



Government Dialogue on Natural Capital 2018

Summary sheet results workstream 2: Practice

Brief description

This work stream focuses on identifying government actions across the world to foster an enabling environment for natural capital thinking and mainstreaming natural capital into decision making.

Who is involved

<i>Lead-country</i>	South Africa
<i>Lead-partners</i>	Natural Capital Coalition and Dutch Government
<i>Participants</i>	Australia, Ghana, Japan, Nigeria, United Kingdom, CISL, European Commission, Gaborone Declaration, IUCN, ASEAN, Botswana, Brazil, Costa Rica, Israel, Madagascar, Mexico, New Zealand, Uganda

What has been done

- A template for collection of best practices has been designed together with an invitation letter sent to a large list of countries, categorized geographically. The template can be used for gathering best practices in the future.
- An extensive collection of best practices (>40) from across the world has been gathered.
- Connection of the best practices with the narrative and accounting work streams is built.

Results

The expansive list of initiatives and case studies gathered within this work stream will be accessible through the [Natural Capital HUB](#). The best practices received shows that governments across the world are taking several actions to foster natural capital thinking, as well as different engagement approaches to involve other government agencies and businesses to explore alternative sustainability pathways.

All materials received has been highly useful to show the applied side of natural capital thinking and reinforce the messages of the positive narrative and accounting narrative developed by other work streams of the Natural Capital Government Dialogue.

Lessons learned

- Some applications are repeated across the world, showing successful approaches that can be widely replicated, especially in terms of developing natural capital accounting and providing insights to inform decision making.
- Some applications are innovative and can be an inspiration for other governments.
- Institutional and legislative provisions on Natural Capital are present in some of the applications but require further analysis and information.
- On a practical level, targeted participants require clarity on what the scope is for natural capital actions and approaches.
- Participants are willing to participate and contribute, though they are under resource restrictions and don't have the time to align their work and responsibilities towards natural capital thinking.
- The narrative on Natural Capital needs to be simple and practical.

What next

- Publication of all best practices in the Natural Capital HUB, building connections with the other work streams of the Government Dialogue (narrative and accounting).
- Continuous identification of Government best practices to keep the Natural Capital HUB updated.
- Need a policy frame with a set of widely accepted principles for Natural Capital Approaches
- Exploring and reinforcing connections with Combining Forces on Natural Capital program, especially on the priority area of Case studies.

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