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#### Introduction



- ➤ Uganda joined the rest of the world in adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)- at the end of 2015.
- ➤ SDG indicators require a multidimensional approach to **Capture** concerns of the economy, the environment and society.
- ➤ In the same way, **Reporting** on the specific SDGs requires cross sector and multi-stakeholder generated data and information.
- In several countries, the adoption of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) is the principal way of recognizing the inseparability between the economy, the environment and society.



#### Introduction



- ➤ In 2016, the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) and the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and , among others started working on a framework process for integrating SEEA into the National Statistical System.
- ➤ To this regard, in the Second National Development Plan (NDP II), GOU formally committed to a sustainable development pathway under the Uganda Green Growth Development Strategy (UGGDS-2017).
- ➤ Therefore, Uganda drafted and is implementing the National Plan for Advancing Environmental-Economic Accounting (NPA-EEA), which provides a framework for integrated environmental statistical development taking into account sustainable development and the green economy.



#### The NPA-EEA & SEEA



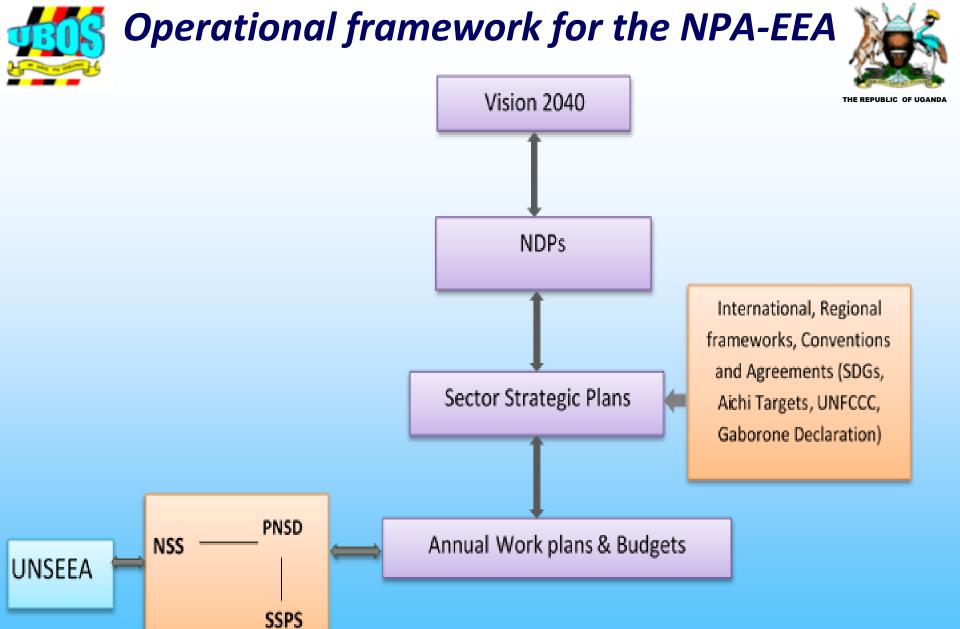
- The plan outlines guidance for aligning and coordinating Uganda's current and future Environmental-Economic accounting initiatives and policy requirements with the United Nations (UN) System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) and other international statistical frameworks.
- ➤ Implementation approach aligns the NPA-EEA with the Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD).
- ➤ It has **three main** interlinked and mutually reinforcing building blocks for developing integrated statistical systems:
  - Conceptualizing an organizational framework,
  - Institutional arrangements, and
  - Statistical production processes.



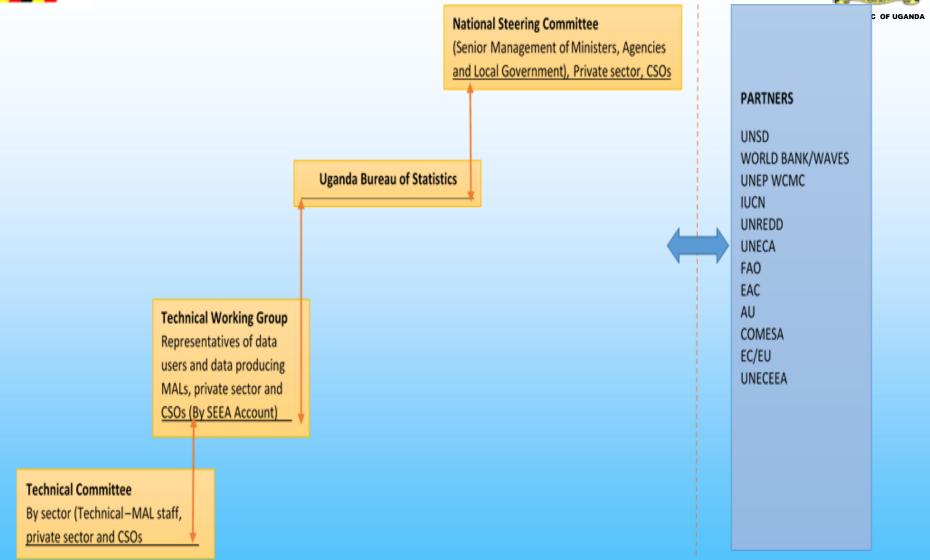
### Implementation Approach



- ➤ It involves linking the NPA-EEA building blocks with the SEEA needs assessments and outcomes
- ➤ The NPA-EEA building blocks are:
  - Mainstream the Environmental-Economic Accounting Frameworks
  - Rationalise and Integrate Institutional Arrangements
  - Integrate the Data, Tools and Statistical/data Production Processes
  - Production of SEEA- Water, Land, Forest & Wood resources, Energy, Fisheries resources, Wetlands, Soils and ecosystem accounts.
  - Integrating Natural Capital Accounting in policy



Institutional Framework for NPA-EEA





### **Expected outcomes of the NPA-EEA**



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- 1. A holistic environmental-economic accounting information system to provide information on sustainable development and green economy;
- 2. Enhanced statistical coordination between levels of government in Uganda and initiatives for the advancement of SEEA
- 3. Training and capacity building in EEA;
- 4. Enhanced Bilateral and Multilateral cooperation with international and donor agencies on EEA and related data initiatives;
- 5. Improved financial resources for, data quality, technical capacity and statistical infrastructure for EEA;
- 6. Development and regular production of a set of priority accounts, namely; land accounts, fisheries resources accounts, forest and wood resource accounts, water accounts, and energy accounts, and selected experimental ecosystem accounts for tourism biodiversity, wetlands, Soil and forests, among others;
- 7. Production of Environmentally Extended Supply and Use Table (EE-SUT); and
- 8. Uptake of NCA by MFPED in the macro modelling framework to compile a national wealth indicators on Adjusted Net National Savings (ANNS) and Adjusted Net National Income (ANNI).
- 9. Uptake of NCA at Sector policy to address degradation of natural capital, for example, Policy for sustainable land degradation neutrality and sustainable forest management.





#### **Thank You!**