

Suriname

ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING (3h)

Thank you very much Chair.

CHAIR, we are interested in Environmental Economic Accounting because for years Suriname has been discussing or rather debating the concepts of Green Economy and since 2013 when Gunter Pauli was invited by the Government of Suriname also the Blue Economy (and my Office is always dragged into the debates).

Chair, To this point generally the CARICOM countries are focusing momentarily on bridging the gaps in the basic data prior to moving to the SEEA.

Suriname is not going to comment on the report which we welcome but we just want clarification and would appreciate – with your permission Chair – receiving a straight answer at the time of summing up the discussions on this agenda item to the following two questions (which are relevant to point of discussion in paragraph 51a):

"How many indicators have actually already been produced and published or otherwise disseminated by SEEA?"

If we look at the 17 SDG Goals, for how many and which ones is SEEA relevant?"