



Linking issues to accounts

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Presentation Overview

- **What are the main issues of interest?**
- **What are the existing strategies, policies and processes used to address these issues?**
- **Connecting the issues, policies and process to ecosystem accounts**
- **What to do first?**



What are the issues?



a. Green growth or sustainable development

b. Climate change

c. Deforestation

d. What others?

e. Which is the most important?

What are the policies, processes or tools already in place?



a. Sustainable Development or Green Growth Strategies?

b. Climate change adaptation or mitigation strategies?

c. Land use planning?

d. What others?

e. What role does information play in implementing or assessing the effectiveness of these?

Issues and accounts

Who benefits? Who bares the costs?



Sustainable development

- Land cover and land use accounts
- Ecosystem service accounts, provisioning (e.g. food and water), regulating and cultural services
- Asset accounts



Climate change

- Land cover accounts
- Carbon sequestration and carbon stock accounts
- Water provisioning and water stock accounts



Deforestation

- Land cover and land use accounts
- Forest accounts
- Biodiversity accounts
- Ecosystem service accounts, provisioning services (timber) accounts, regulating services (e.g. water filtration, erosion control, water flow regulation)

Data sources



Biophysical



Economic



Agencies

List the specific data sources you know about

What are the barriers to getting the data?

How can the barriers be overcome?

What to do first?



a. The most important issue for the country

b. The accounts for which we have the most data and relevant expertise

c. The issue or strategy that can be best linked to accounts

d. Other options?

Is there a right answer??

Presentations are 10 minutes

They should include

- **What are the main issues**
- **Who are the main stakeholders**
- **Which accounts are most relevant**
- **Where you are now (February 2015)**
- **Where you want to be in 1 year (February 2016)**
- **Key milestones and activities between now and February 2016**

