

Land and Ecosystem Accounting

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Aim

- Share existing materials and experience
- Present case studies on implementation with a focus on where to next and what was learnt
- Relevance of the links between Land accounts and Ecosystem accounting

Guide to sessions

As currently organized, each session should contribute in two aspects:

- (i) a review of existing training/compilation materials and recommendations on how these could be used globally for the implementation of the SEEA,
- (ii) how countries implement the accounts, focusing on specific issues of implementation to have a debate on best practices depending on countries situations (experience).

As part of the session we could prepare a two-page report outlining the current status of the topic with reference to existing international guidelines and their relationship to the SEEA, and as part of it have some concrete questions or outcomes that we would like to see resolved or at least moved forward by the London Group.

Issues to be considered

- Land accounting training materials, technical notes, guides and core tables
- Land accounting in practice (examples from countries with a focus on what was learnt and next steps)
- Linking land accounts to ecosystem asset accounting (classification issues, applications)
- Conceptual and methodological issues linking land accounting to ecosystem services
 - o Provisioning*, Regulation and maintenance, Cultural and tourism
 - o Ecosystem asset classification
 - o Land and ecosystem valuation
 - o Linking ecosystem asset to ecosystem services
 - o Biodiversity accounting
- *) A focus on provisioning services within the Central Framework is a potential threat to sustainability as it will encourage countries to think they have taken environmental considerations into account.

Session Draft

1.15 – 2.45

Session 6 – Land and Ecosystems accounting – Session chair: Mark Eigenraam

1. Update: Ecosystem accounting activities/meetings (30 mins)
 - a. Advancing the testing and research agenda for the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting- Alessandra Alfieri (UNSD)
 - b. Natural capital and ecosystems valuation seminar – Jawed Khan (ONS)
 - c. IPBES Update - TBD
 - d. WAVES – Glenn-Marie Lange (WB), Juan-Pablo Castandena (WB)
 - e. TEEB - Nicolas Bertrand (UNEP)

2. Overview of technical note/s (20 mins)
 - a. Comment on land technical note that has been distributed - Michael Vardon (ABS) – paper taken as read

3. Ecosystem accounting – implementation and issues (30 mins)
 - a. Victorian Experimental Ecosystem Accounts – Mark Eigenraam (DEPI)
 - b. Linking the structure of asset accounts to the delivery of key services
 - i. Rocky Harris (DEFRA)
 - ii. Mark Eigenraam (DEPI)

(Break 2:45 – 3:00)

3.00 – 4.15

Session 6 – Land and Ecosystems accounting (cont.) – Session Chair: Mark Eigenraam

1. Ecosystem accounting – implementation and issues (40 min)
 - a. Carbon Accounting – Judith Ajani (ANU), Peter Comisari (ABS), Michael Vardon (ABS)
 - b. Biodiversity Accounting – Suzi Bond (ABS), Michael Vardon (ABS), Jane McDonald (Uni, Qld)

2. Next steps - All