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2018 Workplan of the UNCEEA Working Group on Coordination

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 - Key priorities
 - Objectives, main tasks

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Background info on UNCEEA working Group on Coordination

- Working Group (WG) created at 12th meeting of UNCEEA (June 2017)
- Statistics Canada chairs meeting, leads activities, acts as secretariat
- Membership includes representation from UNSD, FAO, UNEP, Canada, USA, Mexico, Sweden, Netherlands, South Africa, Australia
- Plan to meet on a quarterly basis - first meeting held Nov 21 2017

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Mandate/terms of reference

To foster collaboration, integration and complementarity of programmes relevant to environmental-economic accounting.

There are **two key priority areas**:

1. Expanding use of SEEA in development and reporting of indicators and in analysis and decision-making
2. Leveraging use of training tools already produced
 - make them more readily accessible
 - if necessary produce common tools to be used and disseminated widely


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2018 Workplan: priorities

Three priorities have been identified and agreed upon at the first meeting of the WG on November 21, 2017

1. Creation and maintenance of a **super calendar** of SEEA-related events on the UNSD website
2. Making **SEEA training materials readily available**, and where necessary, developing a quality assurance process to ensure that these materials are coherent with SEEA methodologies and concepts
3. Ensuring **SEEA presence** in relevant reporting initiatives




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Super calendar



Objective

- To consolidate information on all SEEA related events initiatives – completed or underway- in a **single location, easily accessible to trainers and students**

Main tasks to be completed:

- Determine type of events/meetings in scope for posting
- Upgrade UNSD website to add super calendar
- Populate it with all past and current events and keep it up to date




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Quality assurance of training materials



Objective

- To ensure all SEEA training material posted to UNSD website are of high quality and follow SEEA concepts and methodologies

Main tasks to be completed:

- Conduct environmental scan and produce report of available SEEA training materials
- Establish a framework for review of SEEA training material to ensure coherence and set priorities for review
- Identify a set of criteria to assess quality of material to be posted onto website
- Develop a Board of Experts from UNCEEA WG to conduct review of selected training material

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Ensuring SEEA presence in relevant reporting initiatives



Objective

- To ensure SEEA guidelines are used and followed as much as possible in the development of relevant reporting initiatives (e.g. climate change, SDG indicators)

Main tasks to be completed:

- Scope out **relevant reporting** initiatives to identify priorities for engagement and produce a report of findings
- Coordinate with UN Regional Commissions on **existing reporting initiatives** (e.g. climate change indicators) to ensure appropriate reference to SEEA


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Ensuring SEEA presence in relevant reporting initiatives

Main tasks to be completed (cont.):

- Review **terms of reference (TOR)** of *UNCEEA* SEEA Groups to ensure coherence, reduce overlap; produce a short paper on findings and recommendations
- Share minutes of meetings with relevant committees
- **Address overlap** between UNCEEA Working Groups at annual meeting in June

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