

Item 3h: Environmental-economic accounting

Switzerland supports the idea that the SEEA can and must play an important part in determining indicators - including footprint indicators. With regard to the measurement of certain SDGs, and thanks to its integrative character, the SEEA can contribute to strengthening, harmonising and coordinating national and international statistical systems, particularly in the area of the environment.

Switzerland thanks the committee for its initiatives aimed at advancing the implementation of the SEEA's central framework and measuring the progress made.

It also welcomes the steps already undertaken, the pilot projects that have been carried out, the development of an initial compilation guide and teaching material, as well as the creation of a forum of experts in the area of the SEEA's experimental ecosystem accounts.

And lastly it welcomes the development of an Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing SEEA as well as the integration of this work in the global improvement strategy of agricultural and rural statistics as well as the other initiatives concerned.