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**Subject: Training Program on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Central Framework (SEEA-CF) and environment-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia**

Dear colleague,

It is our pleasure to announce the launch of a Training Program on the SEEA-CF and environment-related SDG indicators for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) with support of the Central Bureau of Statistics of Netherlands.

The training is a response to the request from EECCA countries to provide training on SEEA and its links with environment-related SDG indicators. It is complementary to activities in the region carried out by UNECE, UNESCAP, UNDP, UNEP, UNSD and the World Bank.

The training programme is based on a blended learning format consisting of the following three phases:

1. An online course: The online course will provide an overview on the SEEA-CF and covers topics such as physical flow accounts, environmental asset accounts and environmental activity accounts. The online course is expected to begin in the second half of October 2017.
2. An on-site training: A subset of participants from countries that have demonstrated, through ongoing initiatives and plans, a strong commitment to implement the SEEA will be selected to attend a face-to-face seminar to further deepen their knowledge about the SEEA.
3. A follow-up phase: In the last phase, participating countries are expected to take follow-up actions such as conducting a national training workshop on SEEA and formulating a national strategy and work plan for the implementation of SEEA.

More information can be found in the enclosed concept note.

To Heads of NSOs of EECCA countries

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**We would like to invite you to nominate up to two representatives from your office and to suggest up to two additional representatives from line ministries involved in environmental-economic accounting to participate in the online phase of the training.** Nominated participants should ideally have experience in implementation of SEEA, or experience in fields related to environmental-economic accounts such as national accounts or environment statistics.

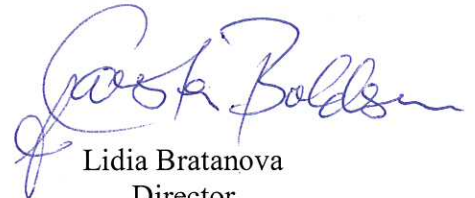
UNECE and UNSD will provide participants with further information about the online component of the training in due course. In order to allow us to make the necessary arrangements, you are kindly requested to send the names and contact details (organisation, position, e-mail address, phone number) to [michael.nagy@unece.org](mailto:michael.nagy@unece.org) by **18 October 2017**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and we look forward to the active participation from your office in this training programme.

Sincerely yours,



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