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**Annotated Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work for the
International Seminar on Green Economy and Official Statistics**
(for information)

International Seminar on Green Economy and Official Statistics Seoul, Republic of Korea, 6 – 8 July, 2011

Annotated Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, July 6

Opening Ceremony:

The Seminar will be opened by (tba) from the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). There will be short introductory speeches by In-sill Yi, Commissioner, Statistics Korea and Paul Cheung, Director, United Nations Statistics Division to outline their objectives for the Seminar.

Keynote I:

The Republic of Korea has adopted a national strategy for green growth and a five year implementation plan supported by the Presidential Committee on Green Growth. This session will focus on the policy drivers underlying the national strategy.

The speaker will be Soogil Young, Chairman, Presidential Committee on Green Growth.

Case Study: Korea's Green Growth Initiative and Official Statistics:

The session will be based around three presentations comprising:

- Green growth policy: Five year action plan
- Policies to encourage green industry in Korea
- Development of green growth statistics

The speakers will be ... (tba), Presidential Committee on Green Growth;(tba), Ministry of Knowledge and Economy; and Yeon Ok Choi, Director-General, Statistical Research Institute.

Keynote 2: Green Economy and Official Statistics:

This keynote speech will cover European experience with green economy policies and the role that official statistics should play in informing on these policies.

The speaker will be Walter Radermacher, Director-General, Eurostat.

International Perspectives:

The session will cover programs of work being undertaken in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Bank and the United Nations Statistics Division that inform on green economy and green growth issues.

The speakers will be Paul Schreyer, Deputy Director, Statistics Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; (tba) World Bank; and Robert Edwards, Inter-regional Adviser, United Nations Statistics Division.

Welcome Dinner:

A welcome dinner for international participants will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

Thursday, July 7

Economic Instruments to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Statistical Issues Arising:

The session will discuss the underlying policy issues, the types of economic instruments available, and the data needs of policymakers for monitoring purposes. Presentations will cover the statistical issues underpinning the various types of instruments; the treatment of the instruments in an integrated set of accounts (national accounts, balance of payments, government finance statistics); implications for business and sectoral statistics; and an holistic view of the datasets needed to monitor the introduction and ongoing monitoring of the economic instruments.

The speakers will be Stefan Ulrich Speck, Integrated Environmental Assessments Programme, European Environment Agency; a Senior Australian Government policy official (tbc); and Peter Harper, Deputy Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Adapting Statistical Classifications:

Presentations will cover the need to rethink our standard classifications to identify “green” goods and services; the “green” goods and services “industry”; “green” jobs and other classification issues, including the implications for foreign trade classifications.

The speakers will be Konrad Pesendorfer, Director General, Statistics Austria; and Ralf Becker, Head, Industrial and Energy Statistics Section, United Nations Statistics Division.

Energy and Production, and Consumption Statistics:

The session will discuss a range of measurement issues associated with energy and production and consumption statistics. On energy, the session will discuss a program of energy statistics to inform on energy supply and demand (including energy efficiency), energy sources, and renewable energy.

A major theme in the policy thinking is growing the economy, while at the same time minimising the materials and energy used in production and the amount of greenhouse gases and waste generated as a by-product. The session focuses on how to measure these developments, including through the use of input/output modelling to calculate production and consumption efficiencies; measuring material product flows; measuring greenhouse gas and waste by-products; and tracking the country dimension through production chain analysis of foreign trade statistics.

This session will also look at the issues from the demand perspective. Presentations will cover measuring the materials, energy and greenhouse gases embedded in the goods and services consumed; and adapting the household survey program to inform on green economy issues (e.g. to measure consumer views, “green jobs”, etc.).

The session will also cover the use of administrative data to compile statistics on these matters.

The speakers will be Mieke Reece, Section Head, Oil and Gas Statistics, International Energy Agency; Paul Schreyer, Deputy Director, Statistics Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Rob Smith, Director, Environmental Accounts and Statistics, Statistics Canada; (tba), Statistics Netherlands; and Francisco Javier Jimenez Nava, Deputy Director General of Natural Resources and Environment, Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics, Mexico.

Friday, July 8

The Statistical Issues from the Developing Countries' Perspectives:

The session will address the statistical issues arising from green economy concerns from the perspectives of a number of developing countries.

The speakers will be Wadih Joao Scandar Neto, Diretoria de Geociências – DGC, Assistente do Diretor, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística, Brazil; V. Parmeshwarn, Deputy Director General, Central Statistical Organisation, India; Francisco Guillen Martin, Deputy Director General of National Accounts, National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics, Mexico; Romulo Virola, Secretary General, National Statistical Coordination Board, Philippines; and Riaan Grobler, Manager, Application of National Accounts, Statistics South Africa.

Panel Review and Possible Next Steps:

The session will review the discussions that have taken place, with a view to summarising the major issues, both from the perspectives of adapting national statistical systems and identifying issues that the international statistical community may need to address. Views from a developed and developing country and the international perspective will be covered.

The panellists will comprise In-sill Yi, Commissioner, Statistics Korea; (tbc), developing country; Paul Cheung, Director, United Nations Statistics Division; Walter Radermacher, Director-General, Eurostat; Paul Schreyer, Deputy Director, Statistics Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and (tba), World Bank.

Closing Remarks:

In-sill Yi, Commissioner, Statistics Korea, will close the Seminar.

Farewell Dinner:

A Farewell Dinner for invited participants will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

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Provisional Program of Work

DAY 1

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Registration
9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.	Opening Ceremony <u>Chair:</u> Robert Edwards (United Nations Statistics Division) <u>Speakers:</u> (Tba) Global Green Growth Institute In-sill Yi, Commissioner, Statistics Korea Paul Cheung, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
9.20 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Keynote 1: The Green Growth Policy Challenge <u>Chair:</u> Paul Cheung (United Nations Statistics Division) <u>Speaker:</u> Soogil Young, Chairman, Presidential Committee on Green Growth
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Break and Photo Session
10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Case Study: Korea's Green Growth Initiative and Official Statistics <u>Chair:</u> Paul Cheung (United Nations Statistics Division) <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (tba), Presidential Committee on Green Growth• (tba), Ministry of Knowledge and Economy• Yeon Ok Choi, Director-General, Statistical Research Institute
12.00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Keynote 2: Green Economy and Official Statistics <u>Chair:</u> In-sill Yi (Statistics Korea) <u>Speaker:</u> Walter Radermacher, Director-General, Eurostat

DAY 1, continued

2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

International Perspectives

Chair: In-sill Yi (Statistics Korea)

Speakers:

- Paul Schreyer, Deputy Director, Statistics Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- (tba), World Bank
- Robert Edwards, Inter-regional Adviser, United Nations Statistics Division

6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Welcome Dinner hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea
(International Participants)
