



Africa NCA CoP Newsletter



Dear Africa Community of Practice (CoP) members,

Welcome to the 7th and final issue of the CoP newsletter for this calendar year 2022! We would like to thank all members for your support and participation.

As we end the year, we reflect on some events that took place in the last quarter of the year. The 6th Policy Forum on Natural Capital for Better Decision Making: Financing for Nature was successfully held in November. The Forum focused on financing for nature, with a discussion on the role natural capital and ecosystem services data and analytics play in investment and policy decisions. *Please see a recap below.*

The Department of Statistics of South Africa, StatsSA, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment and the South African Water Research Commission convened together to host the Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Forum. The Africa CoP was well represented by SANBI's Aimee Ginsburg and Christine Magu from Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS). *Their respective presentations have been shared below.*

A line-up of events, webinars and trainings will be shared via the CoP communication platforms. Please look out for the first training of the year organised by the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UN SIAP) e-Learning course "**Compiling climate change indicators: an accounting approach**" which will be conducted from 16 January-24 February 2023. *Registration details are shared below.*

Please remember to send institutional news and updates on how NC is influencing policy and decision-making that you would like us to highlight and share with the CoP by sending your contributions to Imbonimpa@worldbank.org and pkatanisa@worldbank.org.

Best Wishes and a Happy New Year 2023!

The CoP Secretariat Team

COP GOVERNANCE



The planning and organization of the 1st Africa NCA policy forum scheduled to take place early next year is ongoing. A call for participation will be shared with all the CoP partner institutions, member countries and individuals in the coming weeks.

News from our Partners



Zambia Launches Land and Water Accounts

The Government of the Republic of Zambia with the support from the World Bank successfully launched the updated Land, and Water Natural Capital Account (NCA) Technical reports on 28th December 2022, under the Global Program on Sustainability (GPS).

The two reports were officially launched by the World Bank (Acting Zambia Country Manager, Ms. Ngao, Mubanga) and the Permanent Secretary (PS), Ministry of Finance and National Planning (Economic Management and Finance) Mr. Danies. K. Chisenda, accompanied by, the Acting PS – Monitoring and Evaluation Ministry of Finance and National Planning. [Read more:](#)



Capacity Building Training for Focal Points under the Ethiopia NCA initiative

The World Bank and United Nations Statistics Division conducted a training on the 20th of December 2022 for Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) focal points, in Ethiopia.

The training is part of the Ethiopian NCA initiative which aims is to help institutionalize NCA approaches in decision making by helping government agencies to acquire, maintain and update data and information on natural capital.

The initiative is one of the programs of Ethiopia's Resilient and Green Development Advisory Services and Analytics (RGD-ASA) [Read more:](#)



Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) & Climate Finance in Malawi -Informational Workshop

The African Community of Practice recently participated in a Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) and Climate Financing informational workshop for Malawi.

The workshop aimed at informing stakeholders about Climate Financing and the options currently available for Malawi, sharing experiences and examples from Climate Financing initiatives in other countries and about NCA and its potential policy applications.

Malawi has a great need to build resilience to climate change and extreme weather events—notably floods and droughts by fortifying the agriculture sector. [Read more:](#)



In Zambia, Natural Capital Accounts Ensure Future Prosperity for All

In 2016, Zambia began work on a system to account for its valuable natural resources. According to the national wealth accounts prepared by the World Bank, natural resources make up 40% of the country's wealth and are a cornerstone for its economic growth and strategies for poverty reduction.

To set the stage for their work establishing natural capital accounts, the Zambia Ministry of Finance and National Planning, began with two guiding principles:

GDP may increase in the short term, but if environmental degradation is not accounted for, it will be at the expense of future prosperity. [Read more:](#)

Training and Resources



"Compiling climate change indicators: an accounting approach" (e-Learning course) - 16 January-24 February 2023

The course is organized by the United Nations Statistical Institute of Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP). 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.

Click on the links below for more information and details on participation :

[Invitation Letter](#)
[Guidelines for participants](#)
[Nomination Forms:](#)



Permanent learning materials on the compilation and application of Environmentally Extended Supply-Use Tables (EE-SUTs) in Africa

The e-training materials seek to strengthen the capacity of African countries to compile and apply environment-economic accounts through Environmentally Extended Supply-Use Tables (EE-SUTs). The specific objectives of the e-training were: (a) for participants to acquire a good understanding of the related concepts, definitions, classifications, accounting framework, techniques, and data sources that are important for the compilation and application of EE-SUTs; (b) to reach out and benefit the maximum number of countries and participants on the continent, and (c) to create a permanent platform and knowledge base that will enable information sharing and learning during and beyond the e-trainings.

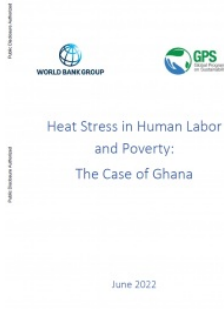
Access: [E-Training on EE-SUTs \(uneca.org\)](http://uneca.org)

Publications



Adaptation Gap Report 2022

Climate change is landing blow after blow upon humanity and the planet, an onslaught that will only intensify in the coming years even if the world begins to bring down greenhouse gas emissions. UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report 2022: Too Little, Too Slow – Climate adaptation failure puts world at risk finds that the world must urgently increase efforts to adapt to these impacts of climate change. [Read more:](#)



Ghana - Green Growth PASA : Heat Stress in Human Labor and Poverty

In this paper, authors assess the economic impacts of increased heat stress in humans in Ghana. As mean global temperatures increase, human capacity for manual labor is affected, particularly in activities with sun exposure such as agriculture and construction. [Read more:](#)

EVENT RECAP



6th Policy Forum on Natural Capital Data for Better Decision Making: Financing for Nature

The Natural Capital Policy Forum is the signature annual event of the Global Program on Sustainability (GPS). Co-organized with the United Nations Statistics Division, the Forum focused on financing for nature, with discussion on the role of natural capital and ecosystem services data and analytics in investment and policy decisions. Bringing together decision makers, researchers, academics and civil society representatives, emphasis was on connecting users—primarily the investment community and policy makers—with the data and analytics, and the data producers.

More: [Post event story and recordings.](#)

Natural Capital Accounting Forum, 2022

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), in partnership with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and the Water Research Commission (WRC) hosted the second in-person Natural Capital



Accounting Forum from 18 to 19 October 2022. The event brought together a wide range of experts to share knowledge, experiences and ideas on a range of topics. Technical presentations covered the development of a range of accounts, including water, protected areas, and ecosystem accounts (land and marine). The forum included robust discussion on data sharing, methodology, collaboration, capacity building, and how NCA can feed into policy decisions.

[Africa NCA Community of Practice \(Aimee Ginsburg on behalf of Peter Katanisa, World Bank & Africa NCA CoP\)](#)

[Implementation and capacity building for NCA globally \(Christine Magu, Kenyan National Bureau of Statistics and UNCEEA co-chair\)](#)

[All Presentations](#)

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