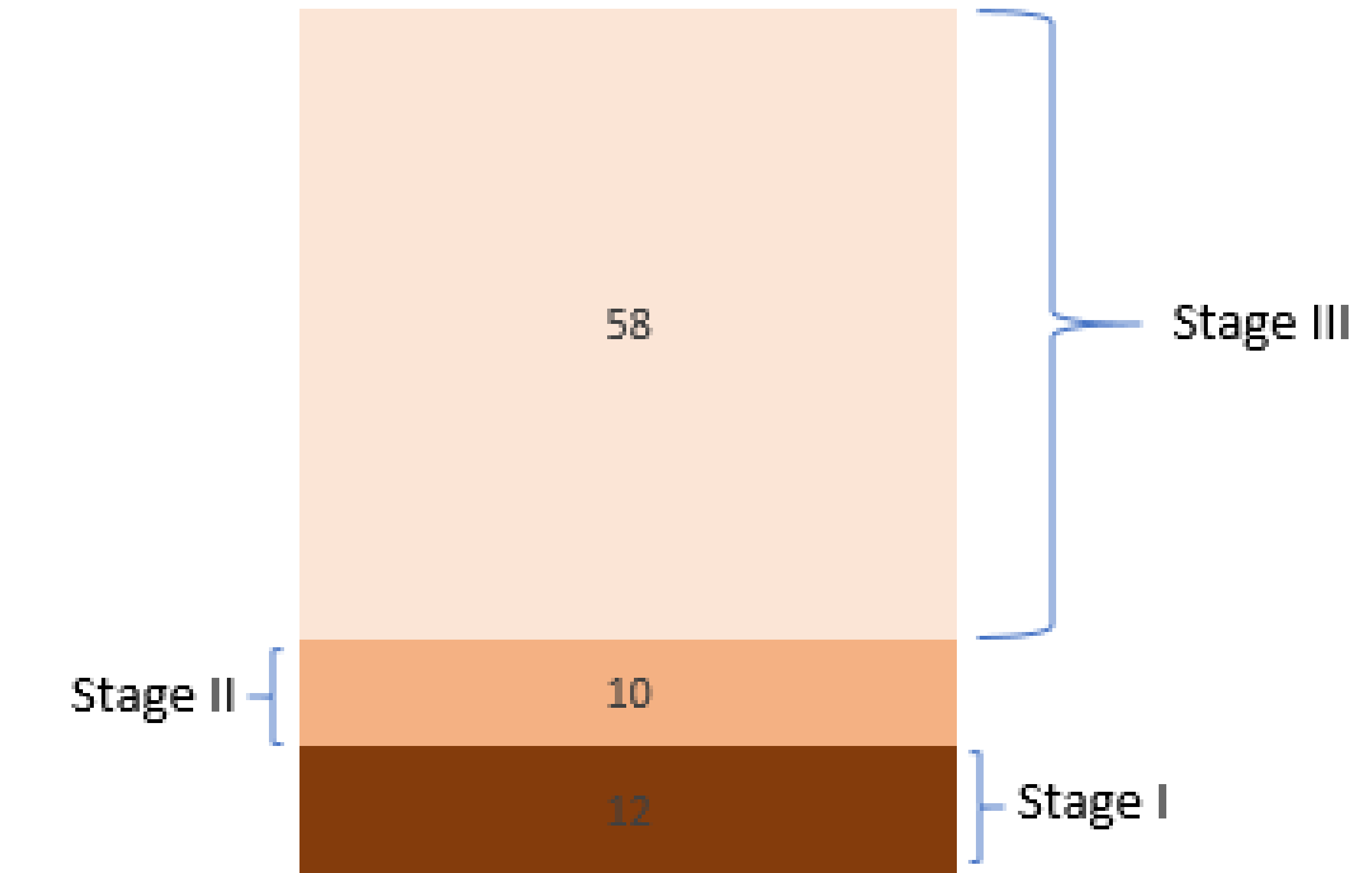
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■ Yes ■ Compiling first account ■ No data ■ Compiled, 5 years ago ■ Plan to compile

Stages of Compilation of SEEA Accounts

Preliminary numbers for 15.9.1

- 12 countries fall under Stage I
- 10 countries falls under Stage II and,
- 58 countries falls under Stage III



Compilation of SEEA-CF and SEEA-EEA

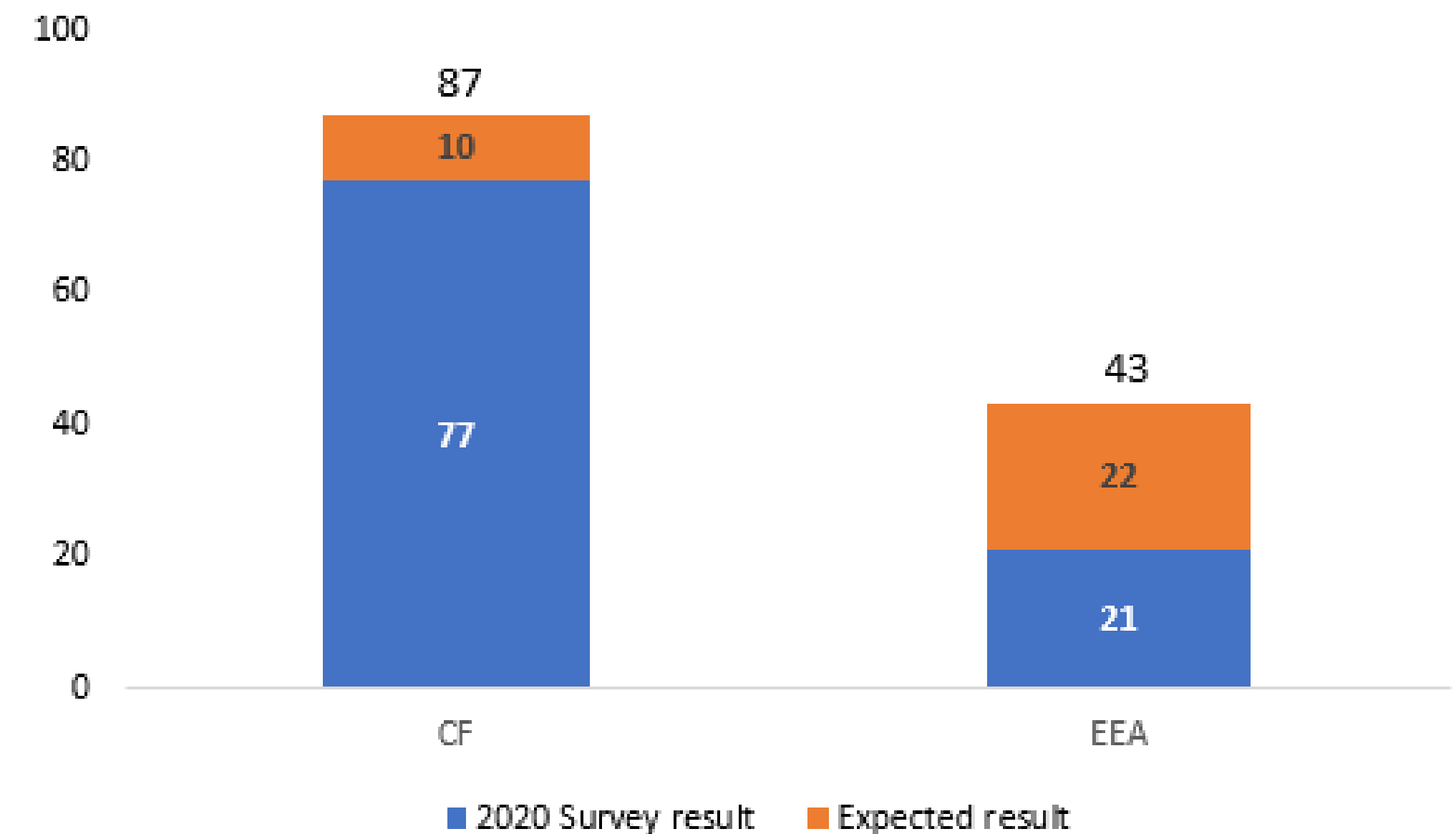
Out of 80 countries compiling the SEEA:

- 77 have compiled SEEA CF accounts of which 3 are compiling the SEEA CF for the first time
- 21 have compiled SEEA EEA accounts of which 3 are compiling SEEA EEA accounts for the first time

Expected results

Based on previous knowledge and information we expect:

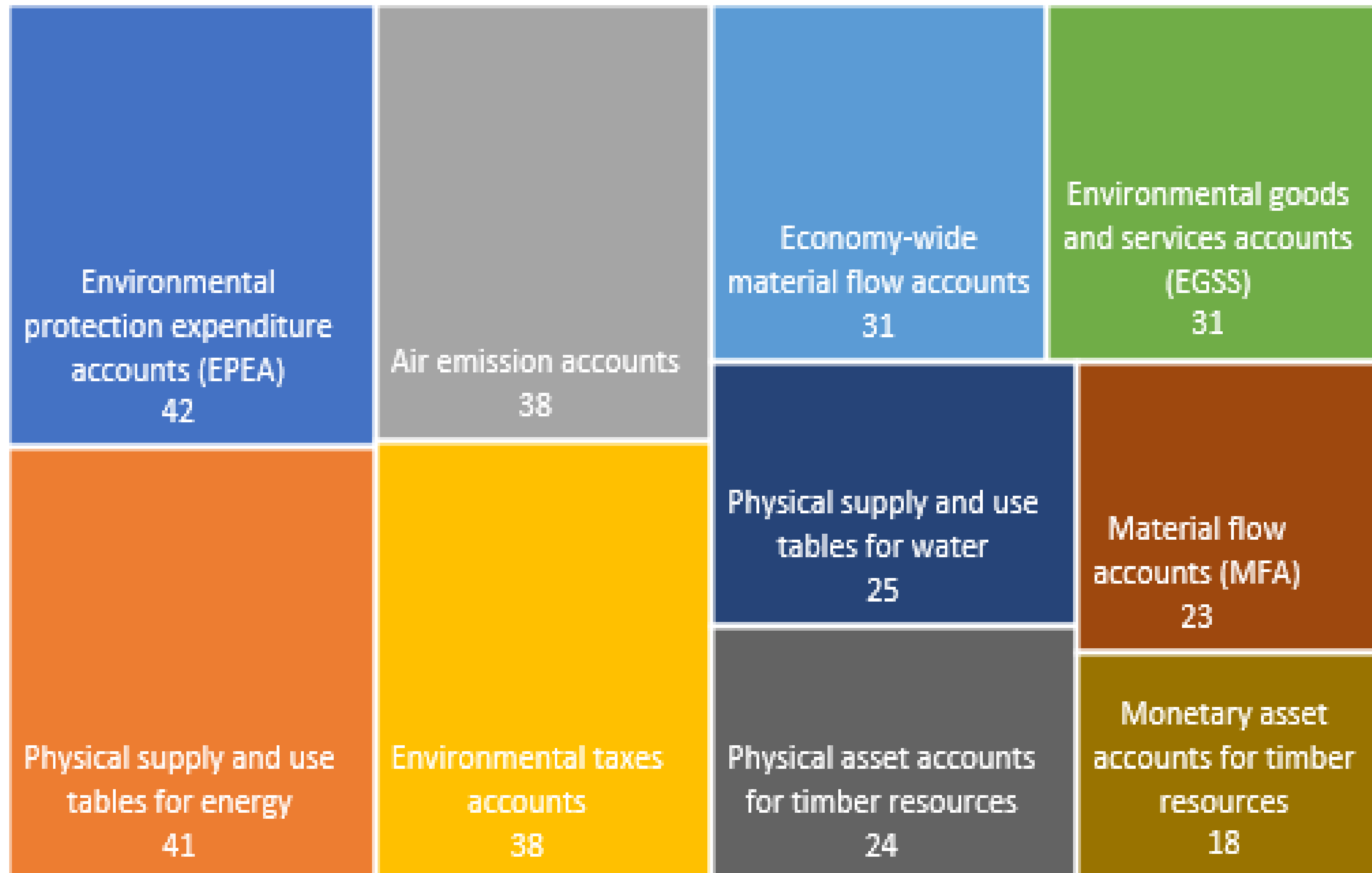
- 10 more countries to be added* that compile CF accounts
- 22 more countries to be added* that compile ecosystem accounts



* The additional expected countries is proposed to be added based on evidence/information on country compilation of the accounts.

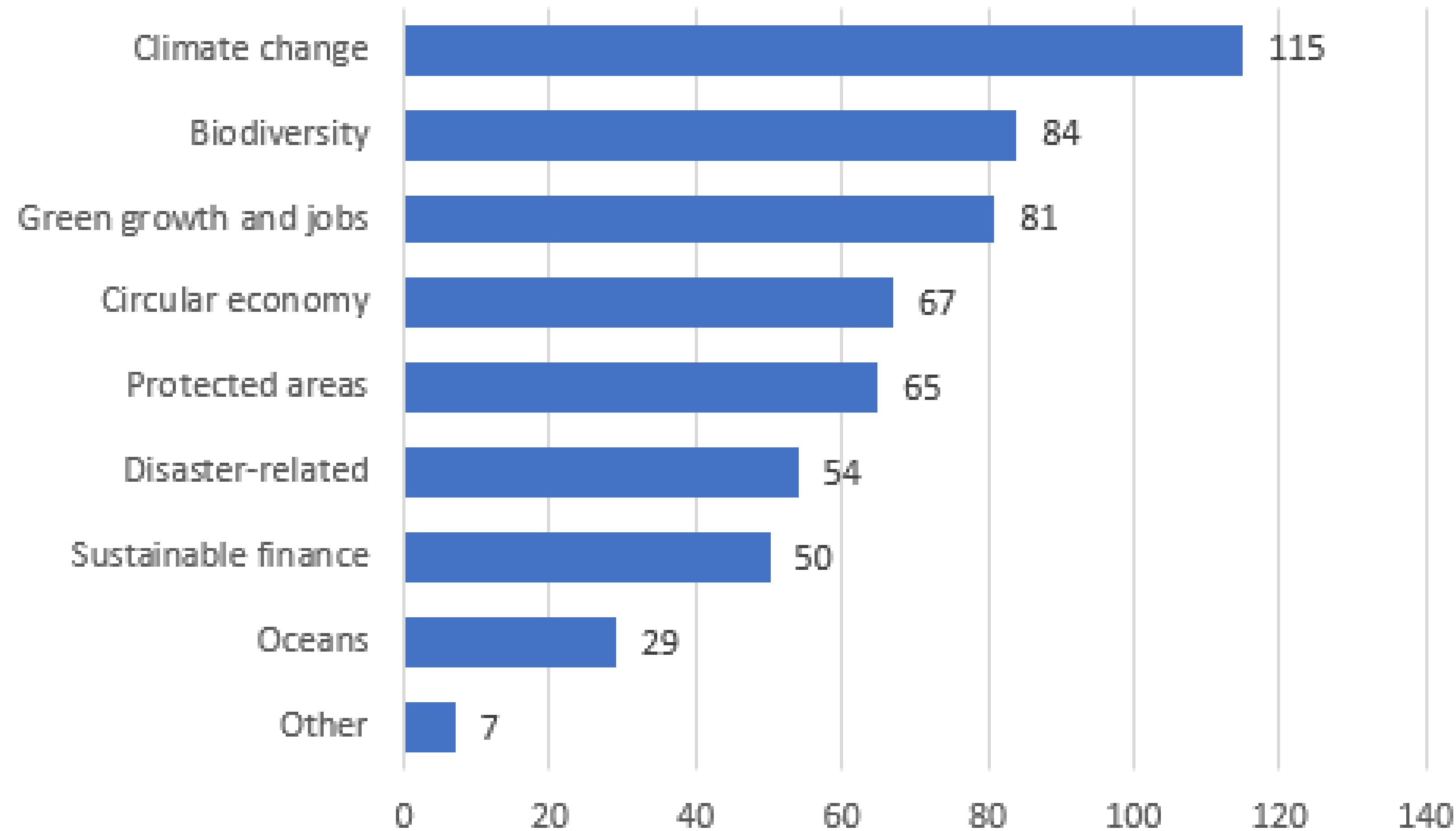
Other Findings of 2020 Global Assessment on Environmental-Economic Accounting and Supporting Statistics

Top 10 SEEA-CF Accounts Compiled by Countries



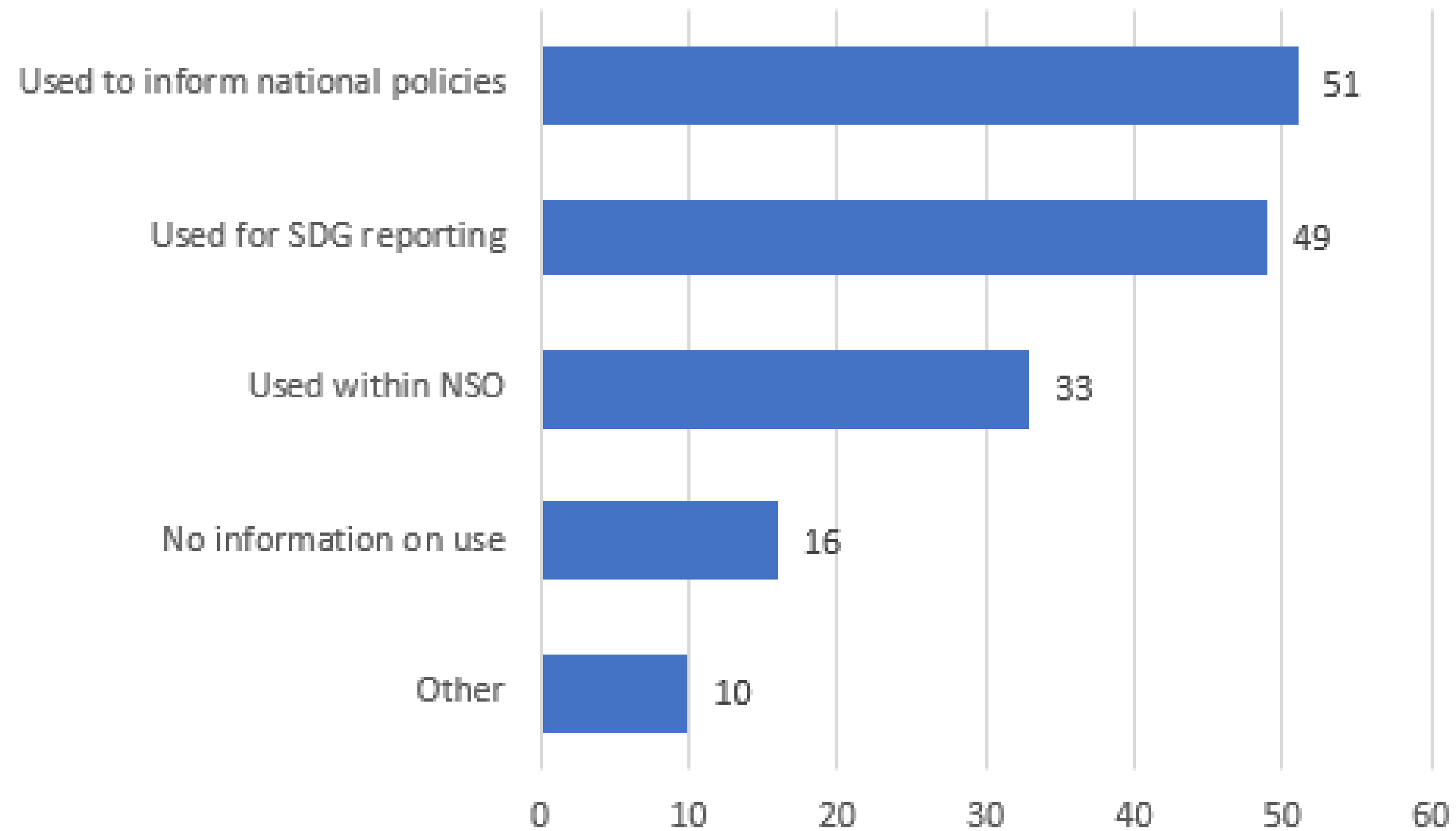
- Most compiled accounts by countries in the last 5 years:
 - Environmental Protection expenditure accounts (42)
 - Physical supply and use tables for energy (41)
 - Air emissions account (38);
 - environmental taxes accounts (38)

Current Policy Priorities in Countries



- Climate change, biodiversity and green growth and jobs are the highest priority areas in informing policy

How the accounts are used



- About 100 institutions use SEEA accounts to inform national policies and SDG reporting

SEEA Focal Points

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- UNCEEA agreed to establish country-level SEEA focal points to enhance coordination, communication and capacity building
- Letter sent by UNSD to NSOs on August 12, 2020
- NSOs to coordinate nomination of focal points—person(s) responsible for overall, high-level management of SEEA implementation at a national level
- 122 countries have identified SEEA focal points.
- If not already identified for your country, not too late to submit
 - seea@un.org
- Coming up: Focal Points network on Yammer Global Network of data Officers and Statisticians

Questions

Question:

- Do members of the UNCEEA agree with the below approach proposed to follow in the analysis of the Global Assessment Survey?
 - If a national statistical office or other government institution has published an account which is easily accessible online , but has not responded to the Global Assessment or responded that they do not compile the relevant account, UNSD may impute this country as compiling the SEEA. Since UNSD cannot make any assumption whether a country regularly compiles and publishes the account, this country would fall under Stage II.
 - Similarly, if UNSD knows that a country compiles SEEA accounts through a project and verifies this with the international organizations involved, UNSD may input this country as compiling the SEEA under Stage I or II as relevant.
 - UNSD will also attempt to establish contact with the NSO or relevant institution in the country.

THANK YOU

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