

NCA FOR BETTER POLICY:

From FORUM 2016 to FORUM 2017

2nd FORUM ON NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING FOR BETTER POLICY

22-23 November 2017, The Hague

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United Nations



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
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The 1st Forum, 2016

22 – 23 November 2016, The Hague, Netherlands

- ▶ Demand-driven agenda
- ▶ Policy/decision-centred
- ▶ NCA users & producers
- ▶ 45 participants
- ▶ 15 countries, HIC/MIC/LIC
- ▶ Back-to-back with *Natural Capital: Let's do Business*"



The screenshot shows the WAVES website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header is a news article titled "WAVES Hosts the First Policy Forum with the Netherlands Government". The article features a photograph of a panel discussion with four men seated at a table. A large screen in the background displays the text "Better Decision Making for Capital Accounting for", "The Hague, The Netherlands", "22-23 November 2016", and the WAVES logo and website URL. The World Bank Group logo is also visible in the bottom right corner of the photograph.

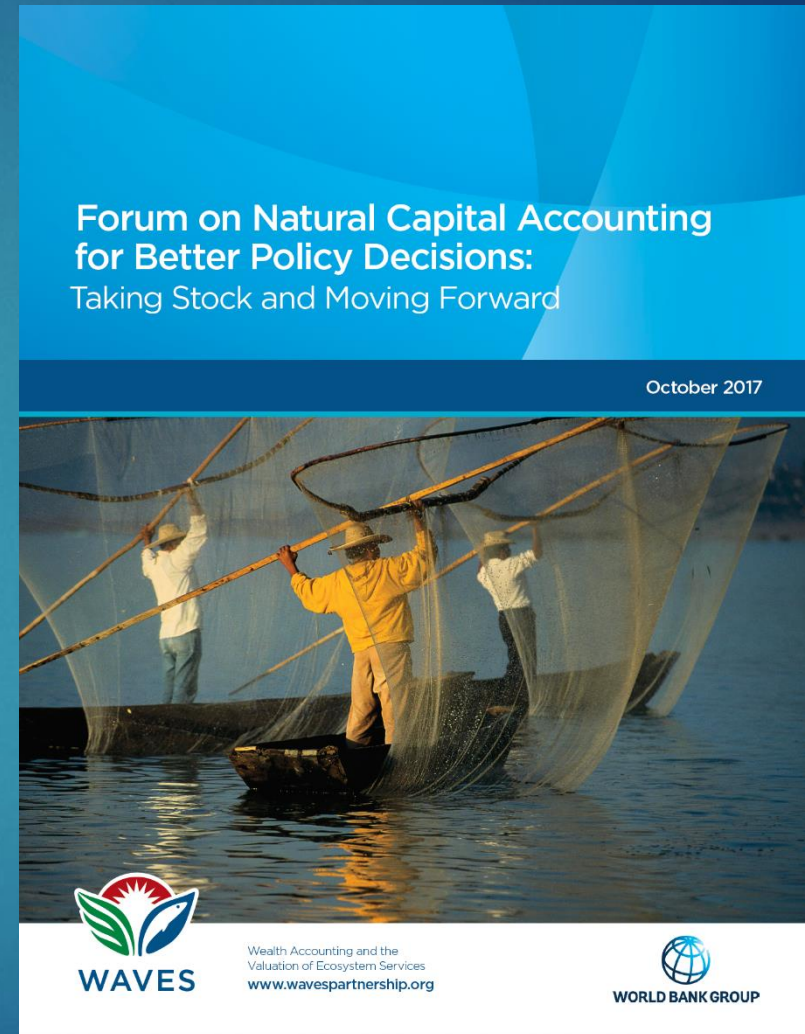
WAVES Hosts the First Policy Forum with the Netherlands Government

The first WAVES policy forum took place in The Hague, Netherlands in November 2016, attended by participants from 15 countries.

"What will it take for policymakers to use natural capital accounts (NCA) to inform development policy and planning that is sustainable?"

2016 Forum conclusions

- NCA helps the whole policy cycle: decision-making, not just monitoring
- NCA has influenced policy: HIC, MIC, LIC
- Integrated NCA has potential for integrated SDGs, complex trade-offs, etc
- Accelerating progress: NCA data can drive policy; policy can drive NCA data
- ‘Living principles’ on NCA for Policy
- 1st NCA Forum was a success:
 - Publish our learning on what NCA *has* done in 12 countries and globally
 - Forum to continue; and produce guidance on what NCA *should* do
 - Organising committee for 2nd Forum



10 principles for decision-centred NCA

► Comprehensive

1. *Inclusive*
2. *Collaborative*
3. *Holistic*

► Purposeful

4. *Decision-centred*
5. *Demand-led*

► Trustworthy

6. *Transparent and open*
7. *Credible*

► Mainstreamed

8. *Enduring*
9. *Continuously improving*
10. *Embedded*

2nd NCA Policy Forum 2017

- ▶ *Growing community* – e.g. also UN and EC as sponsors, NCC as session lead
- ▶ *Critical need* – major policy decisions are increasingly sensitive to NR scarcity & risk
- ▶ *Building on success* – Den Haag; link NCA users & producers; demand-led agenda
- ▶ *2017 focus* – inc: the SDGs; ecosystem services; linking gov't & business NCA
- ▶ *Objective* – share our experience; scope guidance on NCA for Better Policy; discuss future collaboration
- ▶ *Communicate!* Please tweet [#naturalcapital](#), [#SEEA](#), [#GlobalGoals](#)
- ▶ *Please keep to time*, to ensure we all have a good time!

