

LONDON GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING
21st MEETING
2-4 NOVEMBER 2015
STATISTICS NETHERLANDS
THE HAGUE
OUTLINE AGENDA

Monday, 2 November 2015

9:00 – Registration

9:30

1. Welcome address by G.J. Eding (*Director of National Accounts, Statistics Netherlands*)
2. Opening remarks (*London Group Chair*)
3. UNCEEA update (*G.J. Eding, Statistics Netherlands*)

(Break 10:15-10:30)

Session 1 –SEEA: Implementation (10:30-12:00)

The goal of this session is to discuss 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. In addition, SEEA training materials will be discussed, (with the possible establishment of a generic set of presentations for country use?)

4. SEEA Implementation strategy update (*Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD*)
5. SEEA and the SDG process (*G.J. Eding, Statistics Netherlands & Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden*)
6. SEEA implementation by WAVES (*Juan-Pablo Castaneda, World Bank*)
7. UNECE/OECD SEEA implementation meeting update (*Michael Nagy, UNECE*)

(Lunch 12:00-1:00)

Session 2 –SEEA Topic Sessions

The goal of these sessions is to provide an opportunity to highlight best practices in compilation and also to point out areas of difficulty in the compilation process. The appropriateness of global data sets for reporting will be discussed for each topic as

appropriate. Countries will also be encouraged to share recent experiences in each subject-matter area. The best practices and conclusions will be summarised in a separate document distinct from the meeting minutes.

Session 2a –SEEA Energy and Emissions Accounts (1:00-3:00)

8. Energy and emissions handbooks: lessons learned (*Anton Steurer, Eurostat*)
9. Combined energy and emissions accounts (*Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden*)
10. PSUT for Energy (*Zarinah Mahari, Department of Statistics Malaysia*)
11. Energy accounts from international databases (*Kristine Kolshus, Statistics Norway*)

(Break 3:00-3:15)

Session 2b –SEEA Water Accounts (3:15-4:00)

12. Water accounts in The Netherlands (*Cor Graveland, CBS*)
13. Water accounts in Canada (*Joe St. Lawrence, Statistics Canada*)

Session 2c –SEEA Activity Accounts (4:00-5:00)

14. Issues and challenges in compilation of activity accounts (*Kristine Kolshus, Statistics Norway*)
15. Activity accounts in Mexico (*Raúl Figueroa, INEGI*)

(Closing of day 1)

Post-meeting reception hosted by Statistics Netherlands:

Bouzy wine and food (Denneweg 83, 2514 CE The Hague)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

9:00

Session 2c –SEEA Activity Accounts continued (9:00-9:30)

16. Activity accounts for the EU (*Arturo de la Fuente, Eurostat*)
17. Employment in Renewable Energy Activities (*Brendan Freeman, Australian Bureau of Statistics*)

Session 2d –SEEA Agriculture Accounts (9:30-10:00)

18. SEEA Agriculture (*Silvia Cerilli, FAO*)

Session 2e –SEEA Asset Accounts (10:00-10:30)

19. Asset Accounts issues (*Pierre-Alain Pionnier, OECD*)

(Break 10:30-10:45)

Session 3 – SEEA CF Research Agenda and other topics (10:45-12:00)

The goal of this session is to discuss the SEEA CF Research Agenda and other topics related to the Central Framework. An updated version of the research agenda will be presented and discussed and London Group members will be asked if they would like to take on these issues and write issue papers for upcoming London Group meetings.

20. Updated SEEA CF Research Agenda (*Sjoerd Schenau, CBS*)
21. Classification of land (*Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD*)

(Lunch 12:00-1:00)

Session 3 – SEEA CF Research Agenda and other topics continued (1:00-3:00)

22. Input-Output Applications (1:00-2:00)
 - a. The FIGARO project (*Anton Steurer, Eurostat*)
 - b. UN input-output handbook (*Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD*)
 - c. Multi-regional IO (*to be confirmed, OECD*)
23. Quarterly Asset Accounts (*Cindy Lecavalier, Statistics Canada*) (2:00-2:30)
24. Nordic Council of Ministers project (*Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden*) (2:30-2:45)
25. Links between SEEA and Business accounting (To be confirmed)

(Break 3:00-3:15)

Session 4 – SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (Rocky Harris)

The goal of this session is to provide an update on current developments in Ecosystem Accounting, providing examples that contribute to the research agenda.

Session 4a – General communications (3:15-4:30)

26. Towards a definition of Natural Capital (*Anton Steurer, Eurostat*)
27. Technical Guidance on ecosystems accounting – state of play (*Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD*)
28. Policy uses: “the accounting push and policy pull” (*Michael Vardon, World Bank*)
29. Policy applications of forest accounts (*Juan-Pablo Castaneda, World Bank*)

Session 4b – Ecosystem accounting issues (4:30-5:00)

30. Further development of the Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services (CICES) (*Jan-Erik Petersen, European Environment Agency*)

(Closing of day 2)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015

9:00

Session 4 – SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (Rocky Harris) continued...

Session 4b – Ecosystem accounting issues, continued (9:00-11:15)

31. Reconciling environmental values with valuation procedures in the SNA (*Giles Atkinson, London School of Economics/World Bank*)
32. Accounting for biodiversity (*Michael Vardon, World Bank*)

(Break 10:30-10:45)

33. Accounting for ecosystem capacity (*Lars Hein, Wageningen University*)

Session 4c – Ecosystem accounting, Country experiences (11:15-12:00)

34. Monetary accounting for ecosystem services: test case for Limburg province, the Netherlands (*Rixt de Jong, Central Bureau of Statistics, The Netherlands*)
35. Developments in UK natural capital accounting (*Emily Connors, Office for National Statistics, UK*)

(Lunch 12:00-1:00)

Session 4c – Ecosystem accounting, Country experiences continued (1:00-3:00)

36. Ecosystems accounting in Guatemala and links to the SNA (*Juan-Pablo Castaneda, World Bank*)
37. Brazil accounts for stocks of water and changes of land use (*José Antonio Sena do Nascimento, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics*)
38. Ecosystems accounts WAVES project in the Philippines (*Lars Hein, Wageningen University/World Bank*)
39. An experimental ecosystem account for the Great Barrier Reef Region (*Brendan Freeman, Australian Bureau of Statistics*)
40. Experimental Ecosystem Accounting in Mexico: Progress Report and Work Plan (*Raúl Figueroa Díaz, INEGI Mexico*)
41. EU Ecosystem Accounting System (*Anton Steurer, Eurostat; Jan-Erik Petersen, European Environment Agency*)
42. The UNSD led project on Advancing Natural Capital Accounting (*Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD*)

(Break 3:00-3:15)

Session 5 – London Group terms of reference and governance

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss an update to the London Group terms of reference now that the previous focus on the SEEA revision has been completed.

43. London Group terms of reference
44. Election of the Chair of the London Group (*All*)

(Closing of the meeting)