Dear Colleagues,

With our WAVES annual partnership meeting and the World Bank Spring Meetings behind us, we are quickly moving forward with our work plans in both Washington and in WAVES country offices. We are also processing requests from many new countries that have signed on to the Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) initiative. The recently-released WAVES 2013 annual report highlights our work over the past year.

In Botswana, high-level political buy-in is playing an instrumental role in moving NCA forward, starting with the construction of preliminary water accounts by the Department of Water Affairs.

Last week, the Republic of Mauritius hosted a workshop on water accounts and statistics attended by participants from five other southern African countries.

We are also pleased to announce that Switzerland has become the latest WAVES donor. Their generous commitment of $5 million will support two complimentary initiatives within the World Bank and the IFC.

Over the summer we will be publishing our newsletter monthly instead of bi-weekly.

Thanks, the WAVES Team
Botswana Moves Ahead on Water Accounts
High-level political buy-in for natural capital accounting in Botswana has helped the country advance on WAVES work.

Switzerland Becomes Latest WAVES Donor
The Government of Switzerland is the latest WAVES donor, with a $5 million contribution to the global partnership. The funds will go toward efforts to incorporate the value of natural resources in public and private sector decision-making.

Southern African Countries Share Experiences on Water Accounts
A workshop on water accounts and statistics held May 8-10 brought together participants from the national statistics offices and water and environment ministries, and other agencies from Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

WAVES Annual Report Highlights Progress, Momentum
In the past year, WAVES partner countries have agreed upon priority accounts and made great strides in moving their work plans forward.

Natural Capital Accounting in the News
May 15, 2013
Celestial Green Ventures
Blog on Natural Capital, Biodiversity and the TEEB Global Initiative

May 13, 2013
Greenbiz.com
Interview with President/CEO of The Nature Conservancy, Mark Tercek

May 10, 2013
Huffington Post
Blog by Al Gore on Carbon Dioxide Concentrations Reaching New High

May 9, 2013
Bloomberg
Resource Strain Pushes Coca-Cola, Dow to Put Price Tags on Nature

May 7, 2013