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**Eighth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on  
Environmental-Economic Accounting  
New York, 20-21 June 2013**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**9:00-9:30 Registration of participants**

**Thursday, 20 June 2013, 9:30AM – 5:30PM**

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**1. Opening and objectives of the meeting (9.30AM – 9.40AM)**

*Opening statement by Peter Harper, Chair of UNCEEA*

**2. Post-2015 UN Development Agenda and broader measures of progress (for discussion) (9.40AM – 11:30AM)**

The Committee will discuss the role of the UNCEEA in promoting the SEEA in particular in the context of the post-2015 UN Development Agenda and the work of the Friends of the Chair group on the broader measures of progress established by the UN Statistical Commission at its 44<sup>th</sup> Session in February 2013. The Committee may formulate a strategy to advance the SEEA in this regard.

*Presentations*

- *Sustainable development indicators (Paula Caballero Gómez, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Columbia; Jimena Leiva Roesch, UN Mission, Guatemala) UNCEEA/8/5a*
- *UNDP consultations on post-2015 development agenda (Gabriel Normand, UNDP)*
- *Friends of the Chair (FOC) group on the broader measures of progress (Claire PLATEAU, INSEE) UNCEEA/8/5b*
- *Strategy of engagement from UNCEEA to the post-2015 process (Ivo Haviga, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/5c*

**3. Broad discussion on indicators and the strategic role of the UNCEEA (for discussion)**

The Committee will be informed of several international initiatives on indicators that emanate from the Post 2015 Development Agenda and other policy initiatives which the SEEA can inform and discuss the development of a core set of SEEA tables, accounts and indicators.

*Presentations*

- *UN-Water Task Force (Keneti Faulalo, UNDSO)*
- *OECD initiatives on indicators for green growth and SEEA tables (Peter van de Ven, OECD) UNCEEA/8/6b*

## **Lunch break 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

### **4. Towards a medium-term programme of work for the implementation of the SEEA (for discussion) (2:30PM - 5:30PM)**

The Committee will discuss the outcome of the international conference leading towards a medium-term programme of work for the implementation of the SEEA. It will also discuss how to advance the research agenda of the SEEA Central Framework and the development of core set of tables and accounts. The Committee will also discuss governance of the implementation programme including coordination among relevant international, regional and sub-regional agencies. The outcome of the international conference “Global Implementation Programme for the SEEA 2012” will provide the basis for the discussion and formulation of recommendations to the UN Statistical Commission at its 45<sup>th</sup> session in March 2014.  
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#### *Presentations:*

- *Outcome of the international conference “Global Implementation and Outreach Programme for the SEEA2012” (Peter Harper, Chair of UNCEEA)*
- *SEEA implementation tools (Carl Obst, SEEA Editor) UNCEEA/8/7a*
- *Global assessment (Julian Chow, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/7c*
- *Training the trainers (Anthony Dvarskas, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/7f*
- *Towards a medium-term programme of work for the UNCEEA (Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/7g*

#### *Background papers:*

- *Towards a medium-term programme of work on the implementation of the SEEA Central Framework (CF)*
- *SEEA implementation guide*
- *SEEA Technical notes*
- *SEEA global assessment questionnaire*
- *Strategy for training the trainers*

**5. Towards a medium-term programme of work for the SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting** (*for discussion*) (9:00AM-10:00AM)

The Committee will discuss the outcome of the international conference leading towards a medium-term programme of work for SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting. In particular it will discuss mechanisms to advance the research agenda as well as to learn from testing and experimentation being carried out within the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Framework. The Committee will also be informed of the policy demand for ecosystem accounting and assess the role of the statistical community.

*Presentations:*

- *Summary of discussion of the international conference “Global Implementation and Outreach Programme for the SEEA2012” on SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (Peter Harper, Chair of UNCEEA)*
- *Towards a medium-term programme of work on the SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting including prioritization of the research agenda and governance (Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/8*

*Background papers:*

- *Towards a medium-term programme of work on the SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting*

**6. SEEA Application and Extensions** (*for discussion*) (10:00AM- 10:30AM)

The Committee will receive an update on the final draft of SEEA Applications and Extensions and the process for final publication of the document. The Committee is to review and adopt the draft which will be posted on the UNSD website.

*Presentation:*

- *Final draft of SEEA Applications and Extension (Carl Obst, SEEA Editor) UNCEEA/8/9*

**7. SEEA-Energy and Energy Statistics Compilers Manual** (*for discussion*) (10:30AM- 11:00AM)

The Committee will be informed of the process of finalization of the SEEA-Energy. Members will receive in due course a final draft for their review and further submission to the Bureau of the UN Statistical Commission for its approval.

*Presentations:*

- *Progress of work in the development of SEEA-energy (Sokol Vako, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/10a*
- *Energy Statistics Compilers Manual (Ilaria Di Matteo, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/10b*

**8. SEEA-Agriculture** (*for discussion*) (11:30AM-12:00PM)

The Committee will discuss advances in applying the SEEA within the FAO departments dealing with specific natural resources and be informed of the strategy to advance the harmonization of the current practices in the collection of supporting statistics with the SEEA framework.

*Presentation:*

- *Programme of work on the development of SEEA-Agriculture (Sachiko Tsuji, FAO) UNCEEA/8/11*

**9. Emerging issues related the SEEA: Use of geospatial information** (*for discussion*) (12:00PM – 1:00PM)

The Committee will be informed of several SEEA-related emerging issues, such as remote sensing, big data and statistical-spatial framework in national statistical systems, and discuss their linkages with the SEEA. It will also discuss cooperation with existing groups or groups that will be formed as mandated by the UN Statistical Commission.

*Presentations (12:00PM-1:00PM):*

- *Remote sensing (Greg Scott, UNSD)*
- *Statistical-spatial framework in national statistical systems (Peter Harper, ABS) UNCEEA/8/12b*

**Lunch break 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**10. Communication strategy of the SEEA** (*for discussion*) (2:00PM – 3:00PM)

The Committee will discuss the communication strategy and be informed of existing practices in countries and in international agencies and discuss the action plan to improve the communication and outreach of the SEEA.

*Presentations:*

- *Discussion on the communication strategy of the SEEA (Ivo Havinga, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/13*

*Background papers:*

- *Communication strategy of the SEEA*

**11. Environment statistics** (*for information*) (3:00PM – 3:30PM)

The Committee will be informed of current developments in environment statistics and in particular the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES).

*Presentation:*

- *Current development in environmental statistics (Eszter Horvath, UNSD) UNCEEA/8/14*

**12. Composition of the membership of the UNCEEA Bureau** (*for discussion*) (3:30PM-4:30PM)

The Committee will discuss the composition of the UNCEEA and its Bureau considering the planned focus of its work programme.

*Presentation:*

- *Thought on the composition of the membership of the UNCEEA Bureau (Ivo Havinga, UNSD)*

**13. Any Other Business**