

# SEEA Process Bulletin 2024-1: Use of the Climate, Nature and Economy Lens

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## Conducting Analysis

As part of Cabinet's approval of the Cabinet Directive on Strategic Environmental and Economic Assessment (SEEA), Cabinet directed that all assessments conducted in adherence to the SEEA should be carried out using the Climate, Nature and Economy Lens (CNEL) template.

The CNEL template facilitates consistent, high-quality analysis across organizations and ease of review by Central Agencies and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

## Developing an organization-specific version of the CNEL reference template

Organizations may customize the generic CNEL reference template in certain areas to improve overall administration or to add additional, organization-specific questions to the analysis; however, no changes should be made to the pre-defined analytical questions. The '*Proposal Identification*' and '*Approvals*' sections of the CNEL reference template may be customized to align with organization-specific nomenclature and approval processes. Part D of the template may also be populated with customized questions to allow consideration of specific environmental and economic considerations of importance to the departmental mandate and circumstances that are not covered by the pre-existing sections.

Once the analysis is completed for a given proposal, drafters may delete sections where the preliminary screening questions indicate a 'no' response. For example, if the proposal indicates "no" for preliminary screening question 1, the screening question and response should be retained, but the corresponding blank section of the detailed analysis (i.e. A-100) can be deleted. This will increase the readability of the template for the relevant sections.

## Review Process

ECCC, in consultation with departments and agencies and relevant external experts, and with the approval of Central Agencies, will review and update the CNEL template annually or as required.

## Additional Resources

For additional resources and guidance, drafters should contact the SEEA experts within their department or agency. Questions from SEEA experts can be directed to the SEEA Secretariat at ECCC at [ees-seea@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ees-seea@ec.gc.ca).

A fillable version of the CNEL template and related guidance can be found on the [SEEA GCXchange page](#).

A public version of the CNEL template can also be found on [Canada.ca](#).