Key activities & accomplishments

- **Concept note** was approved
- **Components & work plan** were agreed
  1. Macroeconomic indicators + policy analysis
  2. Accounts for minerals & mangroves + policy analysis
  3. Ecosystem accounts for Southern Palawan & Laguna Lake Basin + analysis of resource use scenarios
  4. Institutionalization of SEEA modules
- **Implementation arrangement** is ongoing
  - NEDA, NSCB, DENR, LLDA, DOF, DBM, DA
What have we learned?

- **Capacity & resource constraints** need to be addressed upfront
  - **Implementation support** provided for key implementing agencies
    - Country coordinator + assistant
    - Technical staff for SEEA implementation + technical advisor
  - **Scope** narrowed down
  - **Phase implementation approach** to ensure maximum flexibility
- **Exploring synergies** with other WB & GoP initiatives & projects is critical
Meeting the challenges of building institutions

• **Early engagement of stakeholders through communications and outreach strategy** is crucial for building ownership
  - Key GoP agencies & local governments
  - NGOs, CSOs & media
  - Academia & other development partners
  - Private sector

• **Factual advocacy on decision makers** is key to illustrate that natural resources have implication on national budget
Next Steps

• **Institutional arrangement** will be finalized
  - Establishment of Philippines WAVES Steering Committee
  - MoU between GoP agencies with respective TOR
  - Hiring of country coordinator & technical staff

• **Communications strategy & action plan** will be developed

• **Training for SEEA implementation** will begin with a focus on minerals

• **Preparatory workshops** will be organized for ecosystem accounts
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