



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting

Prioritization of the UNCEEA Programme of Work



United Nations

Background

- Current work programme of the UNCEEA has ended; new work programme for 2021-2025
- Limited resources necessitate prioritization
- Prioritization within and across work streams
- Consideration of level of effort and time frame
- UNCEEA Bureau has begun an initial prioritization exercise

Area A: Coordination and Communication

- Highest priorities
 - Coordinate indicator and conceptual development in the area of climate change
 - Coordinate indicator and conceptual development in the area of sustainable finance
 - Continue collaboration to provide a SEEA perspective on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
 - Develop an overall mapping exercise of SEEA-related work and governance

Area B1: SEEA CF

- Highest priorities
 - Work on classifications relevant to the SEEA CF
 - Work on indicators, including I/O analyses
 - Work on further alignment of SEEA CF and SEEA EA
 - Work on valuation issues, in coordination with Area B2

Area B2: SEEA CF

- Highest priorities
 - Finalize white cover version
 - Produce compilation guidelines
 - Offer training courses and country visits
 - Data comparability/international data set for monetary accounts and accounts-ready data sources

Area C: Global datasets

- Highest priorities
 - Develop a common data template for national reporting and establish regular data collection for priority datasets
 - Improve estimation methodologies and produce quarterly estimates for priority datasets

Area D: Capacity Building

- Highest priorities
 - Establish separate workstreams and a concrete programme of work for the capacity building workstream
 - Create and administer the global assessment “light”
 - Dissemination of results
 - In-depth analysis of global assessment results

Business accounting

- Highest priorities
 - Determine chair and membership
 - Alignment of methodology and standards
 - Communication and presentation of data

Overall

- Consideration of thematic priorities that cut across areas (e.g. climate change, biodiversity, etc.)
- Prioritization of user needs and demands such as global databases
- Need to make inroads in quickly developing areas (e.g. sustainable finance)
- Scaling up implementation—importance of capacity building but also funding

Next steps

- Refinement of priorities by Area Leads and the Bureau, taking into consideration discussion during the 16th Meeting
- Integration of priorities, both within and across areas, into the UNCEEA programme of work

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