

assessment should be undertaken. Participants indicated that it might be easier to get the second phase of UNEN off the ground if the roster is linked to a specific objective, such as supporting CCAs and/or contributing to the UN system response to this COVID-19. As CCAs do not seem to sufficiently address economic and social issues, it might be useful to support country teams during the CCA process. This should be done by building on existing structures and taking into account tools, such as the economic transformation companion piece. In 2020/2021, 30 countries are undertaking CCAs. UNEN could limit its support to some of the countries, leverage the acquired knowledge and make it available to other countries. It was noted that an informal community of practice approach might spark a formal request for support by UNEN.

ASG Harris referred to the UN framework for the immediate economic response to COVID-19, which is in the process of being shared with Member States and the UN system. He noted that the framework, which is spelling out the UN offer, is adapting existing programmes. He stressed the importance of resisting the likely demand for UNEN to become an integral part of UN country teams. He also emphasized that in moving forward with the second phase, the next steps would be aligned with the regional commissions.

Mr. Harris noted that this issue would be considered at the next UNEN meeting and a summary of discussions would be shared and agreement would be sought on suggested next steps.

B. Updates of each working group of the UNEN report

The first working group (production) reported that key messages had been submitted from all working groups. A draft of the introduction would be shared during the first week of May.

The second working group (climate change) thanked colleagues for the helpful comments. The focus of the chapter was describing the trends (including biodiversity, land degradation and climate change) as well as understanding drivers. The chapter concluded with policy recommendations.

Mr. Harris noted that Mr. Julca had been in contact with working group leads on a set of important interlinkages and would reach out to colleagues regarding the drafting of a text box on interlinkages. Examples of interlinkages could be included in the respective chapters. An additional chapter on interlinkages suggested a text box and inclusion of interlinkages in the introductory chapter was recommended.

The third working group (emerging and frontier technologies) noted that it would undergo one more round of comments prior to finalizing the chapter. Mr. Harris inquired if there was scope for a text box on technology in the COVID-19. The working group agreed that a reference

