



Regional cooperation program Some initial lessons

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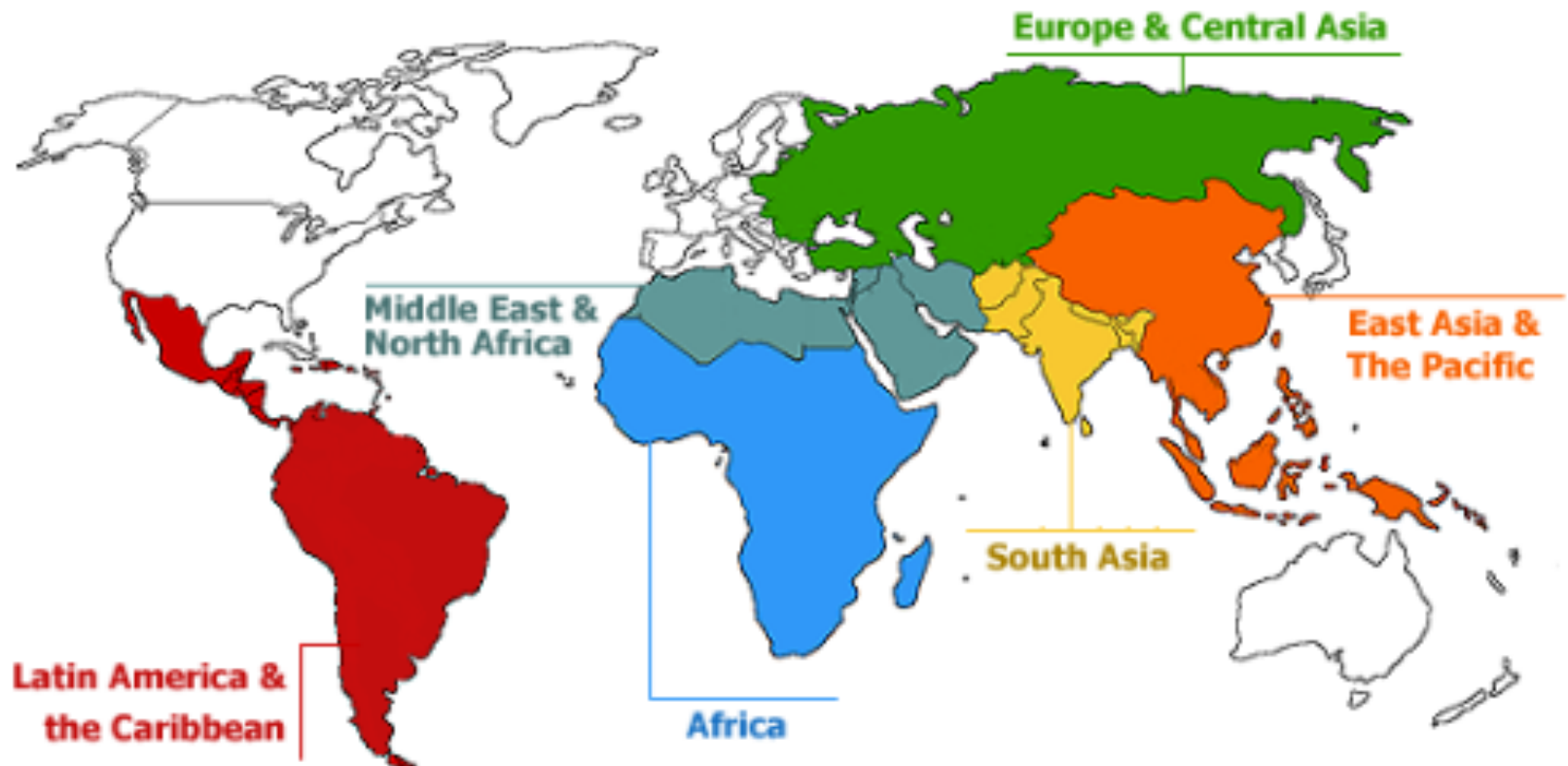


Advancing NCA through regional cooperation

- Respond to growing demand by non-CIC countries
 - CICs as anchor countries for regional networks and collaborating institutions
- Build national capacity through regional cooperation
 - Support countries through knowledge dissemination, thematic training, sharing country-to-country experiences, and technical assistance
 - Identify priorities and arrangements through regional scoping assessments
 - Use existing institutions/platforms as partners
 - Respond to country demand or strategic opportunities



World Bank Regions: From scoping to implementation



A few lessons from LAC...

**Latin America &
the Caribbean**



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NCA is in the radar...

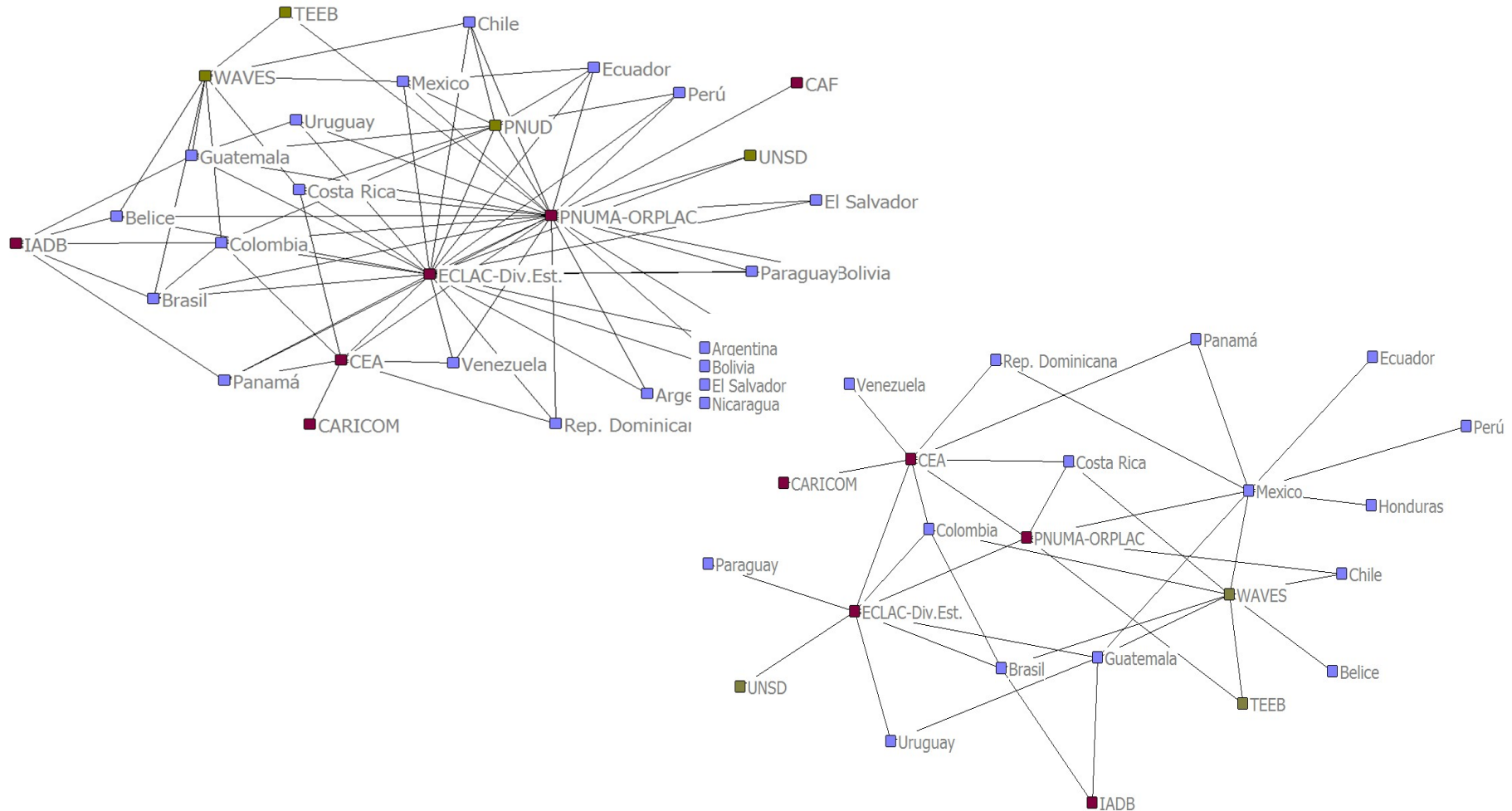
Top-Down Bottom-up approaches

		Own consultation (web search and interviews)				
		2015				
		SEEA implemented	No SEEA implemented but working on it	No SEEA implemented but interested	NO-NO	No in 2015
UN Global Assessment 2007 ECLAC 2008	SEEA implemented	Colombia México				
	No SEEA implemented but working on it	Guatemala	Panamá República Dominicana			
	No SEEA implemented but interested	Brasil	Bolivia			
	NO-NO		Chile Costa Rica			
	No in 2008	Ecuador		Uruguay Paraguay El Salvador Perú		Argentina Venezuela Nicaragua Honduras Belice

Stay equal	Made improvements
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There are multiple actors and they connect in different ways...

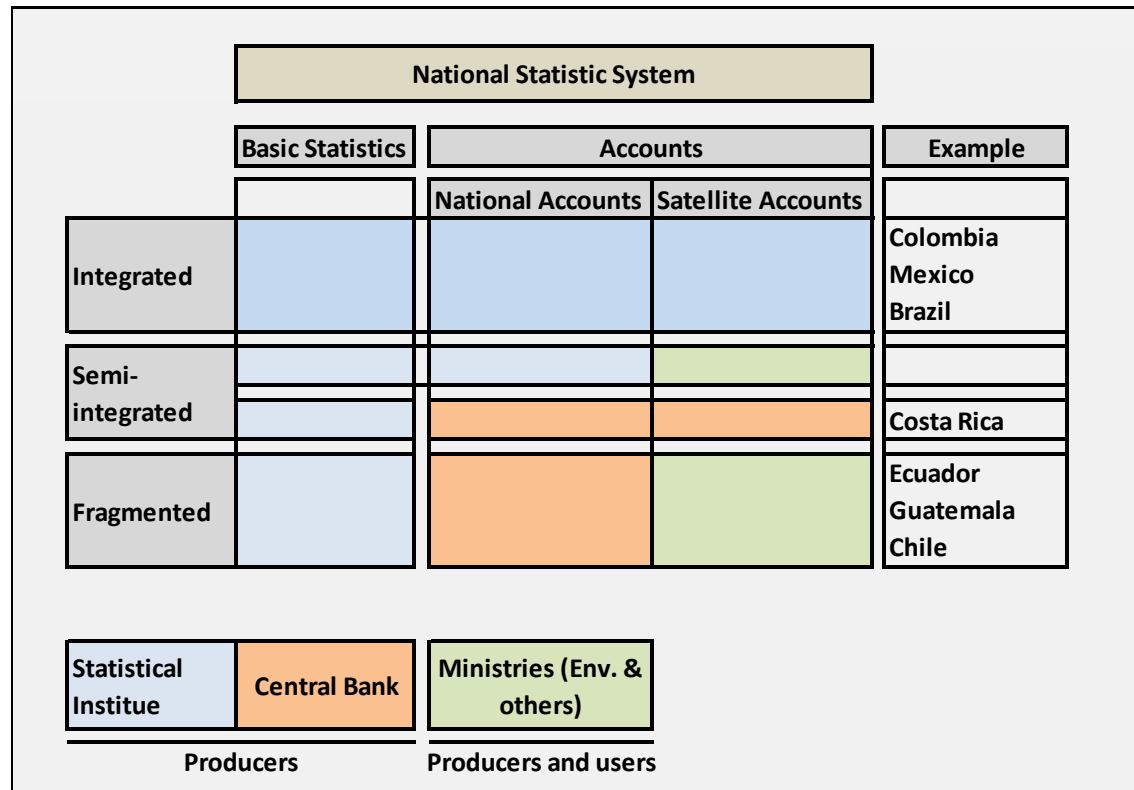


Accounts are being developed or were developed recently...

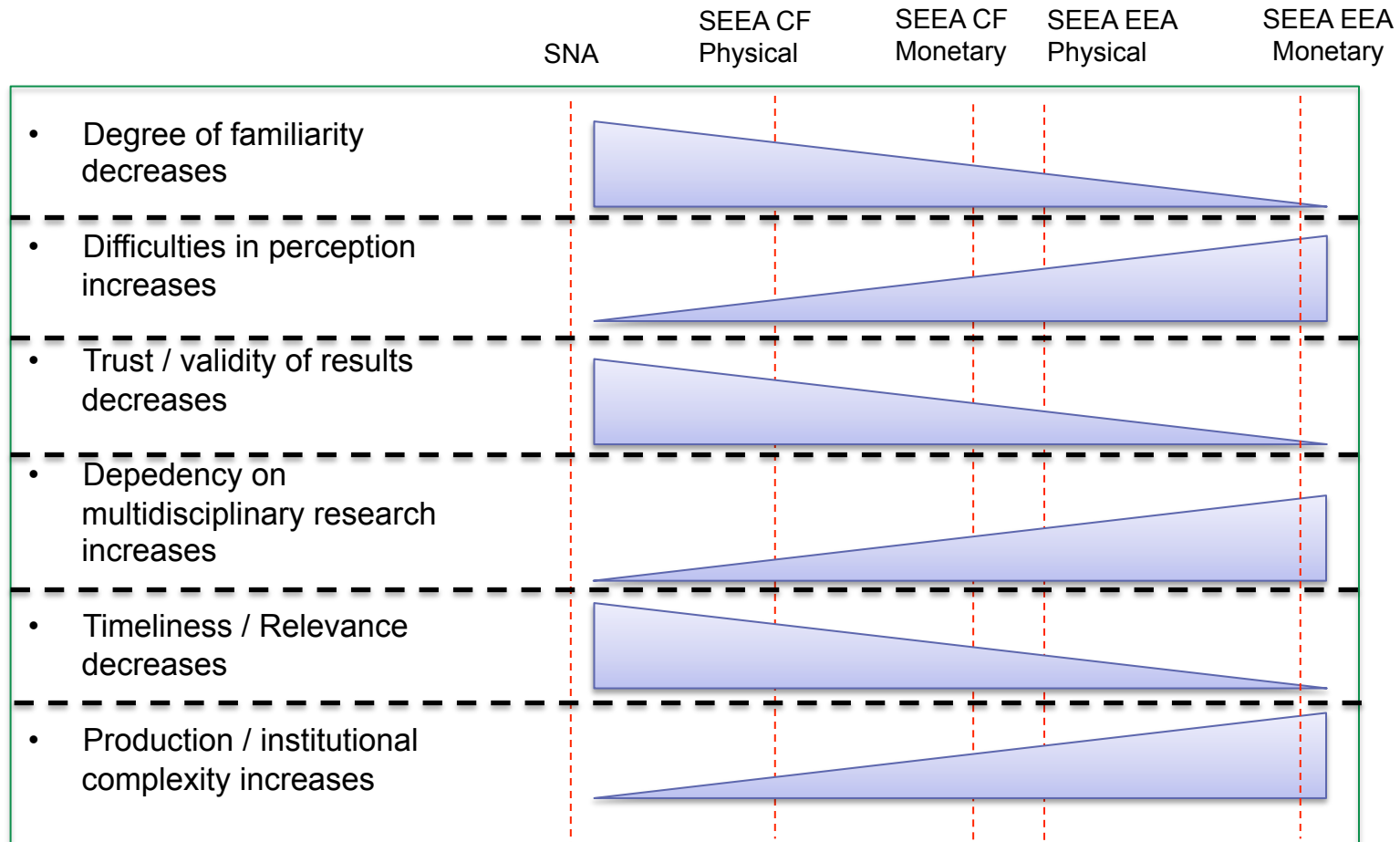
	Ecosystems	Emission	Energy	Env. protection expenses	Forest	Soil	Waste	Water
Bolivia								X
Brasil			X		X	X		X
Chile		X			X			
Colombia		X	X	X	X	X		X
Costa Rica					X			X
Dominican Rep.								X
Ecuador					X			X
Ecuador		X		X	X	X	X	X
Guatemala	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mexico	X			X	X			X
Panama				X	X			X
Peru	X			X	X			X
Uruguay					X	X		X
	Available	Working on		Planning to				



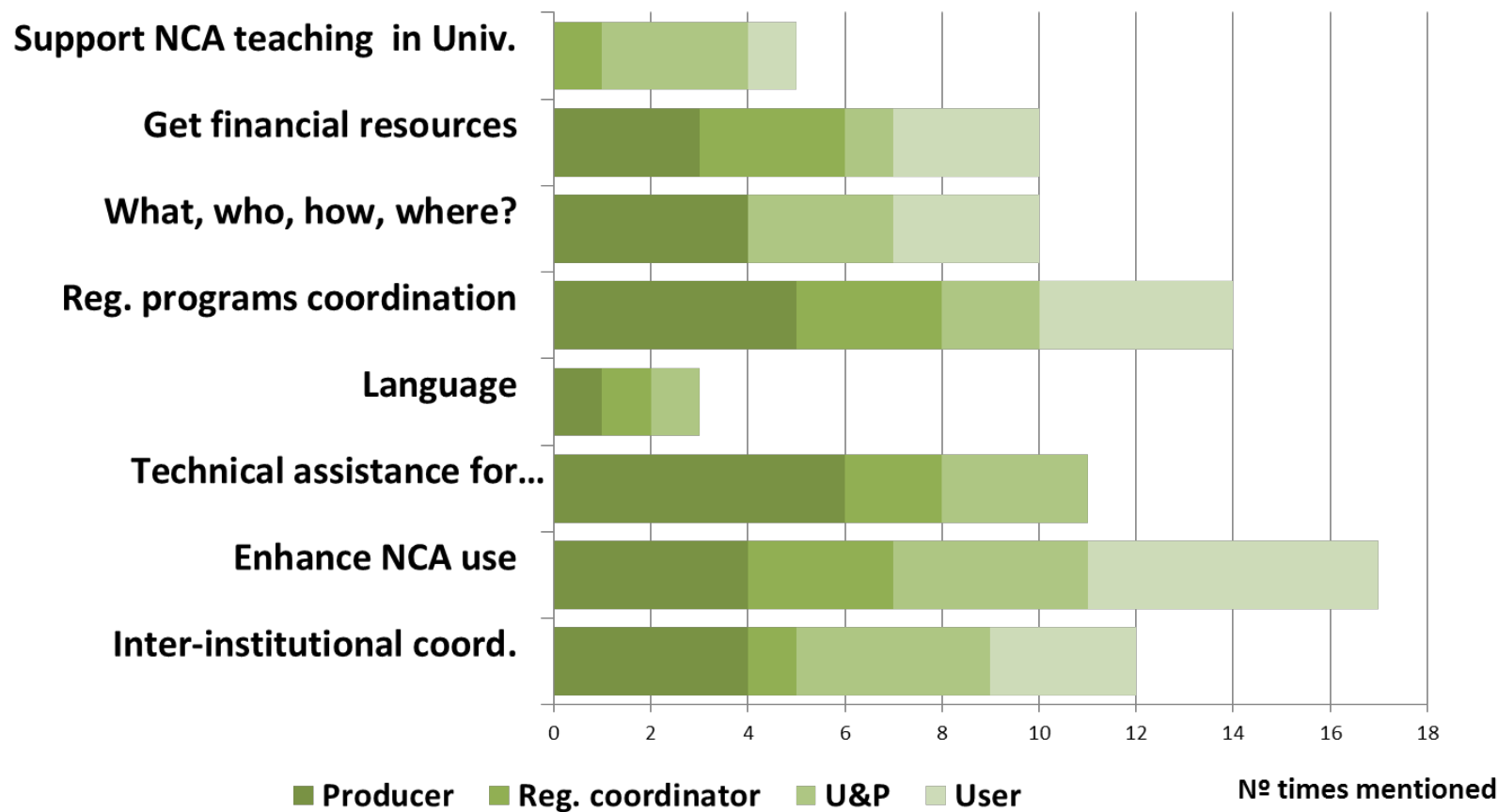
Countries do things in different ways...



Strong tensions: From national to ecosystem accounts



There are different priorities/gaps...



There are different challenges...

	Lack of statistics producers and data availability	Interinstitutional coordination	Lack of SEEA expertise	Absence of SEEA demand	Financial resources availability	Disarticulation between statistical registries and NCA
Bolivia	X	X				X
Brazil	X		X			X
Chile	X			X		X
Colombia		X		X		X
Costa Rica	X	X		X		
Dominican Rep.	X			X		X
Ecuador	X	X		X		X
El Salvador	X	X	X			X
Guatemala				X	X	
Mexico	X		X	X		X
Panama			X	X	X	X
Paraguay	X	X		X	X	X
Peru				X	X	
Uruguay		X	X	X		



We know the theory...

Success	Fail
1. Stick to strategic objectives	1. Lack of a core group
2. Divide objectives into sub-topics	2. Low level of one-to-one interaction between members (face-to-face, telephone, e-mail etc.)
3. Form governance committees with sponsors and COP leaders	
4. Have a sponsor and a COP leader who are “best practice control agents”	
5. Regularly feed the COP with external expertise	3. Rigidity of competences
6. Promote access to other intra- and inter organizational networks	4. Lack of identification with the CoP
7. The CoP leader must have a driver and promoter role	5. Practice intangibility
8. Overcome hierarchy-related pressures	
9. Provide the sponsor with measurable performance	
10. Illustrate results for CoP members	



We know a little bit about the practice...

The screenshot displays the REGATTA website interface. At the top left is the PNUMA logo with the text 'REGATTA Portal Regional para la Transferencia de Tecnología y la Acción frente al Cambio Climático en América Latina y el Caribe'. Below this are two main navigation menus: 'Comunidades de Práctica Adaptación' and 'Comunidades de Práctica Mitigación'. The 'Adaptación' menu includes options like 'ADAPTACIÓN BASADA EN ECOSISTEMAS', 'ANDES', 'CONO SUR Y GRAN CHACO', 'MESOAMERICA', and 'SALUD'. The 'Mitigación' menu includes 'AGRICULTURA', 'EFICIENCIA ENERGÉTICA', 'ENERGÍA', 'ENERGÍA SOLAR FOTOVOLTAICA', 'MANEJO DE RESIDUOS', 'NAMAS', and 'TRANSPORTE'. Below the menus are logos for LACEEP (Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program), LATN (Red LATN), and UNEP.

Challenges for success:

- Ownership by institutions
- Very active promotion by leader
- Joint forces with other initiatives
- Complement virtual with face-to-face meetings
- Complement sharing and generating knowledge
- Demand driven topics and activities
- Illustrate results to other
- Visibility on related events



There are many tools we could use...

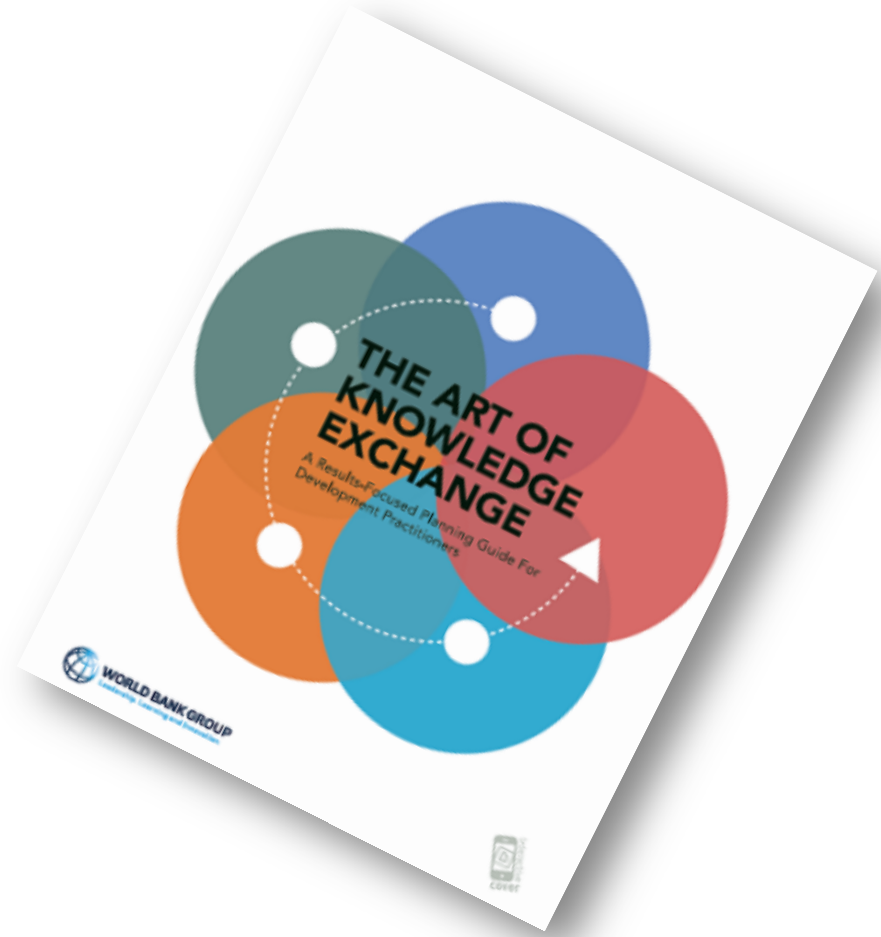
Knowledge platform

- Metabases
- Libraries
- Webinars
- Blogs

Building capacity

- Courses
- Training
- Research grants

Etc...



WAVES is a Community of Practice

What/Where are the gaps?



News and Events

Features, Blogs and Videos



Feature

The Statistical Community Convenes to Discuss Standards for Accounts

WAVES contributes experience with ecosystem accounting and NCA to the London Group's annual meeting.



Multimedia

WAVES: Managing Natural Resources for Future Generations

The Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) is a global partnership program that accounts for the natural capital and services ecosystems provide.

Accounting for our natural resources and the benefits they provide us is the first step in sustainably managing these resources for future generations.



Feature

Natural Capital Accounting: Going Beyond the Numbers

WAVES Program Manager Stig Johansson blogs on key global trends in NCA and highlights resources on the Knowledge Center.



Feature

Philippines Releases Results From Preliminary Ecosystem Accounts

Results call for an urgent need to strengthen policies and enforce environmental regulations to protect ecosystems, manage competing uses and promote sustainable development.



Feature

White House Goes to Bat for Nature and the Economy

WAVES Environmental Specialist, Ken Bagstad, provides a closer look at a recent U.S. directive to consider nature's value in Federal planning and decision-making.

From around the web

Stunning Sights, Wild Experiences: Nature-Based Tourism A Boon for Emerging Economies

(The World Bank)
December 07, 2015

When nature is well managed, many sectors of the economy thrive – agriculture benefits from good soil and plentiful water; fisheries are rewarded with valuable catches; coastal cities are better protected from storms.

COP21 Is Reminding Us That Everyone's Prosperity Relies on Nature

(Huffington Post)
December 04, 2015

Natural resources lie at the heart of all human development stories from the first settlers who tilled the soil to later civilizations who have relied on resource extraction. Today, nature holds a powerful solution to development and environmental challenges, blogs Justin Adams, Global Managing Director of Lands at The Nature Conservancy.

World Forum on Natural Capital Shows 'We Get It'

(IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands)
December 04, 2015

Mathew Parr, Senior Advisor in Natural Capital at the IUCN National



Event calendar

Knowledge Center latest

In the WAVES Knowledge Center, you can access our free online collection of useful Natural Capital Accounting and Wealth Accounting resources.

The Little Green Data Book 2015

Publication , (250p) , January 2015 , WAVES

Biodiversity and National Accounting (Policy Research Working Paper)

Publication , (26p) , April 2015 , WAVES

System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 – Central Framework

Technical Report , (378p) , May 2015 , WAVES

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The road ahead...



WAVES Plus – Regional component

- Knowledge dissemination
- Regional synergies, training and sharing
- Targeted technical assistance



Some of the key challenges:

- **Who is responsible?**
- **Who participates and how?**
- **What are the expectations and what can be provided?**
- **What are the steps?**
- **What is the timeframe?**
- **How to guarantee sustainability?**
- **How to measure of results?**

