Forest and Water Issues and NCA perspectives in the Kyrgyz Republic

9-11 March, 2015
WAVES workshop, Istanbul, Turkey
Rural country (66%)

Agriculture 18% of GDP and 32% of employment

Chronic food insecurity

2 mln people live in the area of the Forest Fund

Deterioration of water supply systems causes water losses up to 50%

Natural resources

Mountain forests - 1,116.56ha or 5.61% of the territory

Glaciers and snowfields - 4.1% of the territory
* National Sustainable Development Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for the period of 2013 - 2017 stresses that “Economic growth and structure of the national economy are mostly based on man-made extensive and natural resource-intensive development. In this regard, the country fully depends on the state of its ecosystems. This situation creates risks of a rapid deterioration of economic indicators in case of depletion of natural resources and environmental pollution” (p. 48).

- **The Kyrgyz Republic Sustainable Development Program 2013-2017** calls in its introduction for a rational use of all reserves and mobilization of resources, including natural, to reach sustainable development. Approved by the Kyrgyz Parliament.

- **Matrix of Indicators on Transition to Sustainable Development** approved by the Kyrgyz Governmental Decree and based on OECD Green Growth methodology

- **Kyrgyz Republic Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan** sets as the overall aim the protection and rational use of biological and landscape diversity for the sustainable social and economic development.

- **Strategy for the Development of the National Statistical System up to 2017** sets development of SEEA
INITIAL STEPS with support of UNDP and GIZ

- Scoping mission on SEEA and VES (FLERMONECA GIZ)

- Review to introduce the System of Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA) in the system of the National Statistics Committee and Situation analysis to integrate Valuation of Ecosystems Services (UNDP PEI)

- SEEA-Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (EEA scoping mission with the support of the Czech Trust Fund)

- Establishment of Interministerial Working Group on integration of ecosystem services into national development policies

- Establishment of working group within the NSC to develop SEEA
Support the inter-agency working group under the State Agency for Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic. IAWG members are Ministries of Economy, Finance, Agriculture, State Agency for Env. Protection, NSC, State registry Service, National Academy of Sciences, CAREC etc.

Cooperation with UNDP, GIZ Programmes in the Kyrgyz Republic

World Bank relevant Programmes
National Statistics Committee is prepared to introduce SEEA:

- Assessment of capacity, data and budget availability is made

- Road Map and National Action Plan including capacity building of NSC specialists and counterparts is developed
  - Forest account on a national level
  - Experimental ecosystem services account on a pilot area

PLANS FOR 2015 AND ONWARDS with partners