

Brief summary of PTEC mtg outcomes and next steps
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Dear PTEC Members,

Thank you again for participating in the first meeting of the WAVES
Policy
and Technical Experts Committee, it was wonderful to see you (most of
you)
in Washington DC last week. Thank you also for the simulating discussion
and your very concrete suggestions!

We wanted to send you a quick email summarizing what was decided at the
meeting and detailing next steps.

Major Decisions

1. Broad work plan for PTEC:

PTEC has three broad objectives -

- (i) Development of methodologies for Ecosystem Accounting that have been tested and demonstrated at the country level;
- (ii) Input to the Handbook for the System of Environmental and Economic Accounts (SEEA), Vol. 2 on Ecosystem Accounting;
- (iii) Demonstrate policy applications through work in WAVES countries and compiling evidence from other case studies;

The attached Excel spreadsheet (WAVES PTEC Roles.xlsx) details the activities that will be undertaken to support each of these objectives. Two working groups, one on methodology and another on policy applications, are to be established to design and guide implementation of the first and third objectives, respectively.

(See attached file: WAVES PTEC Roles.xlsx)

2. Tasks for PTEC Members:

To help further the three objectives, PTEC members would be expected to

- (i) Review workplans and composition of working groups
- (ii) Review, comment, and provide quality assurance
- (iii) Help liaison with other related efforts
- (iv) Serve as Brand Ambassadors for Natural Capital Accounting

We will be holding quarterly conference calls with members to provide them with updates and to seek their inputs.

3. Communications:

There was broad agreement that communications needed to support PTEC from the start, and not just serve to disseminate study findings. Members agreed to (i) write blogs on NCA; (ii) help link WAVES Partnership website

(www.wavespartnership.org) to their program website; and (iii) share relevant research to be featured on WAVES Partnership website;

Next Steps

(i) Circulate detail meeting minutes.

(ii) Establish two groups, one on methodology and one on policy, to brainstorm on how to organize the work, including setting up a working group which will then develop a detail workplan.

We are requesting members to please let us know if they would like to participate in either of these groups. We expect that the brainstorming

will take a couple of hours over a teleconference or VC and will be held over the next 2-3 weeks.

(iii) Invite 1-2 additional natural scientist to join PTEC.

We are requesting members to please nominate potential natural scientists who are open to working across disciplines and in particular to supporting ecosystem accounting.

(iv) The consultation draft of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting is now available on the UNSD website ---
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/seearev/chapterList.asp?volID=2>
We'd like to draw your attention to Chapter 5 and 6 on valuation and request that you please send comments to UNSD on these.

(v) We will be working with a number of you over the next few weeks to formalize partnership arrangements.

(vi) Sonu Jain will be following up on communication activities, including sharing the generic WAVES PPT;

Please let us know if we have missed any information decisions or next steps and thank you again for your involvement with PTEC!

Warm regards,

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