



**Fifth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on
Environmental-Economic Accounting
New York, 23-25 June 2010
North Lawn Building, Conference Room E**

AGENDA

- 1. Opening and objectives of the meeting**
- 2. Revision of the SEEA – Volume 1 (*for discussion*)**

The Committee will review progress made in the project on the revision of the SEEA and provide advice on the way forward.

 - Update on progress on drafting Chapters on Volume 1 (Editor) (UNCEEA/5/5)
 - Progress report on the outstanding issues in the revision of the SEEA (Chair London Group) (UNCEEA/5/6)
 - Emission permits
 - Classification of land use and land cover
 - Classification of assets
 - Classification of physical flows
- 3. Revision of the SEEA – Volume 2 (*for discussion*)**

The Committee will review the proposed list of issues for Volume 2 and provide advice on the way forward.

 - Classification of ecosystem services (EEA) (UNCEEA/5/7)
 - Valuation of ecosystem services and damages (World Bank) (UNCEEA/5/8)
- 4. Frameworks of environmental-economic accounting and environment statistics – Volume 3 revised SEEA (*for discussion*)**

The UNCEEA will discuss the scope of the SEEA and its relationship with the suite of related publications (i.e. international recommendations, data quality frameworks, classifications, etc.) and with other frameworks.

 - SEEA – system approach to environment statistics? (UNSD -EEA) (UNCEEA/5/9)
 - Progress on the FDES (UNSD - Environment Statistics) (UNCEEA/5/10)
 - Ecological footprint (Global Footprint Network) (UNCEEA/5/11)
 - Wealth accounts and genuine savings (World Bank) (UNCEEA/5/12)
- 5. Climate change and the SEEA – Volume 3 revised SEEA (*for discussion*)**

The UNCEEA will discuss how the SEEA can inform climate change policies. In particular, it will discuss the linkages between emission inventories and emission accounts as well as a strategy to bring the discussion forward. This discussion will provide an input in the drafting of Volume 3 (related to Volume 1) of the revised SEEA.

- Paper on the contribution of the SEEA to inform climate change policies by subgroup of the London Group on Environmental Accounting led by Statistics Netherlands (UNCEEA/5/13)
 - Emission inventories and the link with emission accounts (Statistics Finland/Statistics Norway) (UNCEEA/5/14)
 - Contribution by ABS (strategic paper) (UNCEEA/5/15)
- 6. Green economy and other major policy initiatives – Volume 3 revised SEEA (for discussion)**
- The UNCEEA will discuss the major policy initiatives and how the SEEA can inform these initiatives. It will also discuss possible role of the UNCEEA in promoting the SEEA as a useful information tool for informing the various initiatives. This debate will serve as a useful input in assessing the policy relevance of the SEEA.
- OECD Green growth project (OECD) (UNCEEA/5/16)
 - Contribution by UNEP (UNCEEA/5/17)
 - Contribution of the SEEA to resource productivity (paper by DEFRA in collaboration with OECD, UNEP and UNSD) (UNCEEA/5/18)
 - Implications of the Stiglitz report (OECD) (UNCEEA/5/19)
 - Beyond GDP and state of play in the EU (Eurostat) (UNCEEA/5/20)
 - World Summit on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio +20) (UNSD) (UNCEEA/5/21)
- 7. Inventory of environment statistics in Sweden (Statistics Sweden) – Communication and dissemination (for information – with presentation)**
- Statistics Sweden will present the results of an inventory of the numerous kinds of environment statistics collected in the Swedish system and discuss the ways they are communicated. (UNCEEA/5/22)
- 8. Energy accounts and statistics (for discussion)**
- The Committee will be updated on the progress of drafting the SEEA-Energy and IRES as well as other on-going activities in energy accounts and statistics.
- SEEA-Energy (UNSD) (UNCEEA/5/23)
 - IRES (UNSD and Oslo Group on Energy Statistics) (UNCEEA/5/24)
 - Eurostat activities (Eurostat) (UNCEEA/5/25)
- 9. SEEA-Agriculture and Rural Development – Concept paper (FAO) (for discussion)**
- The paper will discuss the use of the SEEA for agriculture and rural development and provide the background for the development of the SEEA-Agriculture and Rural Development in the medium term programme of work (2010-2014). (UNCEEA/5/26)
- 10. Implementation of SEEA-Water and International Recommendations for Water Statistics (IRWS) (for discussion)**
- The UNCEEA will discuss progress made in the implementation and promotion of the SEEA-Water and the IRWS including the draft of the “glossy” publication presenting the basic concepts of the SEEA-Water illustrated with country examples and explaining the links to key policy issues such as integrated water resources management (IWRM), climate change, water pricing, water efficiency and the MDGs.
- Glossy publication on water accounts and statistics (Michael Vardon, ABS) (UNCEEA/5/27)
- 11. Global Assessment of Environment Statistics and Environmental-Economic Accounting (for information)**
- 12. Programme of work of the UNCEEA (for information)**
- The UNCEEA will discuss the document that complements the work programme of the UNCEEA covering the activities of other bodies that work on areas related to environmental accounting and environment statistics for which the UNCEEA plays a role of coordination. (UNCEEA/5/28)
- 13. Report of Groups working under the auspices of or in collaboration with the UNCEEA**

(for information)

- London Group on Environmental Accounting (UNCEEA/5/29)
- Oslo Group on Energy Statistics and progress on the drafting of the International Recommendations for Energy Statistics (UNCEEA/5/30)
- OECD/Eurostat Task Force on Emission Permits in national accounts (UNCEEA/5/31)
- Joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD Task Force on measuring sustainable development (UNCEEA/5/32)
- Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics (UNCEEA/5/33)
- OECD work related to the work programme of the Committee of Experts (UNCEEA/5/34)
- ECE intersectoral task force on environmental indicators (UNCEEA/5/35)
- Activities on climate change statistics of the ECE (UNCEEA/5/36)
- Other groups

