



# System of Environmental Economic Accounting

Bringing the Future into Focus



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Environmental  
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# UNCEEA

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# Role of the UNCEEA

Three broad objectives (see Terms of Reference):

- To mainstream environmental-economic accounting and related statistics
- To elevate the System of integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA) to an international statistical standard
- To advance the implementation of the SEEA in countries.

# Workprogramme (from ToR) I

1. **Ensure coordination, integration and complementarity among programmes in environmental-economic accounting and related statistics** among international organizations and countries;
2. **Encourage the use of environmental-economic accounting in countries** in support to decision making through technical recommendations on the compilation, harmonization and dissemination of the accounts, linking the accounts to indicators and developing a closer relationship between the users and producers of the accounts and related statistics;

# Workprogramme (from ToR) II

- 3. Further methodologies in environmental-economic accounting and statistics** through identifying, and prioritising issues that need to be addressed, establishing appropriate mechanisms to address those issues, monitoring progress made, reviewing proposed solution and submitting recommendations to the UN Statistical Commission for approval;
- 4. Advance the implementation of the SEEA** in developed and developing countries;
- 5. Work towards the harmonization of data collection activities** of environment and related statistics with concepts and definitions of environmental-economic accounting including the assurance of data quality.

# Environment we work in:

## Relation with other groups/international organisations:

1. **Technical committees** for SEEA CF and SEEA EEA: established by UNCEEA
2. **London group**: an independent technical expert UN city group working in close collaboration with the UNCEEA
3. Coordination of activities in environmental accounting between **international organisations** such as UNSD, World bank, Eurostat, OECD, FAO, IMF etc.

The Committee wants to have an **umbrella function** in providing overall vision, coordination, prioritisation and direction in the field of environmental-economic accounting and related statistics

# New setup up of UNCEEA meeting

Based on evaluations of previous meeting, a new set-up has been chosen by the Bureau:

- Seminar (1 day)
- Management meeting (2 days, discussion and decisions on the UNCEEA work programme (progress and way forward))

To :

- Further develop SEEA methodology,
- Promote and further the implementation of SEEA,
- Develop and steer a multi-annual working program

# Looking back at this meeting...

**Aim:** to see how the UNCEEA can be best organized, given the its goal to promote development and implementation of SEEA and its related modules. How can we do this in the most effective way as a committee?

1. Evaluation of the past two days
2. The way forward: improvements for the organisation of the UNCEEA and its Bureau



# Evaluation

Looking back at the past three days:

- What did you like about the new set-up and what not?
- What went well? What not?
- Did you miss anything?
- What should be improved?
- Any other observations

# Improvements

Proposals for improvements with regard to:

- The organisation of work and supported decision making by the UNCEEA
- The organisation of the next UNCEEA meeting
- Contents of our work programme
- Role of the UNCEEA and Bureau
- Coordination of international work with regard to the London group, technical committees, other.
- Etc.

# Conclusions by the Chair