

# A.4. UNCEEA highlights – for information

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# UNCEEA meeting New York 22-24 June 2016

- Meeting lead by Bert Kroese, Statistics Netherlands
- Agenda
  - a. The UNCEEA work programme (UNSD)
  - b. Process to finalize implementation plan (UNSD)
  - c. Process to finalize SEEA Energy (UNSD)
  - d. Process to finalize SEEA AFF (FAO)
  - e. Research agenda (NL)
  - f. Follow up of implementation work (UNSD, WB, UNECE)
  - g. Available databases (OECD, EUROSTAT)





- UNCEEA reconfirmed its meetings are strategic and managerial in nature.
- Detailed technical discussions should be delegated to other groups such as the London Group and the SEEA CF and SEEA EEA Technical Committees with the outcomes of the technical considerations be brought to the Committee for decision.





# Defining and monitoring targets for 2020 in implementation plan

- A global assessment should be run in 2017 and again in 2020 to assess progress towards implementation plan (target 100 countries CF and 50 countries EEA)
- Defined ‘SEEA being implemented in a country’ – *A SEEA Account must have been compiled and published at least once, and structural (i.e. regular budget) funds must have been allocated for repeat compilation and publication*
- Recommended that 30 more countries, needed to meet the implementation plan by 2020, be identified, drawing on outreach and capacity building work done by regional bodies.



# Training and capacity building



- Requested that module-specific courses be developed, in particular for priority areas such as on water, energy, land and ecosystems. Noted the importance of practical numerical examples in the module-specific courses and emphasized the need to incorporate realistic exercises in the training courses, e.g. using data in global databases
- Stressed that training and capacity building at country level required includes: courses on a particular module; understanding the statistical production process and institutional arrangements for the particular module ; hands-on work with national source data and collaboration with partners
- Noted that available technical experts to assist countries in the compilation of the various SEEA modules is limited





# Finalizing SEEA Energy and SEEA Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries

- Endorsed SEEA Energy.
- Endorsed SEEA Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.



# The SEEA Central Framework Research Agenda



- Requested the Technical Committee on the SEEA CF to develop criteria to prioritize the research issues.
- Identified implementation priorities: Input-Output Techniques, Material Flow and SDMX
- Recognized the need to have climate change high on the research agenda of future work of Committee.





# SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

- Stressed the role played by NSOs in the testing and development
- Acknowledged importance of linking to the SDGs and the initiative on climate change statistics
- Endorsed the SEEA-EEA research agenda
- The timeline for updating the SEEA EEA by 2020 is ambitious
- An editor is needed for drafting the update of the SEEA EEA. There is an issue of funding.







# Data compilation and dissemination

- Need to develop international SEEA-based datasets based on existing global datasets and established international cooperation arrangements (economy-wide material flows, energy and air emissions accounts, water and land accounts)
- A pragmatic approach, starting with a small set of priority accounts, to provide a coherent information set to support integrated policies, including SDGs
- Requested UNCEEA members (Eurostat, FAO, OECD, UNEP, UNSD and others that have expressed willingness to contribute) work with the UNCEEA Bureau to advance international SEEA-based data compilation and dissemination.





# SEEA and SDGs

- Important to connect the SEEA with the SDG indicator framework and to demonstrate that SEEA compliant data and metadata are applicable for a number of the SDG indicators and can help can help to provide integration across the indicators of the SDG goals and targets.
- The Committee agreed that it should work closely with custodian agencies of the indicators.
- Recognized the ongoing work of a Conference of European Statistician Task Force on a set of key climate change related statistics and indicators.
- The Committee suggested that a small subgroup of the UNCEEA is formed to develop a tactical approach.

