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SEEA Central Framework update

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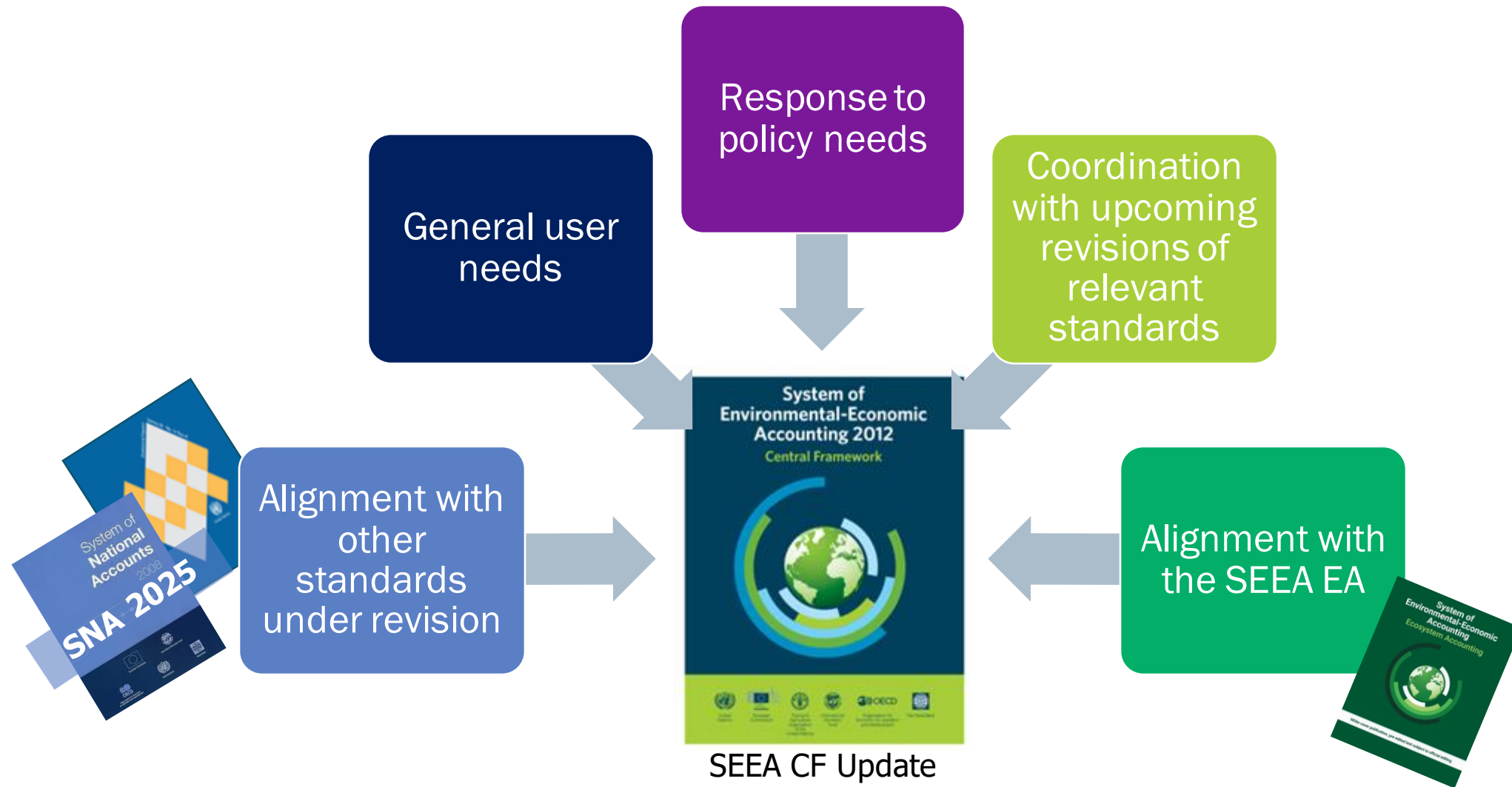
- The SEEA Central Framework was adopted by the UN Statistical Commission in 2012, as the first international standard for environmental-economic accounting
- Since then, the number of countries that have implemented the SEEA CF almost doubled since 2014
- Ongoing work on the SEEA CF research agenda since 2012
- 2019 and 2021: discussion in UNCEEA on updating of SEEA CF



Outcome of the UNCEEA meeting – June 2023

- Emphasized the need to keep the SEEA, as other international statistical standards, up- to-date and aligned, as appropriate, with other statistical standards and classifications (e.g. SNA, BPM, ISIC, CPC, SIEC, COFOG, etc.);
- Agreed to an update of the SEEA CF with a focused scope while requesting the SEEA CF Technical Committee to further elaborate the criteria for prioritization of the issues, further evaluate the costs and benefits of addressing the issues and develop a timeline for addressing each issue;
- Noted that a proposal for the SEEA CF update should be developed for consideration by the UN Statistical Commission in March 2024 and thus would need to be finalized before November 2023

Main drivers for the update of the SEEA CF



List of issues

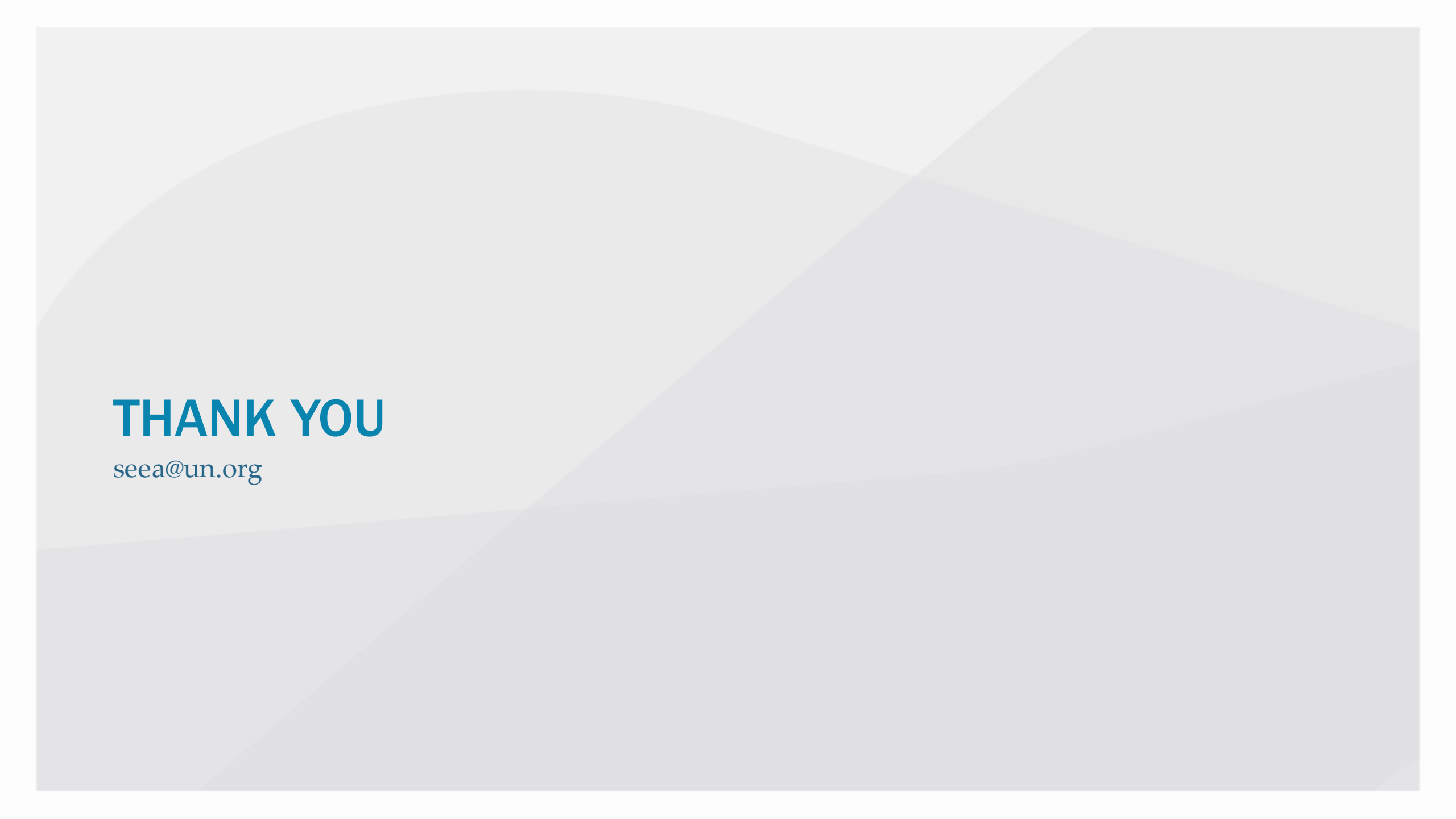
- A list of issues is being discussed within the Technical Committee on the Central Framework (TC-CF)
- The initial list of issues is mainly based on prior research agenda, ongoing SNA revision, input London Group etc.
- The issues are currently grouped into four broad categories:
 - A. Classifications
 - B. Changes/ improvements to SEEA CF
 - C. Linking SEEA CF - SEEA EA
 - D. New topics / extensions
- Prioritization is currently being done by the TC-CF

Classifications and SEEA CF

- Classifications play an important role in the SEEA
- The UNCEEA is engaged in the work of the various TT of the UNCEISC
 - > International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC)
 - > Central Product Classification (CPC)
 - > Standard International Energy Classification (SIEC)
 - > Classification of Functions of Government (COFOG)
 - Alignment with the Classification of Environmental Purposes
 - Mapping to policy targets and international reporting requirement
 - taxonomies on biodiversity finance, climate change finance and sustainable finance
 - Secondary purpose environmental expenditure

Initial work plan

Activity	Timeline
UNCEEA to discuss the SEEA CF update process	June 2023
Preparatory work to develop a work plan/strategy and identify funding mechanism for the update of the SEEA CF	Q4 2023
Proposal for SEEA CF update to be submitted to UNSC	Q4 2023
SEEA CF update mandated by the UNSC	March 2024
Finalize preliminary issue list in consultation with stakeholders	Q2 2024
Global consultation on the issue list	Q3 2024
Establish working groups and issue lead	Q4 2024
Global consultation on the issue papers	2025
Drafting relevant text to replace the text in the SEEA CF	2026-27
Global consultation on the chapters	2027
Adoption of the SEEA CF by the UNSC	March 2028



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