

Session 13: Panel discussion on ecosystem condition and service accounts

Wednesday 15th April, 16.15-17.30

Ecosystem service and condition accounts are important components for the testing of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem accounting.

The focus of the panel discussion will be to share experiences and highlight opportunities and challenges faced by national statistics offices and government agencies in moving forward the testing of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting on issues related to the construction of accounts for ecosystem service and condition.

Discussion questions:

- 1) Have your country undertaken any work related to the assessment of ecosystem services or conditions? Could you provide your experience in measuring such services or conditions?
- 2) Carbon, water and biodiversity are identified as important characteristics for which ecosystem condition accounts could be compiled. The construction of such resource accounts could provide partial indications of ecosystem conditions. What is the status and nature of the development of carbon, water or biodiversity accounts in your country?