



Africa NCA CoP Newsletter



Dear Africa Community of Practice (CoP) members,

Welcome to the 6th issue of the CoP newsletter!

We would like to thank all members for your continued support and enthusiasm for the development of NCA in Africa. In the last quarter, we held a successful webinar on NCA country experiences: [NCA USING SEEA: THE KENYAN STORY](#) that highlighted insights on the process and institutions involved in compiling SEEA accounts by the Kenyan Government.

We would like to congratulate our member country Ethiopia on the launch of their Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Initiative workshop held last month in Addis Ababa. The initiative aims to build a robust information system for natural capital to inform national priorities and policies. Read more below.

Around the corner is the long anticipated annual 6th Policy Forum on Natural Capital for Better Decision Making: Financing for Nature taking place on 2nd and 3rd November 2022. The 2022 Forum will focus 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 save the date**, registration details are shared below.

Please continue to share your 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.

Please stay tuned for several upcoming events, webinars and trainings that will be shared via the CoP communication platforms.

Warm regards,

The CoP Secretariat Team



The planning and organization of the 1st Africa NCA Policy Forum is ongoing. The event is scheduled to take place between February and April 2023 as a hybrid event allowing both in-person and virtual attendance. 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



Ethiopia launches its Natural Capital Initiative

The World Bank's Global Program for Sustainability, in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division in partnership with the Ministry of Planning and Development, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture held a workshop to launch Ethiopia's Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Initiative.

With natural capital accounting for about 20 percent of Ethiopia's total wealth, a better understanding of the state of natural capital and of the flows of benefits it provides is vital to ensure sustainable and equitable growth.

The development of accounts in Ethiopia will initially focus on land, forest and water ecosystems and their services. [Read more:](#)



Development of Ecosystem Accounts using ARIES for SEEA: Training for Country Practitioners

In order to support the uptake of SEEA Ecosystem Accounts and strengthen the capacity building of countries in the Community of Practice, UNEP, UNSD, UNDP, the Basque Centre for Climate Change, the GDSA Secretariat and the Regional Hub of the UN Global Platform in Rwanda organized a training programme for application of ARIES for SEEA.

This training was provided for selected GDSA member countries (Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda).

It was funded by UNEP and hosted by the National Institute for Statistics in Rwanda (NISR). [Read more:](#)

Training and Resources



Earth observation for ecosystem accounting (EO4EA 2022)

Date: November 28 - December 1 2022

This workshop is organized by the European Space Agency in collaboration with the Environmental-Economic Account section of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Earth Observations for Ecosystem Accounting initiative of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO EO4EA). It seeks to bring together experts in Earth Observation and experts in Ecosystem Accounting to jointly discuss the key challenges that need to be addressed to use Earth Observation in compiling national ecosystem accounts to support national policies. Topics include physical supply and use tables, asset accounts, valuation and data sources.

More information: [Advancing Earth Observation for Ecosystem Accounting \(esa.int\)](https://esa.int)



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 \(uneca.org\)](https://uneca.org)

Publications



Making Nature Everyone's Business

The WWF Strategic Plan for Africa aims to create shared spaces that ensure co-existence between nature and people's needs; by engaging the whole of society to ensure nature is everyone's business.

The strategy demystifies two big myths: One, that Conservation and Economic Development cannot co-exist; and two, that Conservation is only for the elite few. The strategic plan calls for an overarching approach of inclusive conservation that ensures everyone's voice is heard.

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Central Africa States must invest in natural capital for the wellbeing of people and nature

Central African States can only achieve sustainable development when it is recognized that economies are embedded in nature and that unsustainable development will lead to the collapse of systems that are critical to both economy and wellbeing, a report published by WWF and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) states. The report titled: "Building a Sustainable Future for Central Africa in a Post-COVID World: The Role of Natural Capital", was launched on August 31, 2022, on the side-line of the first Africa Climate Week in Libreville, Gabon.

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SAVE THE DATE
Sixth Policy Forum on Natural Capital Accounting 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 aims to connect users—primarily the investment community and policy makers—with both data and analytics, and data providers, to share knowledge and experiences on incorporating natural capital accounting and approaches in decision making.

2-3 November 2022|Virtual Meeting

Register for the event using the [registration form](#)

Event Recap Webinars



Natural Capital Accounts in Zambia

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