GDSA + NCA
PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
TIMELINE

- **OCT ’12**: Environmental Diagnostic for Botswana - Completed
- **OCT ’13**: Inaugural Summit
- **DEC ’14**: Botswana Government Delegates Secretariat to Conservation International
- **MAR ’14**: Gaborone Declaration endorsed as implementation vehicle for AMCEN’s Regional Flagship Program on Africa’s Partnership for a Green Economy
- **JUL ’14**: Baseline Analysis for GDSA Countries Completed
- **JAN ’15**: Roadshow Begins
SCOPING

- Across the 12 countries
- Which countries have accounts?
- Who are the actors in the field?
- What are the hurdles facing countries in regards to NCA?
- What are the priorities of the countries?
- Scoped 503 documents
RESULTS

- All countries are interested in NCA
- 11 countries have attempted 15 types of NCA
- Some countries began experimenting with NCA in the 1980’s and early 1990’s
- Countries differ in their priorities, but the hurdles and the opportunities are similar across the GDSA
# Desktop Scoping

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**Development of accounts underway**

**Accounts have been completed**

**Unknown status for initiative**
DESKTOP SCOPING

FIP  GDSA  GIZ  TEEB  UNEP  UNSD  WAVES

Botswana  Gabon  Ghana  Kenya  Liberia  Madagascar  Mozambique  Namibia  Rwanda  S. Africa  Tanzania  Uganda
HURDLES

- Lack of data (non-existent, inadequate quality, irregularly collected)
- Lack of long-term funding
- Lack of capacity and resources (technical and non-technical)
- Limited communication between government agencies and with decision-makers; lack of skills on how to communicate with decision-makers
**HURDLES**

- Difficulty repeating accounts once pilots have been created
- Need to share lessons between countries
- Lack of clear steps for how to actually use the information in accounts once they have been created
OPPORTUNITIES

- All countries need:
  - Data/data management
  - Long-term funding/resource mobilization
  - Capacity building
  - Assistance in communicating to decision-makers
- At the regional level, there is a need for:
  - Lessons sharing
  - Communicating and support among countries
PRESENT
WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY DOING?

- Natural Capital Accounting workshop, co-organized in partnership with the World Bank WAVES program
- Community of Practice
- Liberia: Pilot Ecosystem Accounting + Mapping Natural Capital + SDGs project
FUTURE
LOOKING FORWARD

- Community of Practice
- Mobilizing resources (e.g., via GEF-7)
- Partnerships to ensure progress on various aspects of NCA and the other commitments of the GDSA
  - Environmental monitoring
  - Private sector
- Expansion to new countries
THANK YOU
COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

A collaborative opportunity for enhancing NCA in the GDSA
WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

• WHAT: The Community of Practice would be a ‘regional collaboration and action platform’ for NCA. “Talk shop” + “Action Platform”

• HOW: Online presence + in-person annual meetings. NCA Lead that is linked to in-country steering committees or informal communities of practice.

• WHO: Technical accounts producers and technical account users. Support for the ‘telephone directory’ idea. Not limited just to GDSA countries.

• ACTIVITIES: annual meeting, learning exchange, targeted R&D grants. Thematic sub-groups that focus on specific types of accounts. Bringing together partners.
WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

• The COP is not going to:
  • Duplicate the targets/outcomes that countries already have
  • Move into the accounting space in the sense of doing accounts themselves.
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