Session 9: Policy roundtable
Session aims

To understand the basic content, planning and operation of policy roundtables for linking accounting to policy and decision-making

To run “mini” roundtables to identify key issues and policies that can be assisted by environmental accounting in LAC
Planning

How long?
- 4-8 hours
- At least one break and lunch

Invitations
- Letter (email), 1-2 pages of background

Who to invite?
- Government policy advisors, senior bureaucrats, policy analysts, program managers

How many to invite?
- 8-12

Where to host?
- A neutral place, e.g. hotel or university
Basic content and operation (1)

1. Welcome and introductions
   • Background
   • Expectations of all

2. Introduction to environmental accounting
   • Basic concepts
   • Place of accounting in decision making, e.g. “The accounting push and policy pull”
   • Questions
Basic content and operation (2)

3. Identification on issues
   • Let the participants speak!
   • Do your homework so you can prompt issues and policies

4. Link issues and policies to accounting
   • The hard part and again do your homework
   • Look for links of accounting to analysis (within the information system) as well as to links to implementation and review
   • Monitoring is obvious and we often get stuck here
Basic content and operation (3)

5. Policy tools
   • Carrots, sticks and sermons
   • Which ones are being considered?

6. What dimensions of data quality are most important?
   • Relevance
   • Accuracy
   • Timeliness
   • Coherence
   • Interpretable
   • Accessible

7. A summary and plan
   • Agree on a way forward
   • Summarise roundtable discussions and circulate
Mini roundtables

You have already done part of the content and operation:

• Session 1 Introduction to SEEA
• Session 6 Policy and accounting
• Sessions 7&8 identification of issues and policies

To do:

• For specific issues, policies and tool, where in the information system and policy cycle would particular accounts help (e.g. analysis, implementation, review, etc.)

• What aspects of data quality are most important?
To do for 2 or 3 specific issues or policies

For specific issues and policies, where could the accounts fit in the information system and policy cycle?

What aspects of data quality are most important for each specific issue or policy:

- Relevance
- Accuracy
- Timeliness
- Coherence
- Interpretability
- Accessibility

Report back to group