



System of
Environmental
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Accounting

Relevant outcomes from UN Statistical Commission, and work of UNCEEA

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Topics of focus

- Updates from the UN Statistical Commission
- SEEA CF Update
- Current status of implementation in countries
- Mainstreaming use of the SEEA in policy
 - Monitoring the Global Biodiversity Framework
 - G20 Data Gaps Initiative
- Webinar series in 2024

Update from the UN Statistical Commission

- The 55th session of the UN Statistical Commission took place from 27 Feb to 1 Mar 2024
- Several important decisions related to environmental-economic accounts, including:
 - The update of the SEEA Central Framework, proposed by the UNCEEA, was endorsed
 - > Importance of remaining responsive to emerging demands for integrated environmental and economic data and coherent with the updated SNA and BOP and other recently revised standards, classifications
 - > the list of issues and the road map for its update to be submitted at the next session of the UNSC in 2025

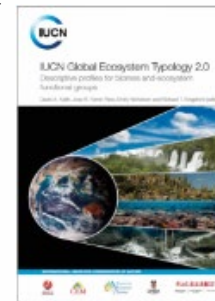


Update from the UN Statistical Commission

- Welcomed the use of the SEEA EA as the methodological basis for multiple headline indicators of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Encouraged the Committee to continue its involvement in the DGI and promote the accounts, in particular to support closing the data gaps related to climate change
- Welcomed the progress in country implementation of the SEEA
- Welcomed the work on the development of global SEEA databases (in particular, air emission accounts and energy accounts)

Update from the UN Statistical Commission

- Endorsed the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism;
- Endorsed the Classification of Environmental Purposes and the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology as international statistical classifications and recommended to include them in the international family of classifications;
- Approved the terms of reference of the task team on the revision of the Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG)

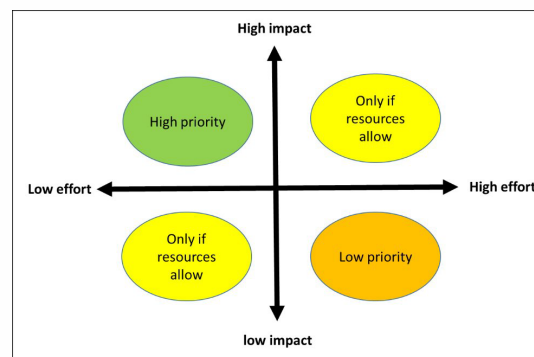


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Update of the SEEA Central Framework

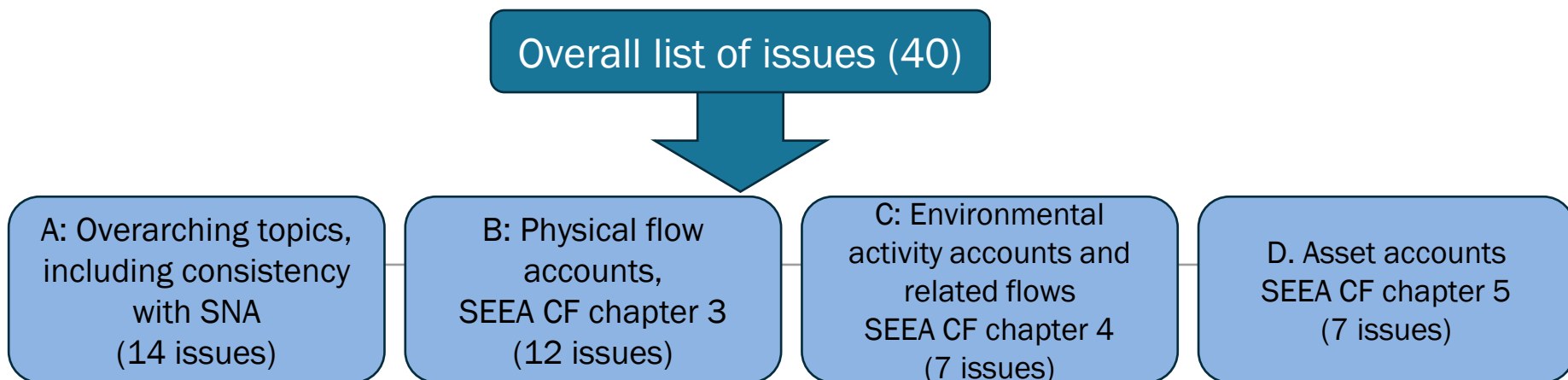
Update of the SEEA Central Framework

- Meeting of the UNCEEA, June 2023
 - *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*
- The SEEA TC CF
 - Put together an initial list of issues
 - Worked on a proposal for the prioritization of the list of issues



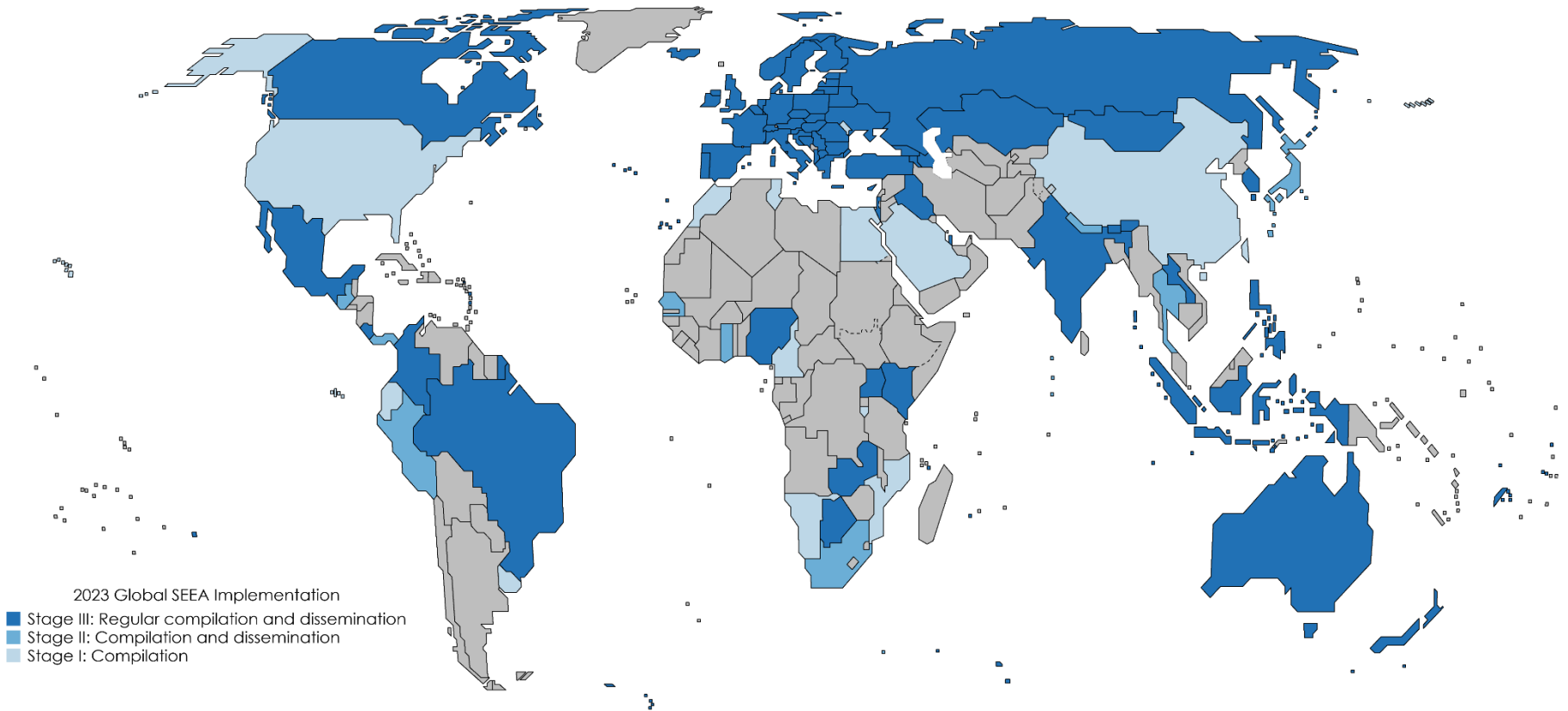
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- Elements of the work to be carried out:
 - Discuss the list of issues with the UNCEEA
 - Global consultation to finalize the list of issues
 - Setting up the update process (coordination with the revision of COFOG, GFS, etc. on issues of common interest)
 - Report back to the UNSC in 2025 on the list of issues and update process
- Multiple rounds of global consultation on issue papers and chapters planned
- Engagement with relevant stakeholder groups, other revision processes
- To be submitted to the UNSC session in 2028



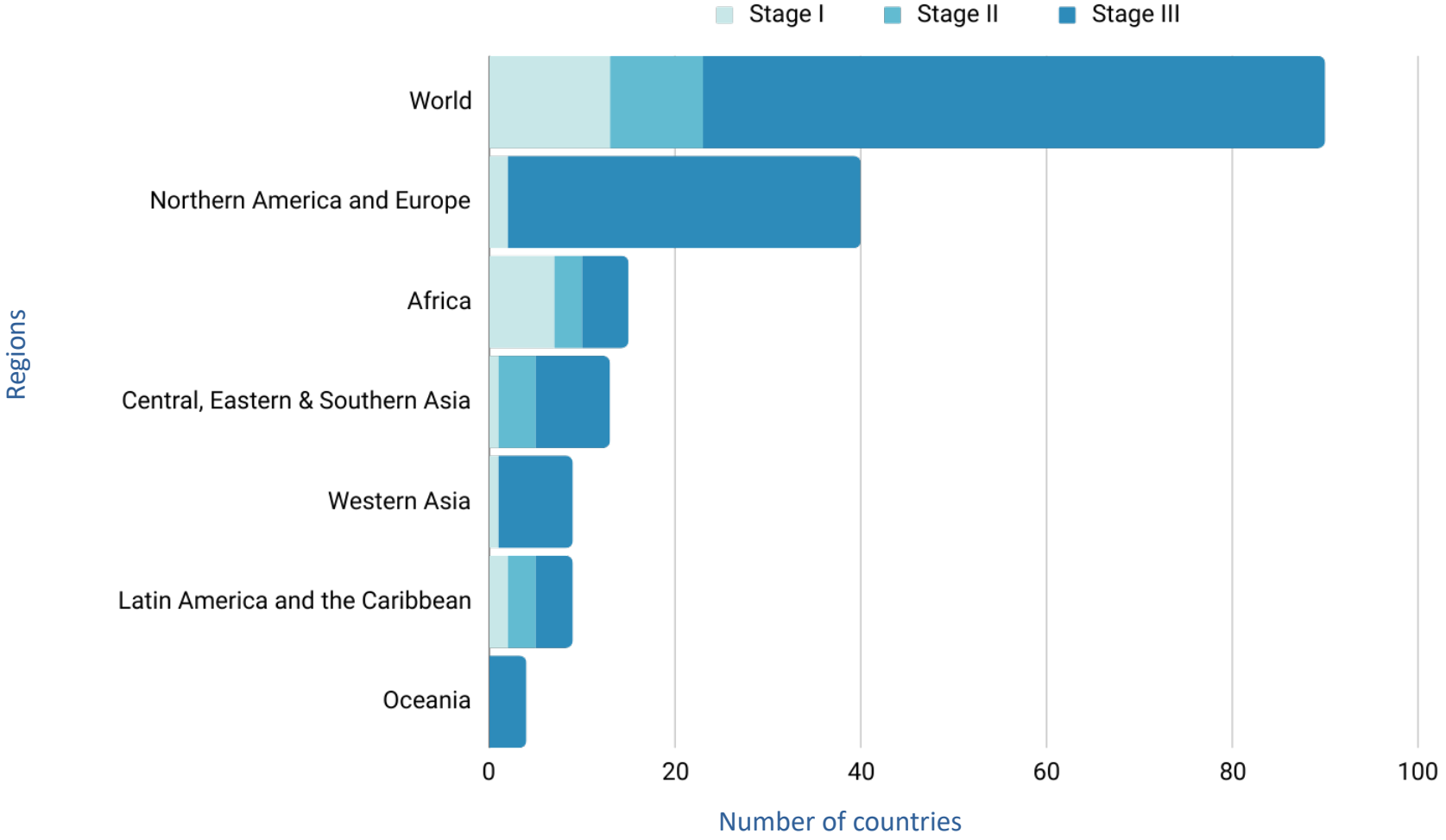
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Number of countries implementing SEEA accounts by region and by stage of implementation (UN, 2023)



Number of countries compiling SEEA accounts over time



More information is available at <https://seea.un.org/content/global-assessment-environmental-economic-accounting>

Monitoring the Global Biodiversity Framework

- UNSD together with the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting Technical Committee (TC EA) is developing the metadata for four headline indicators of the GBF
 - A.2 Extent of natural ecosystems
 - B.1 Services provided by ecosystems
 - 9.1 Benefits from the sustainable use of wild species
 - 11.1 Services provided by ecosystems (focusing on regulating services)

Monitoring the Global Biodiversity Framework

- Work led by task teams under the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting Technical Committee, focusing on A.2 and B.1
- Focus on metadata of A.2 and B.1, including testing
- Metadata to be finalized for Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group
 - Ultimately be approved by the CBD COP 16 in October 2024 in Colombia

G20 Data Gaps Initiative

- UNCEEA actively participating in DGI-3, particularly on
 - recommendations 1-3: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Accounts, Energy Accounts and National Carbon Footprints
 - recommendations 6-7: Climate Change Related Expenditures
- Leverage work done under the DGI also as an input for the update of the SEEA Central Framework

Webinar series in 2024

- Area A 'Coordination and communication' is organizing a webinar series in 2024 to highlight various priority and/or emerging policy areas
- The main goals of the webinar series are to showcase the benefits of the SEEA, demonstrate how the SEEA can answer policy questions, explore areas where the SEEA has not been used but could play a role and to bring people together from various disciplines.
- The working group is finalizing the full list of topics and dates of the webinars
 - > First 2 webinars to focus on the link between the SEEA and the GBF

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