Advancing NCA through Regional Cooperation

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What are WAVES+ objectives at regional level?

Respond to growing demand by countries

• Use Core Implementing Countries as anchor countries for regional networks and collaborating institutions

Build national capacity through regional cooperation

• Support countries through knowledge dissemination, thematic training, sharing country-to-country experiences, and technical assistance
• Use existing institutions/platforms as partners, e.g. ECLAC, ESCAP, GDSA
• Respond to country demand or strategic opportunities in WBG programs
What do we know?

1. **Demand for NCA.** NCA is in the radar and the demand is growing.
2. **Support to NCA.** Multiple agencies are already providing support and working on NCA.
3. **Existing networks.** There are multiple actors and they connect in different ways.
4. **Progress in the regions.** Accounts are being developed or were developed recently.
5. **Implementation.** Countries do things in different ways with different levels of success.
6. **Tensions in approaches.** From central framework to ecosystem accounts.
7. **Priorities and gaps.** There are different priorities and different gaps both on the technical aspects and on the policy aspects.
8. **Policy linkages.** There are different challenges especially when connecting accounts to policy.
Why do we need a regional perspective?

Common challenges

Different implementation levels

Collaboration experiences

Regional cooperation could be highly beneficial!
What have we learned from the past?

- Long-term solutions are necessary
- Capacity building is key
- Countries need to invest themselves
- Support from “above” is indispensable
- Demand side needs to be involved
- Continuous communication is important
- Horizontal cooperation works well
How can we shape the future?

- Technical assistance
- Regional workshops
- Capacity building efforts
- Regional “lobbying tour”
- Online platform
- Organization of horizontal cooperation
- Regional research

What regional support?