

**LONDON GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING**  
**20<sup>th</sup> MEETING**  
**15-17 OCTOBER 2014**  
**CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE OF INDIA**  
**NEW DELHI**

**OUTLINE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, 15 October 2014**

**9:30 – Registration**

**10:00**

1. Welcome address by Director General (*CSO, India*)
2. Opening remarks (*London Group Chair*)
3. UNCEEA business and UNSD update (*UNSD*)
4. Address by Dr TCA Anant, Chief Statistician of India (*CSO, India*)

**(Break)**

***Session 1 –SEEA: Integrated Approaches to Implementation (organised by UNSD)***

***The goal of this session is to provide an update on current initiatives related to harmonising and integrating national and environmental accounts collection processes, inform about the process to develop indicators in the context of Post 2015 Development agenda and discuss contribution of the London Group to the exercise.***

5. Implementation of Environmental-Economic Accounting in India (*CSO, India*)
6. The Post-2015 Development agenda and SDG – A proposal of indicators from the SEEA Central Framework (*UNSD*)
7. The new EU legal base and the European Strategy for environmental accounts (*Eurostat*)

***(Lunch 12:30-1:30)***

***Session 2 –SEEA Central Framework***

***The goal of this session is to provide updates on current work related to the implementation and the advancement of the research agenda of the SEEA Central Framework. In particular, it will highlight current progress on the technical notes and discuss how to move forward in finalizing a set of technical notes and other guidelines..***

8. SEEA Technical Committee and the Research Agenda (*Statistics Netherlands*)

9. SEEA technical notes update (*Statistics Netherlands*)

10. Water Valuation (*ABS*)

**(Break)**

11. EPE accounting in Australia (*ABS*)

12. Methodological guideline for measuring the environmental protection expenditures of the public sector (*Mexico*)

13. Work of OECD taskforce on the implementation of the SEEA with particular focus on issues with the classification of mineral and energy assets (*OECD – for information*)

**(Closing of day 1)**

**Thursday, 16 October 2014**

**9:00**

**Session 3 – SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (*Rocky Harris et al.*)**

*The goal of this session is to provide an update on current developments in Ecosystem Accounting, providing examples that contribute to the research agenda and provide input in the guidelines on the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting that are currently being developed.*

14. Technical Committee on the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting – Programme of Work and Research Agenda (*UNSD*)

15. Ecosystems accounting – recent lessons from the UK (*DEFRA, UK*)

16. Linking MAES to the Experimental Ecosystem Accounts (*Eurostat / EEA*)

17. Project on “Advancing the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting in Pilot Countries” (*UNSD*)

18. Ecosystems accounts in WAVES projects (*World Bank*)

19. Forest Accounting in Himachal Pradesh (*Government of Himachal Pradesh, India*)

20. Wrap-up of morning session (*ANU*)

21. Towards a comprehensive and fully integrated stock and flow framework for carbon accounting in Australia (*ANU/ABS*)

22. Estimation and validation of ecosystem carbon accounts for the EU countries (*UNSD*)

23. Ecosystem accounting in South Africa (*South African National Biodiversity Institute*)

24. Biodiversity land use in the accounts (*Statistics Sweden*)

25. Use of Accounting for Nature model at a sub-national scale (*Wentworth Group*)

26. Ecosystem accounts for the Great Barrier Reef, update on progress (*ABS*)

27. Policy applications of ecosystems accounts (*DEFRA, UK*)

**(Closing of day 2)**

**Friday, 17 October 2014**

**9:00**

**Session 4 – Training and Capacity building (Michael Vardon)**

*The four goals of this session are to: (1) identify what are the main issues confronting account producing countries in terms of building the capacity to produce and use environmental accounts; (2) understand what account producing countries are doing to address these issues within their own agency or country; (3) understand what account producing countries are doing to address these issues outside of their own country and; (4) discuss how account producing countries can work together more effectively to build capacity (e.g. on the preparation of training materials and the establishment of a staff exchange program).*

28. Australia (ABS)
29. Canada (Statistics Canada)
30. Support for the EU (Eurostat)
31. Netherlands (Statistics Netherlands)
32. Sweden (Statistics Sweden)
33. UK (DEFRA)
34. Progressing staff exchanges (various, tbd)

**Session 5 – International coordination (UNSD)**

*The three goals of this session are to: (1) identify what are the main issues confronting international agencies to address the needs of countries implementing or wishing to implement the accounts in terms of building the capacity to produce and use environmental accounts; (2) understand what international agencies are doing to address these issues; (3) discuss how international agencies and account producing countries can work together more effectively to build capacity.*

35. Support for the EU (Eurostat)
36. Training and capacity building in support of the SEEA (UNSD)
37. Training and capacity building in WAVES (World Bank)
38. Capacity building in Environmental-Economic Accounting in the ESCWA region (ESCWA)

**(Lunch)**

**Session 6 –SEEA Agriculture (Carl Obst)**

*This session will present the draft SEEA-Agriculture, discuss experience to date related to testing the tables of SEEA-Agriculture and initiate a discussion on its implementation.*

39. SEEA Agriculture (FAO)
  - a. Australia (tbc)
  - b. Canada (tbc)

c. Guatemala (tbc)

***(Break)***

### **Session 7 – Other Topics**

***This session will cover other topics and updates not directly related to previous headings, applications of the accounts, or communications that were not included in the original drafting of the agenda.***

40. Collection of Environment data from Annual Survey (*CSO, India*)
41. Production of more timely environmental accounts (*Eurostat, Statistics Netherlands*)
42. Complementing GDP with accounts on a Nordic basis (*Statistics Sweden*)
43. Progress made on the integration of the production processes of national accounts and environmental accounts (*Istat*)
44. Update on CREEA outcome, international IO database etc. (*TBD, various*)
45. Footprint update (*Global Footprint Network*)
46. A Taxonomy of Biodiversity Expenditure (*BIOFIN*)

***(Closing of the meeting)***