



Africa NCA CoP Newsletter



Dear Africa Community of Practice (CoP) members,

Welcome to the 4th and final issue of the CoP newsletter for the year 2021! Thank you for being ardent readers and providing great feedback, we look forward to incorporating your ideas.

To focus on enhancing capacity for the CoP members, the secretariat has spent the last quarter planning for activities and trainings that were requested for by members. Look out for a lineup of these insightful webinars, knowledge-sharing and related events, specific dates will be communicated in due time.

Join us in welcoming two new members to the Partner Institutions (PI) for the Africa NCA CoP, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Conservation Strategy Fund (CSF) have officially joined the PIs' governing body and will partner and offer technical support to the CoP in their respective capacities.

We are also delighted to welcome new country Focal Points (FPs) to the CoP; Mr Kiruben Naicker from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) representing South Africa and Mr Thabio Leballo from the Department of Environment, Government of Lesotho. Focal Points play an important role of representing their institutions or governments within the Africa NCA CoP acting as key bridges for smooth communication of various NCA initiatives and information between CoP member countries and community members.

Finally, we would like to this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

We look forward to your continued support and collaboration.

Best wishes and stay safe,

The CoP Secretariat Team

COP GOVERNANCE

WWF and CSF join the Africa NCA COP PARTNER INSTITUTIONS



Two new members; the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Conservation Strategy Fund (CSF) have officially joined the Partner Institutions (PIs) for the Africa NCA CoP.

Welcoming the new members, Peter Katanisa, Africa NCA CoP Coordinator said, "*Partner institutions play a critical role for the smooth running of the CoP through their technical and financial support as well as providing guidance on how best we can achieve our intended impact. We will continue to rely on their commitment and generosity for the sustainability of the CoP.*"

Both organizations have been active members of the CoP and will now offer direct support in their respective capacities. Most recently WWF has offered their support in the establishment of a Sustainable Finance Working Group.

Commenting on this partnership, WWF's Peter Scheren said, "*I am happy to confirm WWF's commitment and support to the Community of Practice in their role to promote NCA development and look forward to expanding this mandate in our areas of operation in Africa.*"

CSF, Program Lead in Africa Nyandire Reinhard said "We look forward to working with the CoP and complementing the work already being done to promote NCA in Africa"

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SIAP e-Learning Course

Compiling climate change indicators: an accounting approach



Africa NCA CoP members are invited to apply and attend an e-Learning course, Compiling Climate Change Indicators: An Accounting Approach, from 6 January to 12 February 2021. The course will be conducted by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP).

This course introduces concepts relevant to compiling indicators that inform climate change. The topics

covered include among others: climate change policies and indicators; energy and air emission accounts; and, data sources. Two webinars will also be held as part of the course to provide an overview of the topics and allow participants to ask questions.

Following the completion of the course and depending on resource availability, in-kind support will be provided to countries interested in the compilation of climate change indicators that will be introduced and discussed during the course.

Target participants are officials in national statistical offices, line ministries (especially Ministries of Energy, Natural Resources and Environment) and other institutions who are working on climate change related issues. The course can also be useful to a wider audience who is interested to learn more about climate change indicators.

Please fill out the nomination form at the following link.

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The deadline for receipt of nominations is 5 January 2022.

For more information please refer to the course guideline [here](#)

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News from our Partners



Natural Capital Accounting: Implementing Ecosystem SEEA Accounting in South Africa

The Natural Capital and Valuation of Ecosystem Services project engaged South Africa in 2016. The project was co-led by Stats SA and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

The #NCAVES project has been a game-changer for natural capital accounting in South Africa. Find out [here](#) what the accounts have taught us about S. Africa's protected areas and iconic species



The Changing Wealth of Nations

The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021 provides an updated database and rich analysis of the world's wealth accounts spanning 146 countries, annually from 1995 to 2018.

It contains the widest set of assets covered so far, including human capital broken down by gender, as well as many different forms of natural capital, spanning minerals, fossil fuels, forests, mangroves, marine fisheries and more. [Read more:](#)

Publications

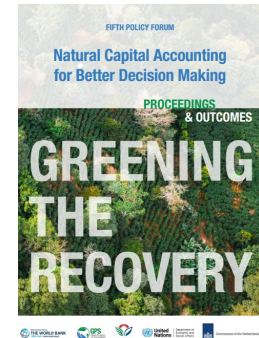
From Accounts to Policy: WAVES Closeout Report

The report summarizes key WAVES program results at the national and global levels, from its inception in 2012 to its 2019 completion. It also assesses the significance of results across four dimensions: data and information, tools and capacities, institutions, and decision making.



Fifth Policy Forum Natural Capital Accounting for Better Decision Making - PROCEEDINGS & OUTCOMES

This document is a record of the Fifth Policy Forum on Natural Capital Accounting for Better Decision Making. It is intended as a resource for Forum participants and others when planning and using NCA for a green recovery. It provides NCA Policy Forum background, the rationale and objectives for the Fifth Policy Forum on Greening the Recovery, a summary of materials presented, discussions held, and results in terms of key messages and priority recommended actions

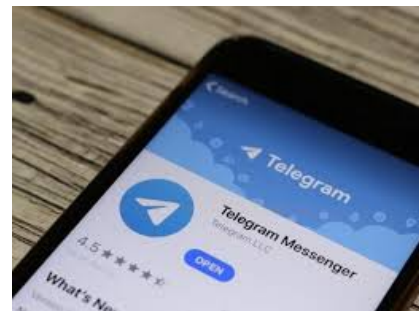


Join the NCA Telegram Group

To join the new NCA CoP Telegram group, follow these two easy steps:

1. Download the Telegram App on your device (Mobile phone or laptop) [here](#).
2. Click the [NCA CoP Telegram invitation link](#) that has been shared by the CoP secretariat team and join the group.

Find out more: [Telegram](#)



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