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**DRAFT Newsletter**

**Prepared by UNSD**

*(for discussion)*

## DRAFT Newsletter

1. The UNCEEA at its Preliminary Meeting in August 2005 endorsed the creation of a Newsletter and requested at its First Meeting in June 2006 the Secretariat to prepare a proposal. A draft Newsletter is tabled at this meeting for discussion.
2. The UNCEEA News and Notes will provide information on current activities and events on environmental-economic accounting and related statistics to a broad audience. It will also serve as the official vehicle to widely disseminate the decisions of the UNCEEA on technical issues in environmental-economic accounting and related statistics.
3. The main features of the UNCEEA News and Notes are the following:
  - Purpose: inform regularly about activities in the field of environmental-economic accounting and related statistics.
  - Target audience: a broad audience of both producers of environmental-economic accounts and related statistics - environmental accountants, national accountants, environment statisticians - and users of the accounts - policy makers, researchers and others.
  - Content: the Newsletter contains the following sections:
    - *In the spotlight*: In-depth article on a topic in environmental-economic accounting and related statistics
    - *SEEA Revision Process*: In-depth discussion of one of the issues in the research agenda
    - *What's new?* New activities/events of the UNCEEA, e.g. launch of online archive of publications, launch of the Global Assessment of Environment Statistics, Environmental-Economic Accounting and Related Statistics.
    - *Country / Region News*: Description of environmental-economic accounting activities/programmes in specific country(ies) or region(s)
    - *Recent releases*: Short descriptions of new publications and link to the website
    - *Past & Upcoming events* calendar with links to websites of past and future events
  - Periodicity: twice a year (February, before the UNSC; and August after the UNCEEA meeting)
  - Mode of distribution: distributed by email to various existing email lists of experts groups as a pdf attachment and posted on the UNCEEA website as a pdf file with translation.
4. The proposed content of the first issue of the first issue is:
  - *In the spotlight*: SEEAW adopted as interim statistical standard by the United Nations Statistical Commission
  - *SEEA Revision Process*: Project Management Framework agreed by the UNCEEA and Selected list of issues agreed

- *What's new?* Launch of online archive of publications, Results of Global Assessment on Environment Statistics and Environmental Accounting Phase 1, EEA/UNSD Workshop leads to new international activities on land and ecosystem accounting
- *Country News:* The US Government Accountability Office's Forum on Environmental Accounting
- *Recent releases*
- *Past & Upcoming events*

### **Questions to the UNCEEA**

*The UNCEEA may wish to express its views on the following questions:*

- (1) Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed purpose?*
- (2) Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed content?*
- (3) Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed target audience?*
- (4) Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed periodicity?*
- (5) Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed mode of distribution?*
- (6) Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed content of the first issue of the newsletter?*