

United Nations Statistical Commission

Fifty-second session

1–3 and 5 March 2021

Item 3 (f) of the provisional agenda

Items for discussion and decision: environmental-economic accounting

Document E/CN.3/2021/10 – Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

Statement provided by:

Planning and Statistics Authority, Qatar

Statement:

The report discusses progress made over the past year and the medium-term work program. The Committee's work is organized according to four broad domains: (a) Coordination and Communication, led by Statistics Canada; (b) The systematic development of standards and other research, divided into two sub-domains: (b1) Central Framework for SEEA, led by Statistics Netherlands; and (b2) SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, led by Eurostat; (c) Database development, led by OECD; (d) Implementation and building of statistical capacity, led by Statistics South Africa. In order to support the implementation of SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, tools are being developed to facilitate the compilation of accounts. For example, Artificial Intelligence is being developed for Ecosystem Services for SEEA Explorer to allow users to compile a set of SEEA Ecosystem Accounts for any region in the world, using global data sources that can be improved and refined by users by adding national data sources. A prototype is currently being tested in India, the Netherlands and South Africa, and will be ready by the end of 2020. The tool will be published on the United Nations Global Platform for Official Statistics.

Submitted on:

2/18/2021