

AFRICA FORUM ON NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

Towards a Regional Community of Practice

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Framing the discussion: some ideas for a Community of Practice

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Why do the organisers believe a Community of Practice may be useful?

- **Goal:** Build the momentum for mainstreaming natural capital into development planning in Africa
- **Purpose:**
 - Enabling closer cooperation and support between countries using NCA
 - Strengthen governments' capacity to use NCA
 - Facilitate collaboration and interaction with other research organisations, and other relevant players.
- Organisers are committed to provide available technical support for an Africa Regional Community of Practice on NCA over the coming years, and to work with donors and financiers to mobilise additional resources to meet demand.

Initial ideas for adding value through regional cooperation

Increased opportunities for learning, dialogue, partnership, collaboration, and funding.

Additional chains of communication

Opportunities to learn from other countries on implementation within African context.

Dialogues among Practitioners and decision-makers

Opportunities to enhance awareness of existence and potential uses of accounts in Africa.

Political decision-making and governance

Opportunities to learn about relevance of accounts towards common issues in Africa (e.g. land degradation) and inputting into successful strategies/planning.

Access to technology/methodologies

Opportunities to collaborate, learn, partner with other countries/organisations to address common hurdles (e.g. data availability; capacity)

Technical support & funding

Opportunities to jointly seek technical support and funding streams to improve capacity and implementation.

Break Out Session n. 1

What an African NCA Community of Practice should do, and opportunities for collaboration



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Break-out groups – by area of interest!

- **Business/investment group:** Hannah Brooke (Natural Capital Coalition)
- **Integrated field programmes group:** Rosimeiry Portela (Conservation International)
- **Policy group:** Kwame Fredua (Govt. of Ghana)
- **Data + Statistics agencies:** Marko Javorsek (UN Statistics Division)



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Questions for discussion

- Is there a real 'demand' for an Africa-wide Community of Practice on Natural Capital Accounting? Why (or why not)?
- What should the purpose of an Africa-wide Community of Practice be?
- What should be the main activities of an Africa-wide Community of Practice?



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Break Out Session n. 2

How to organize the Africa NCA Community of Practice



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Dot voting...dotmocracy!

- Take 5 sticky dots and use them to “vote” for priority activities on the central flipchart
- Each person can vote!



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Topics for discussion

- Membership – who and at what level?
- Coordination
- Operating principles
- Links to other networks and existing Communities of Practice
- What could be included in a first-year workplan? (e.g. short-term quick, cheap, and easy wins as well as longer-term ambitions)

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Plenary discussion



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Next steps

- Post-workshop report including roadmap
- Meeting next year – in 2020
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Thank you



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