

Dear Colleague,

**Invitation to comment on draft chapters 1-4 of *SEEA-Energy***

As you know, the United Nations Statistics Division has been working on the drafting of the *Environmental-Economic Accounting for Energy* (SEEA-Energy), a standard for energy accounts, which will provide a system of energy accounts, consisting of agreed concepts, definitions, classifications and inter-related tables and accounts for multi-purpose analytical and policy use.

At the last meetings of the London Group on Environmental Accounting and Oslo Group on Energy Statistics, a drafting group was established to assist UNSD in the drafting of the SEEA-Energy. In this regard, I am writing to invite you to provide your comments on the first four draft chapters of the SEEA-E. Chapter 1 covers the use of the SEEA-E and provides an overview of the publication's content, chapter 2 provides an overview of the energy accounts framework, Chapter 3 covers physical asset accounts for energy resources and Chapter 4 discusses monetary asset accounts. Other chapters of the SEEA-Energy will include energy flow accounts and energy-related emission accounts, including the links of energy and emission accounts with the energy balances and the reporting requirements of the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC). A chapter on the applications of energy accounts, including linking the accounts with the energy indicators and modeling will also be included.

In order to advance expediently with the drafting, we would appreciate it if you would comment on the attached draft chapters 1-4 and also indicate your willingness to contribute text which can be used for the further drafting of the SEEA-Energy. Please indicate what topic you would like to address so that we could agree on an outline.

The drafting of the SEEA-E will provide input in the revision of the *System of Environmental and Economic Accounting* and in particular in solving the list of issues related to mineral and energy accounts in the research agenda to elevate the SEEA to the level of an international statistical standard.

Please note that the text is still work-in progress and there are still gaps to be filled in. This applies in particular for Chapters 1 and 2 which provide a general indication of the coverage, but need to be further developed once the other chapters are completed.

Attached is a template with issues/questions which might be useful for you when providing comments. Please feel free to expand on it as you deem appropriate. We would appreciate it if you could send you comments and any queries to Mr. Ole Gravgaard Pedersen (Email: [pedersenO@un.org](mailto:pedersenO@un.org) and [SEEA@UN.org](mailto:SEEA@UN.org), Fax: + 1 212 963 1374, Telephone: + 1 212 963 4862) no later than **6 June**.

We look forward to working with you.

Best regards.

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