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Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa Regional Perspectives on Natural Capital Accounting

**June 21 – 23 2016
Intercontinental Hotel
Nairobi, Kenya**

Background

Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) has been recognized as an important tool for evidence-based policy making on the role of nature toward sound economic planning and development. NCA has been identified as one of the useful frameworks for the purpose of monitoring and reporting on the United Nations post-2015 development agenda.

In Africa, the development of Natural Capital Accounts has been ongoing since the late 1980s, with dozens of pilot accounts developed by numerous countries across the region. With NCA now gaining global momentum, countries are exploring more comprehensive solutions to mainstream the results of accounts into decision making.

The Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa (GDSA)¹ provides a platform for using NCA to inform and encourage sustainable development. The overall objective of the Declaration is, “to ensure that the contributions of natural capital to sustainable economic growth, maintenance and improvement of social capital and human well-being are quantified and integrated into development and business practice.” The Declaration, agreed to by ten African Heads of State in 2012, commits signatory countries to:

1. Incorporate the value of natural capital in public and private policies and decision-making;
2. Pursue sustainable production in agriculture, fisheries, and extractive industries while maintaining natural capital; and
3. Generate data and build capacity to support policy networks.

The GDSA was endorsed as a vehicle for green development by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in March 2015, thereby earmarking the GDSA for inclusion in the African Union (AU) structures of programs. Conservation International (CI)² has been delegated the functions of the GDSA Secretariat by the Government of Botswana until 2018. In addition, CI has conducted innovative research and development of Ecosystem Accounting efforts, working together with the Government of Peru.

¹ <http://www.gaboronedeclaration.com>

² <http://www.conservation.org>



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In Botswana, Madagascar, and Rwanda – along with additional countries in other areas of the world – the Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES)³, a World Bank-led global partnership, aims to promote sustainable development by ensuring that natural resources are mainstreamed in development planning and national economic accounts.

Recognizing the importance of NCA in measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development, the Secretariat of the Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa (GDSA and Conservation International (CI) and in partnership with WAVES, will hold a Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) workshop on the 21-23 June 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss potential avenues of knowledge sharing on NCA across the Gaborone Declaration.

Objectives and Expected Outputs of the Workshop

The purpose of the Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Workshop is to share experiences on NCA implementation and its use in policy making, learn from those experiences, and discuss opportunities for mainstreaming NCA in GDSA countries. The objectives of the workshop are as follows:

1. Provide tailored feedback to workshop attendees as it relates to their specific NCA needs.
2. Facilitate learning exchanges and interactive activities to enhance knowledge and ensure a common language around NCA.
3. Explore avenues for building or enhancing country programs in NCA and areas of collaboration moving forward, potentially in the form of an African-led Community of Practice on NCA.

The outputs of the workshop will include:

1. The GDSA Natural Capital Accounting Statement: A statement drafted together with workshop attendees to clearly capture the outcomes of the workshop as well as next steps. This statement will articulate suggested methods for regular and enhanced communication across the GDSA in the framework of a Community of Practice.
2. Workshop Report: To be based on the outcomes of the workshop and on the pre-workshop Scoping Assessments. Will provide a baseline for existing NCA work across the GDSA and articulate country-specific opportunities for NCA.

³ <http://www.wavespartnership.org>



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Day 1 June 21 2016

Mara North Conference Room (Ground Floor, Intercontinental Hotel)

Time	Opening session	Institution
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee	GDSA Secretariat
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome remarks	GDSA Secretariat
09:10 – 09:30	Introduction of the Participants	GDSA Secretariat
09:30 – 09:45	Statement by the Government of Botswana	Hon. John Moreti (Botswana High Commission)
09:45 – 10:00	Statement by the Government of Kenya	GoK (TBD)
10:00 – 10:15	Keynote: GDSA + NCA	Carlos Manuel Rodriguez (Vice President, CI)
10:15 – 10:30	World Bank WAVES Program – Overview and future steps	Dr. Stig Johansson (WAVES Program Manager, World Bank)
10:30 – 10:45	The Global Impact of Natural Capital Accounting	United Nations Statistical Division (video)
10:45 – 11:00	Discussion	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam
11:00 – 11:05	Group Photo with guest speakers	All
11:05 – 11:20	Coffee break	All
Time	What is Natural Capital Accounting?	Institution
11:20 – 12:00	Overview of Natural Capital Accounting	Mark Eigenraam
12:00 – 12:30	Case Study from Namibia: Using NCA in practice	Ferdinand Mwapopi (Project Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion: Issues for the Community of Practice	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam & Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	All
Time	The SEEA Central Framework	Institution
14:00 – 14:45	The SEEA Central Framework – Introduction	Mark Eigenraam
14:45 – 15:15	Case Study from Botswana: Priority setting to pick and develop Water Accounts	Government of Botswana (TBD)
15:15 – 15:45	Interactive activity: linking the Central Framework to decision making	Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion: Issues for the Community of Practice	Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI) Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam & Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
16:00 – 16:15	Tea	All
16:15 – 17:00	The Sustainable Development Goals and Natural Capital Accounting	Carlos Manuel Rodriguez (Vice President, CI) Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam & Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
17:00 – 17:15	Wrap up of Day 1	Ruud Jansen (Executive Secretary, GDSA)
17:15 – 19:00	Cocktail Event <i>Le Chateau (roof top venue; Intercontinental Hotel)</i>	All



Day 2 June 22 2016

Mara North Conference Room (Ground Floor, Intercontinental Hotel)

Time	Opening Session	Institution
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome coffee	GDSA Secretariat
08:45 – 09:00	Review of Day 1; Overview of Day 2	Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI)
Time	Environmental Ecosystem Accounting	Institution
09:00 – 09:45	Introduction to Ecosystem Accounting: What is it? What can be measured? How does it relate to the Central Framework?	Daniel Juhn (Senior Director, CI); Dr. Rosimeiry Portela (Senior Director, CI)
09:45 – 10:00	Introduction to Biodiversity Accounting	Steven King (Environmental Economist, UNEP-WCMC)
10:00 – 10:30	Case Study: Linking accounts to policy in South Africa	Amanda Driver (Senior Biodiversity Policy Advisor, SANBI)
10:30 – 11:15	Interactive Activity: Policy driven Ecosystem Accounting	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break	All
Time	Linking to Decision-Makers	Institution
11:30 – 12:15	Forest Accounts - Lessons in linking accounts to policy and decision-makers	Juan-Pablo Castañeda (Sr. Environmental Economist, WAVES, World Bank); Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
12:15 – 12:45	Case Study from Rwanda: Accounting in Practice	Government of Rwanda (TBD)
12:45 – 13:00	Discussion: Issues for the Community of Practice	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam & Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	All
14:00 – 15:00	Break Out Session: Steps in implementing and using NCA	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam & Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
15:00 – 15:30	Sharing and Feedback	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam & Dr. Michael Vardon (WAVES, World Bank)
15:30 – 16:00	Community of Practice: A collaborative opportunity for enhancing NCA in the GDSA	Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI)
16:00 – 16:30	Interactive Activity to discuss the Community of Practice	Facilitated by Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI)
16:30 – 16:45	Closing remarks	Disikalala Gaseitsiwe (Deputy Executive Secretary, GDSA Secretariat)
16:45 – 17:00	Tea	All



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Day 3 June 23 2016 (GDSA government officials and workshop organizers)

Mara North Conference Room (Ground Floor, Intercontinental Hotel)

Time		Institution
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome coffee	GDSA Secretariat
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome remarks	Carlos Manuel Rodriguez (Vice President, CI)
09:10 – 09:50	GDSA + NCA Overview (past, present, future)	Ruud Jansen (Executive Secretary, GDSA); Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI)
09:50 – 10:10	Community of Practice: Overview of Previous Day's Discussions	Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI)
10:10 – 12:00	Feedback on Community of Practice	Facilitated by Mark Eigenraam
12:00 – 12:15	Tea	All
12:20 – 12:45	Summarizing Morning Discussions, Next Steps, and the GDSA NCA Statement	Ruud Jansen (Executive Secretary, GDSA); Dr. Kim Reuter (Natural Capital Accounting Director, CI)
12:45 – 1:00	Closing Remarks	Ruud Jansen (Executive Secretary, GDSA)
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch	All