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The Cabinet Directive on Strategic Environmental and Economic Assessment (SEEA) (https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/sustainability/strategic-environmental-economic-assessment/cabinet-directive.html) modernizes environmental and economic analysis in the development of policies, programs, and regulations intended for Cabinet or funding consideration. The Directive applies to Memoranda to Cabinet, Treasury Board submissions, funding proposals, and regulatory proposals from any federal department, agency or organization.

This GCwiki page provides key tools, templates and guidance used to conduct SEEAs in the Government of Canada.

Assessment Process

Since its inception in April 2024, the application of the SEEA requires the use of a standardized template, the Climate, Nature and Economy Lens template (CNEL)

Federal public servants are encouraged to consult Environment and Climate Change Canada's GCXchange SEEA page (https://gcxgce.sharepoint.com/teams/10001641/) (accessible only on the Government of Canada network) for additional material to support their SEEA implementation.

Tools and Templates

Climate, Nature and Economy Lens template

Qualitative Economic Assessment Tool (https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tobRyKv6-0OYwBig36ZawZzoiCCVO1lPgytepi2h5qhURFJVUVEwWkFKTEdXVjRYMTA4OUlYSzhORyQlQCN0PWcu)

CNEL Quantitative GHG Emission Impact Review template

SEEA Public Statements Guidelines

SEEA Secretariat Information Bulletins

The SEEA Secretariat publishes bulletins with technical information and guidance to support SEEA practionners.

- 2026-7 – How to customize CNEL sections visibility to display only relevant sections
- 2026-6 – Interpretation of B-210 screening questions for quantitative economic assessments
- 2026-5 – Guidelines for preparing and releasing public statements
- 2026-4 – Developing a departmental policy for Strategic Environmental and Economic Assessment
- 2026-3 – ECCC Review of Environmental Effects
- 2026-2 – Use of the Climate, Nature and Economy Lens
- 2026-1 – Evaluating Thresholds for Qualitative Economic Assessment
- 2024-4 – Submission of completed CNELs to ECCC SEEA Secretariat

More information

Federal public servants are invited to visit the GCXchange SEEA page (https://gcxgce.sharepoint.com/teams/10001641/SitePages/Home%20Page.aspx) (accessible only on the Government of Canada network) for additional information targeted at the federal SEEA community. The SEEA Secretariat can be reached at eees-seea@ec.gc.ca (mailto:eees-seea@ec.gc.ca)

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