

Area A - Coordination and Communication

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Mandate

To foster collaboration, integration and complementarity of programmes relevant to environmental economic accounting as well as design and implement practical strategies to promote the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) for emerging policy issues.

Priority Areas of Work

- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Mainstreaming SEEA

Areas of Interest

Sustainable Finance

Circular Economy

Climate Change

Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Nature-based solutions

Beyond GDP

Ecosystem Restoration

2020-2021 Work



Finalization of Programme of Work for the next five years



Took part in various webinars and sessions

Joint OECD/UNECE seminar on SEEA implementation (sustainable finance)



Organized webinars

Side event at the World Circular Economy Forum (lead by UNECE and StatCan)



Participated in meetings to promote SEEA

CBD Secretariat engagement to ensure that SEEA-related headline indicators



Developed Research Papers

“How the SEEA can be used to inform nature-based solutions” (through a consultant) – ongoing

Future Work

The landscape assessment of international committees, working groups and task forces currently working in areas related to environmental accounting.

- ❖ To help Area A identify areas to promote coordination with SEEA-relevant groups
- ❖ To evaluate current and potential linkages
- ❖ To identify potential areas of duplication or collaboration
- ❖ To prioritize work
 - Climate Change
 - Circular Economy

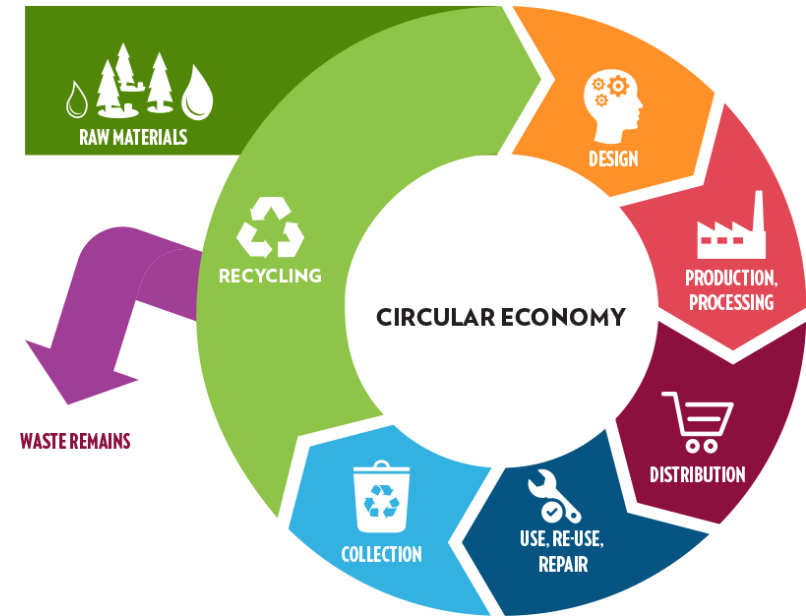
Analysis of Landscape Assessment

- ❖ Scope includes all types of international groups from statistics/technical groups to policy-focused groups
- ❖ Ever-green document, being updated with new information and groups as it becomes available
- ❖ Still some data gathering stage as scope of analysis is large
- ❖ Currently over 20 working groups or committees have been identified.
 - Global and regional groups, management and technical groups, groups from different communities (statistics, biodiversity, finance, etc.).



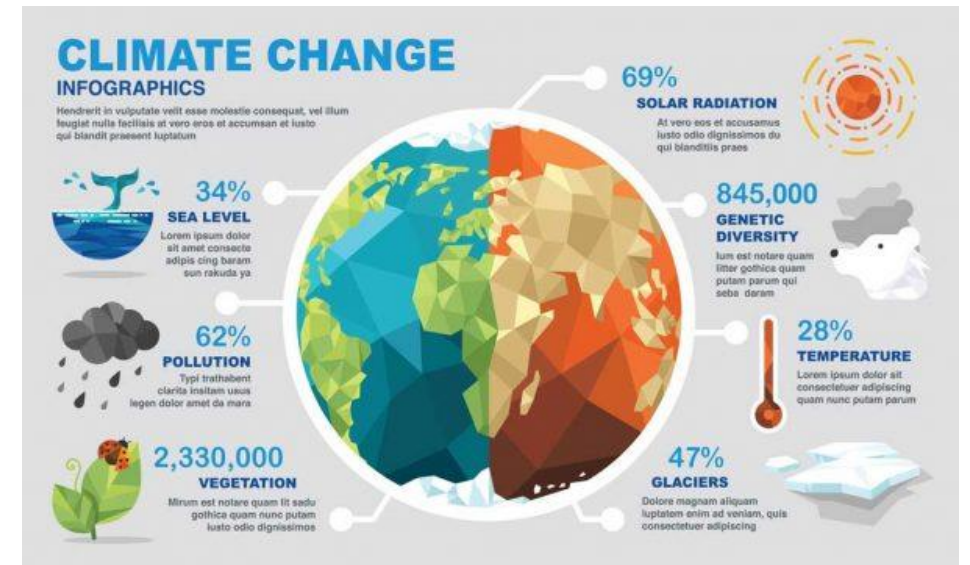
Circular Economy

- Three groups identified – (mix of policy and technical groups)
 - UNECE Task Force on Measuring the Circular Economy
 - OECD Expert Group on a new generation of information for a Resource Efficient and Circular Economy (RECE-XG)
 - the Technical Committee on the SEEA Central Framework to facilitate collaboration
- Currently Area A members are engaged with these groups
- Possible new group to engage
 - ISO Technical Committee on Circular Economy



Climate Change

- Five groups identified – (mostly technical groups)
 - UNECE Steering Group on Climate Change-Related Statistics
 - UNECE Task Force on the Role of NSOs in Achieving National Climate Objectives
 - Expert Group on Environment Statistics (responsible for Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators)
 - G20 Data Gap Initiative (Phase 3)
 - Task Force on Monitoring UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration
- Area A has a member from UNECE but relationships need to be established with other groups
- Challenge: Climate Change is a very horizontally-cutting broad issue



Next steps

Establish

Establish best way to engage various groups (webinars, having members participate in meetings, research papers etc.)

Gather

Gather input from new groups and add information to the landscape assessment – possibly scale back scope

Create

Create a visual aid to map out the landscape assessment

Focus on

Focus on priority areas of interest (as resources allow)

Questions for the Committee

The UNCEEA is asked to consider:

- Possible prioritization of efforts for Area A, including any areas where the group should focus the landscape assessment;
- Possible prioritization of engagement with specific groups; and
- How Area A can ensure that SEEA-relevant outputs of different groups and organizations can be used by the global SEEA community.