Dear Colleagues,

Rich in water resources, minerals and lush forests, countries in Latin America and the Caribbean are showing a growing interest in natural capital accounting (NCA). The WAVES team spoke with Kristina Taboulchanas, a specialist in environmental statistics and accounts with the United Nation's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), about this trend and how WAVES can support ECLAC's efforts.

We also report on a workshop held in Panama late June that was attended by representatives from nine countries in Latin America to promote the importance of strengthening environmental statistics and NCA in the region.

In early July, over 100 officials from 25 countries came together in Nairobi, Kenya to discuss shared experiences on implementing inclusive, green economy approaches as a means for reducing poverty and ensuring sustainable development. The Green Economy workshop also helped identify how the UN system and partners can better respond to country demand to implement these approaches.

A new World Bank research paper shows that protecting biodiversity has global benefits, but conserving natural areas has big opportunity costs for developing countries.

Read how WAVES is progressing in Botswana and Madagascar, two of our five core implementing partners.
Remember to keep us posted on work you are doing in the field and within your organizations so we can all stay on top of these combined efforts on NCA!

Thanks, the WAVES Team

NCA Gaining Momentum in Resource-Rich Latin America and the Caribbean
Kristina Taboulchanas of the United Nation's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean talks about the challenges and opportunities in implementing natural capital accounting in the region and how ECLAC and WAVES can join forces to make this a reality.

Talking about Green Economy in Nairobi
A Green Economy workshop in Kenya provided a forum for over 100 officials and experts from 25 countries, to discuss a range of assessment and modeling tools to help countries.

Biodiversity and National Accounting
A new World Bank research paper shows biodiversity provides a range of benefits to the economy. These values can be captured in national accounts, leading to better estimates of the economic losses when natural areas are degraded or destroyed. Read More or Download Paper.

WAVES Implementation in Botswana, Madagascar
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WAVES Voices:
"Without environmental statistics, the policy making process is blind. How do we achieve sustainable development without the appropriate information to identify needs, set goals and monitor progress?" -- Kristina Taboulchanas, a specialist in environmental statistics and accounts with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

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