

Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on Implementation of SEEA¹

13-15 March 2023, Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

#SEEAseminar2023

Provisional Programme (version of 10 March 2023)

Monday, 13 March 2023	
SESSION 1	OPENING Seminar Chair: Johanna Pakarinen (Statistics Finland)
9:30 – 10:00	Housekeeping items , Michael Nagy (UNECE) Welcome and opening addresses - Lidia Bratanova, Director of UNECE Statistical Division - Sarah Barahona, Head of the National Accounts Division, OECD Statistics and Data Directorate In memoriam Rocky Harris , Sjoerd Schenau Presentation and adoption of the agenda , Johanna Pakarinen (Seminar Chair)
SESSION 2	SETTING THE SCENE: Session Chair: Sarah Barahona (OECD)
10:00 – 10:50	Updates from International Organisations and their expert groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCEEA, incl. Global Assessment and databases, Santaro Sakata, OECD/UNSD • London Group, Sven Kaumanns, LG Chair, Federal Statistical Office of Germany, <i>online</i> • Eurostat, Arturo de la Fuente • UNEP, Ekaterina Poleshchuk, UNEP
10:50 – 11:05	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:05 – 12:30	Q&A Updates from relevant policy areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention on Biodiversity, COP 15, Anne Teller, European Commission, <i>online</i> • Data Gaps Initiative (DGI) on climate change, Bhanumati P, International Monetary Fund • Sustainable tourism, Peter Laimer, Chair of the Expert Group on Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism, Statistics Austria, and Clara van der Pol, UNWTO <i>online</i>

¹ Members of the Organising Committee are from the National Statistical Offices of Australia, Canada, Estonia, Finland (chair), Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States. Eurostat, UNEP and UNSD are represented in the Organising Committee in addition to OECD and UNECE.

	<p>Importance of Earth Observation for effective SEEA implementation, Marc Paganini, European Space Agency</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:30 – 14:30	<p>Lunch break with POSTER SESSION (starting 13:30):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Tro Cabrera: <i>Building a geographic information systems based methodology for calculating rooftop solar photovoltaic potential for the formation of energy communities and its energy accounts.</i> • Jean-Louis Weber: <i>AfrikENCA</i> • Giulia Capotorti, Raffaella Chiocchini, Alessandra Ferrara, Angela Ferruzza, Laura Zavattoni: <i>Ecosystem Extent - Accounting Implementation in Italy</i>
<p>SESSION 3 TOWARDS CIRCULAR ECONOMY MEASUREMENT Session Chair: Johanna Pakarinen (Statistics Finland)</p>	
14:30 – 15:35	<p>Accelerating the Transition towards a Circular Economy in the UNECE region, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary, Dmitry Mariyasin</p> <p>International work to facilitate measurement of CE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE/OECD Guidelines for Measuring Circular Economy and the role of SEEA, Myriam Linster, OECD, and Michael Nagy, UNECE • Update on the revised EU Monitoring Framework, Arturo de la Fuente, Eurostat <p>Q&A</p>
15:35 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:50 – 17:30	<p>Circular economy in international trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy applied in international trade, which official statistics do we need? Elisabeth Türk, Director of UNECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division • Greening the HS: What are the limits and the alternatives?, Roy Santana, World Trade Organization <p>Q&A</p> <p>National and regional case examples on measuring circular economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decomposition analysis in the Netherlands: material use related to climate change, Sjoerd Schenau, Statistics Netherlands • Circular economy and material footprint indicators for Sweden, Sandra Gralde Stålhandske and Mårten Berglund, Statistics Sweden, <i>online</i> • The role of SEEA in developing National Critical Raw Materials and Secondary Raw Materials datasets in the FutuRaM Project, Kees Baldé, UNITAR <p>Q&A</p>
17:30	Closing of first day

19:30		Subscription Dinner
Tuesday, 14 March 2023		
SESSION 4		IMPLEMENTING ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTING (SEEA EA) Session Chair: Sjoerd Schenau (Statistics Netherlands)
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Introduction, Session Chair</p> <p>Progress made by countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting of marine and coastal ecosystems at the Ramsar Site, Estuarine Delta System of the Magdalena River, Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta, Colombia, Janwar Moreno, Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas y Costeras (INVEMAR), <i>online</i> • Ecosystem Accounting in Germany - current state and challenges, Simon Felgendreher, Federal Statistical Office of Germany (Destatis) • SEEA-EA implementation in Spain, Fernando Santos Martin and Adrián García Bruzón, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Spain, <i>online</i> • Ecosystem accounting in Estonia, progress so far, Kaia Oras, Statistics Estonia 	
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15 – 11:45	<p>Other related developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outcomes of projects of implementation of ecosystem natural capital accounts in Africa and the Guiana Shield, Jean-Louis Weber, International Consultant on Economic-Environmental Accounting ○ National SEEA Land Cover Account Global Database, Paulo Augusto Lourenço Dias Nunes, FAO 	
11:45 – 12:30	<p>Panel discussion with Simon Felgendreher (Destatis), Kaia Oras (Statistics Estonia) and William Speller (UNEP)</p>	
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
SESSION 5		FOREST ACCOUNTS Session Chair: Paulo Augusto Lourenço Dias Nunes (FAO)
14:30 – 16:15	<p>Setting the scene, Fernando Santos, Chair of Forest Ecosystem Accounts Working Group, <i>online</i></p> <p>Australian forest carbon accounts, Heather Keith, Griffith University, <i>online</i></p> <p>Implementing international frameworks for environmental and economic accounting for forests, Javier de Lamo, FAO</p> <p>Updates from Eurostat, Arturo de la Fuente, Eurostat</p> <p>More national examples for production and use of forest accounts to inform policy making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finland: Implementation of European Forest Accounts, and links with SEEA-EA, Aarre Peltola, LUKE Finland 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France: Implementation of European Forest Accounts, national organization set up to build the account, main lessons learned, Béatrice Michalland, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France <p>Open discussion</p>
16:20 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
SESSION 6	ORGANISATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEEA IMPLEMENTATION Session Chair: Myriam Linster (OECD)
16:30 - 17:30	<p>SEEA implementation guide, Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD, <i>online</i></p> <p>National examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA: National Strategy to Develop Statistics for Environmental-Economic Decisions, Jed Kolko, US Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs • SEEA implementation in Finland, Johanna Pakarinen, Statistics Finland <p>Q&A</p>
17:30	Closing of second day

Wednesday, 15 March 2023

SESSION 7	ENVIRONMENTAL TAXES AND SUBSIDIES Session Chair: Simon Felgendreher (Federal Statistical Office of Germany)
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Introduction, Session Chair</p> <p>Environmental Taxes & Subsidies, including Harmful Subsidies, from the global and regional perspectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology for Environmental Taxes & Subsidies accounts, Isabelle Remond-Tiedrez, Eurostat • Fossil Fuel Subsidies and SDG reporting, Claire Potdevin, UNEP, <i>online</i> • Guidance on measuring fossil fuel subsidies: Updates on OECD work, Myriam Linster and Sarah Miet, OECD <p>Q&A</p> <p>Country presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Tax Account in Canada, Paola Ansieta, Statistics Canada, <i>online</i>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 11:55	<p>Country presentations cont.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil fuel subsidies and ECR-calculations in Sweden, Susanna Roth, Statistics Sweden • Measuring Luxembourg’s support for fossil fuels – preliminary results, Olivier Thunus, Statistics Luxembourg, <i>online</i>

	Q&A
11:55 – 12:30	Panel discussion with Kaia Oras (Statistics Estonia), Susanna Roth (Statistics Sweden), Myriam Linster (OECD) and Isabelle Remond-Tiedrez (Eurostat)
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break with GROUP PICTURE</i>
SESSION 8	INTEGRATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES Session Chair: Susanna Roth (Statistics Sweden)
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Some reflections based on work at the OECD, Daniel Clarke, OECD</p> <p>National examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland: Decoupling Emissions from Economic Activity – Clare O’Hara, Statistics Ireland, <i>online</i> • Sweden: Developing statistics to measure the climate change impacts of a country’s exports, Nils Brown, Statistics Sweden • Netherlands: Carbon accounts, Redbad Mosterd, Statistics Netherlands <p>Panel discussion with Clare O’Hara (Statistics Ireland), Nils Brown (Statistics Sweden), Redbad Mosterd (Statistics Netherlands) and Daniel Clarke (OECD)</p>
16:00 – 16:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
SESSION 9	WATER ACCOUNTS AND RELATED INDICATORS Session Chair: Paulo Augusto Lourenço Dias Nunes (FAO)
16:10 – 17:25	<p>Update on harmonisation of international water questionnaires with the SEEA, Mauro Migotto, OECD (also on behalf of Eurostat), <i>online</i></p> <p>Introduction and further support of water accounts in EU Eastern Partner countries, Arnulf Schönbauer, Environment Agency Austria</p> <p>National examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Accounts and policy uses in the Netherlands, Sjoerd Schenau, Statistics Netherlands • Indicators related to Water Accounts in the context of communication and awareness raising, Naira Mandalyan, Statistical Committee of Armenia <p>Q&A</p>
SESSION 10	CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER WORK Seminar Chair: Johanna Pakarinen (Statistics Finland)
17:25 – 17:30	Adoption of conclusions and recommendations , Seminar Chair
17:30	Closing of the Seminar