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Lithuania considers that the use of statistical standard such as SEEA in definition and measurement of SDG indicators will promote international comparability and consistency across countries and is of high importance for monitoring the SDG Agenda.

Lithuania welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the SEEA-CF. Despite differences in priorities of countries and international organisations, it is important to look for commonalities and to further coordinate efforts on the international level.

Lithuania welcomes the work done on testing and advancing the research agenda on the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting. We consider it important to continue the listed activities, in particular, the development of classifications and methods for the development of land use and land cover accounts.

Lithuania appreciates the work done on the draft of SEEA AFF since the last year global consultation. However, due to complexity and comprehensive scope of the tables to be filled in by countries it is important to notice, that prior to the implementation of the SEEA AFF framework it is essential to verify data availability, validity and reliability. Testing of availability of national data sources in Lithuania in the form of pilot projects would be required.