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Coordination of SEEA related activities

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The need for coordination

- **Methodological development**
 - London Group
 - Technical Committees (Central Framework, Ecosystems)
 - International organisations
- **Reporting requirements**
 - European Union (regulations 691/2011 and 538/2014)
 - OECD (Green Growth, Material Flows and Resource Productivity)
 - SDGs
 - UNSD proposed core SEEA tables
- **Training and assistance**
 - More countries implementing SEEA
 - Increased demands for training and assistance
 - Limited pool of experts from which to draw



Activities

- **Development of SEEA**
 - UNSD, UNCEEA, London Group, SEEA Technical Committees
- **Implementation of SEEA**
 - NSOs
- **Responding to international data requests**
 - NSOs
- **Producing manuals**
 - UNSD, Eurostat, OECD, World Bank
- **Providing training and assistance**
 - UNSD, World Bank, Eurostat, NSOs
- **Data collection/publication**
 - Eurostat, OECD, UNSD



Main actors

■ NSOs

- Domestic implementation of SEEA, responding to data requests, requesting or providing assistance, methodology

■ UNSD

- Manuals, SEEA training, Technical Notes, Core Tables, SDGs

■ Eurostat

- Training/manuals, data collection/publication, methodology

■ OECD

- Data collection, Green Growth, country reports, methodology

■ World Bank

- WAVES training and development, methodology



Groups

■ London Group

- **Mandate:** Methodological development of environmental-economic accounting, implementation of SEEA, development of applications
- **Membership:** NSOs, Eurostat, UNSD, World Bank, OECD, academics and others

■ UNCEEA

- **Mandate:** advance implementation of SEEA, coordination
- **Membership:** NSOs, Eurostat, UNSD, World Bank, OECD

■ SEEA Technical Committees

- **Mandate:** respond to specific methodological questions
- **Membership:** NSOs, Eurostat, UNSD



Issues to discuss: Coordination of methodological development (1)

- There is a very small group of experts in this field, creating significant overlap in the membership of different committees (e.g., UNCEEA Technical Committees, London Group, OECD-SEEA implementation). How can methodological development be streamlined to use this capacity as efficiently as possible?
- Is there a value to creating a new partnership group in this area? If yes, how would this group relate to UNCEEA and other groups?



Issues to discuss: Coordination of methodological development (2)

- **The London Group meeting provides an annual forum for experts to gather and exchange information, discuss methodologies and applications, and to maintain working relationships with each other. Outside this annual meeting there does not exist a readily-accessible forum to foster such exchange beyond the loose network of contacts. Is there an complementary forum that could be created?**
- **Could an online presence assist in this way? Potential roles could be an exchange of information related to international cooperation efforts, upcoming data requirements, training materials, training events and missions, experts in each subject-matter area, a question and answer forum, etc.**



Issues to discuss: Coordination of data reporting (1)

- How can coordination best take place to minimize respondent burden regarding reporting requirements from international bodies (e.g., UNSD, OECD, EuroStat)?
- Is there a value to creating a new partnership group in this area? If yes, how would this group relate to UNCEEA and other groups?



Issues to discuss: Coordination of data reporting (2)

- Can the UNCEEA serve as the venue for discussing and/or determining reporting requirements to ensure they take account of existing data collection efforts, that they serve a clear purpose, and that they can serve multiple needs?
- Can existing reporting requirements be used as a way to define “SEEA implementation” in the context of UNSD’s program targets? For instance, must a country produce each of the core tables to be considered compliant with the SEEA?



Issues to discuss: Coordination of training and assistance (1)

- Several organizations have developed a variety of training materials and initiatives. How can this material be made easily accessible to both trainers and students? Can the knowledge management platform proposal in the original 2005 UNCEEA recommendations on coordination be a good way to address this issue?



Issues to discuss: Coordination of training and assistance (2)

- To what extent should international technical assistance on the SEEA be coordinated and conducted as a systematic process as is the case of the Statistics Canada example? Is there enough capacity regarding experts to conduct these types of major initiatives?
- Is there a value to creating a new partnership group in this area? If yes, how would this group relate to UNCEEA and other groups?



StatCan approach to major technical assistance projects



Key:

Co-Chair

Co-chair who is also a member of the UNCEEA Bureau, responsible for strategic direction, coordination with Bureau, and reporting to the UNCEEA

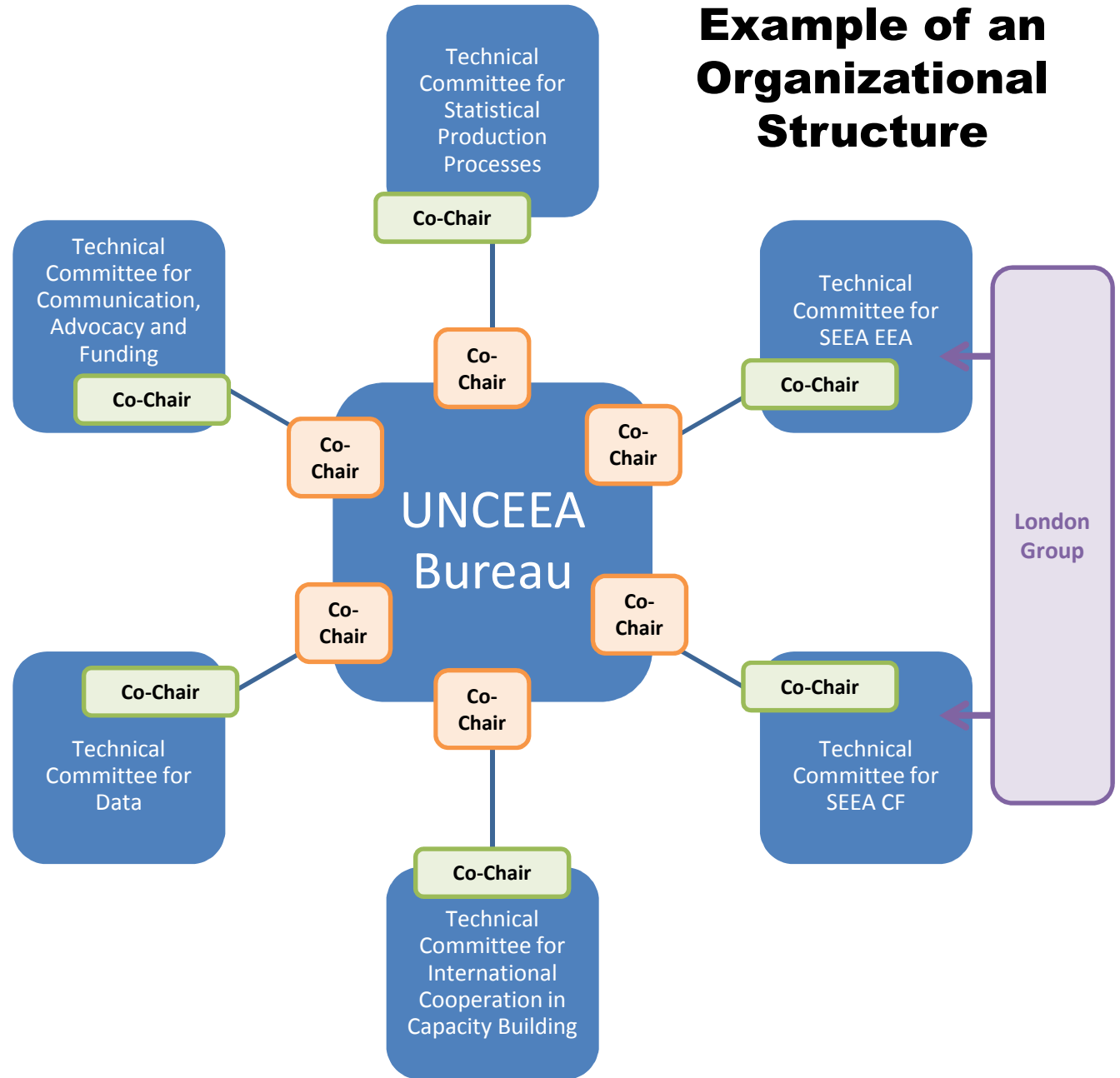
Co-Chair

Co-chair responsible for technical work and daily operations of group

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Independent expert group that works with technical committees

Example of an Organizational Structure





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Thank you.

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