

Q&A

Achille Carlos Deffo 02:21 PM

Hello everyone, thanks for the presentation. How to join the UN Global Platform on Big Data?

Kenneth Bagstad 02:31 PM

This is a link to the UN Big Data Committee: <https://unstats.un.org/bigdata/about/index.cshtml>

Fadeke Ayoola 02:28 PM

Is there a fee to use this platform?

Kenneth Bagstad 02:30 PM

ARIES is free for all nonprofit use (i.e., by governments, academic researchers, NGOs, development banks).

Donata Kemirembe 02:39 PM

could you clarify on how ARIES deals with customized ecosystem accounts yet eases sharing and development of models

Kenneth Bagstad 02:45 PM

ARIES uses an AI technology called machine reasoning, which enables it to prioritize the use of specific data/models in different modeling contexts (i.e., time or place). By sharing more data and models on the web, making them accessible to ARIES, and adding semantic information that precisely defines their content, the machine reasoning algorithm can navigate different model and data choices depending on user needs. That means that the system grows more useful and powerful the more people are contributing data and models to the network.

Fadeke Ayoola 02:48 PM

Is ARIES a work in progress or is it ready to use to produce accounting? Is the data updated regularly?

This question has been answered live

Kenneth Bagstad 02:50 PM

Data are periodically updated, but that update process will be better and better when a larger user community contributes more data - because more data will be available in ARIES for improved and more customized accounting.

Bernard Kelebang 02:50 PM

Is it possible for one to add his/her own other vector maps to focus analysis on areas within the administrative boundaries provided as an alternative to zooming.

Bram Edens would like to answer this question live.

Alessio Bulckaen 03:25 PM

Yes, that is possible, contexts in ARIES are set using a vector maps, so if you have yours you can use this map to delimit the geographic boundaries of your analysis

Fadeke Ayoola 02:52 PM

Is the data for country level only or can you use it for local level?

Kenneth Bagstad 03:27 PM

Local level data can certainly be used, as well as country level data.

Achille Carlos Delfo 02:53 PM

Thank you for the presentation. Is the generated report editable?

Kenneth Bagstad 03:26 PM

It's not, by design, because the report should reflect what happens as ARIES assembles data and models on the fly. The report can of course be downloaded, and it can be customized when a new model is contributed to ARIES and subsequently used. Model assembly and reporting though is automated.

Soniguit Ekpe 02:54 PM

Please kindly elaborate on feeding in data that connects deep Ocean Biodiversity, Ocean mining and Ocean Accounts?

Alessio Bulckaen 03:28 PM

We started collecting data on marine ES, we plan to expand on this in the next months, but I cannot tell when models will be available to the users of ARIES for SEEA

Achille Carlos Delfo 03:18 PM

Usually, what part of the compilation job remains for the country team since much of the job is done by ARIES?

Kenneth Bagstad 03:24 PM

The country team would still play a key role in making data and models interoperable and running those using ARIES. We envision a process for country teams that looks like: 1) Catalog available national data & models for SEEA; 2) determine which can be made public and which are restricted; 3) Make needed data & models interoperable with ARIES, placing in public or private projects as appropriate; 4) Test & validate models; 5) Produce accounts using ARIES for SEEA; 6) Revisit underlying data & methods as improved approaches become available