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### Items for discussion and decision: environmental-economic accounting

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| <i>Statement provided by:</i><br>Senegal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |
| <i>Statement:</i><br><p>Senegal would like to express on behalf of the Africa Group a contribution to the subject matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We welcome the report of activities and progress of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, in relations to shaping this important but relatively new field for most of the countries. The achievements are laudable, with regard especially to the gradual progression of availing reference conceptual guides as well as tools and capacity building activities with a view to fostering a greater if not systematic integration of the ecosystems and biodiversity consideration in the development planning and decision making processes.</li><li>- Given the work still ahead to shed clarity on pending issues relatives to complete version of the Ecosystem accounting standards, as well as efforts needed to disseminate a coherent and comprehensive set of resources aiming at enabling countries to generate the statistical information base on their natural capital and ecosystems, we support he proposed programme of work of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting for the period 2022–2025.</li><li>- We also support the proposal of the Committee to engage in the SNA update, as well as the International Standard Industry Classification and Central Product Classification updates, in view of achieving the desired coherence and interoperability of the different standards;</li><li>- We further support the engagement of national statistical offices in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the development of the monitoring framework in the lead-up to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;</li><li>- We reinforce the need to speed up the process of the Global implementation strategy for the System of Environmental Economic Accounting Ecosystem Accounting framework, as it will play the most practical role in establishing large scale and reliable ecosystem accounts data for policy use and monitoring;</li><li>- We look forward to final draft of the guidelines for biophysical modelling, as it will support the compilation of ecosystem accounting in countries. We recommend however that to ensure that the guideline meet the quality assurance process usually due by documents that are intended for wide and global adoption.</li><li>- Good note is taken of the progress made in, and the plan for finalizing the statistical framework for measuring the sustainability of tourism. Regarding the piloting, we note there is only a limited number of countries from Africa and would encourage the inclusion of more countries to reflect the contrasting diversity of the continent.</li></ul> |           |
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