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National NCA Strategy Stakeholder Workshop

High level agenda

Virtual event, 18 & 19 November 2020

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is convening this workshop in partnership with the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) to get input from South Africa's NCA Community of Practice on the draft *National NCA Strategy: A ten-year strategy for advancing Natural Capital Accounting in South Africa*. A draft of the Strategy will be circulated in early November in preparation for this workshop.

The workshop is designed as a virtual event. **Participation requires pre-registration for both days, including selecting two breakout groups for the first day.**

Workshop participants will be participating in small group discussions around two of the five goals in the draft Strategy. **Please see the descriptions of the goals below to make your selection.**

The workshop will be interactive and participants will be asked to use Zoom, Google documents and potentially other platforms to give input, feedback or vote. Inputs or comments on the draft Strategy can also be given by submitting written comments to Robert Parry (robertp@statssa.gov.za) at Stats SA by 20 November 2020.



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Wednesday 18 November: 9h00-13h00

9h00	Welcome	Stats SA
9h10	Introductions and rules of engagement	Stats SA
9h25	Overview of NCA in South Africa	Stats SA
10h00	Overview of the National NCA Strategy	SANBI
10h30	Introduction to goal-based discussions in breakaway groups	Stats SA
10h45	BREAK	
11h00	Group session 1 on goals (pre-register for one of the five goals)	Facilitator-led discussions per group
12h00	Group session 2 on goals (pre-register for another of the five goals)	
13h00	Close of day	

Thursday 19 November: 9h00-13h00

9h00	Opening and recap of Day 1	Stats SA
9h10	Gathering and reflection exercise	SANBI
9h30	Goal 1 feedback to plenary	Facilitator & participants
10h00	Goal 2 feedback to plenary	Facilitator & participants
10h30	Goal 3 feedback to plenary	Facilitator & participants
11h00	BREAK	
11h15	Goal 4 feedback to plenary	Facilitator & participants
11h45	Goal 5 feedback to plenary	Facilitator & participants
12h15	Overarching reflections on levers of change & priorities for the Strategy	All
12h45	Way forward for the National NCA Strategy	Stats SA
12h55	Close of workshop	Stats SA

National NCA Strategy

A ten-year strategy for advancing Natural Capital Accounting in South Africa

Below is a short introduction to the Strategy, including the five goals and further information about how the draft Strategy has been produced.

1. What is the purpose of the strategy?

Natural capital accounts for South Africa to date have been produced on an ad hoc basis, and regularly through donor-funded projects. An integrated and more holistic approach is needed to advance NCA in South Africa if we are to build the statistical and institutional mechanisms, and strengthen statistical systems and production processes, needed to consistently and regularly produce natural capital accounts.

The purpose of the strategy is to respond to the need to focus the efforts of Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and other institutions engaged in NCA on developing priority natural capital accounts and effective statistical systems and institutional mechanisms to inform South Africa's sustainable development policy objectives.

It is the intention that the National NCA Strategy will support:

1. Coordination of an integrated body of NCA work in South Africa, mainstreaming NCA in alignment with national priorities as well as international commitments (such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs));
2. Development of statistics from natural capital accounts within and outside of the national statistical office through agreed standards, delivering reliable and comparable results that are also coordinated with socio-economic statistics; and
3. Collaboration between institutions in such a way as to strengthen investment and commitment to the production of natural capital accounts that provide credible and useful evidence for integrated planning, monitoring and decision-making.

It has a 10-year time frame with a 5-year review. The focus is on national-level natural capital accounts, but is not exclusively so.

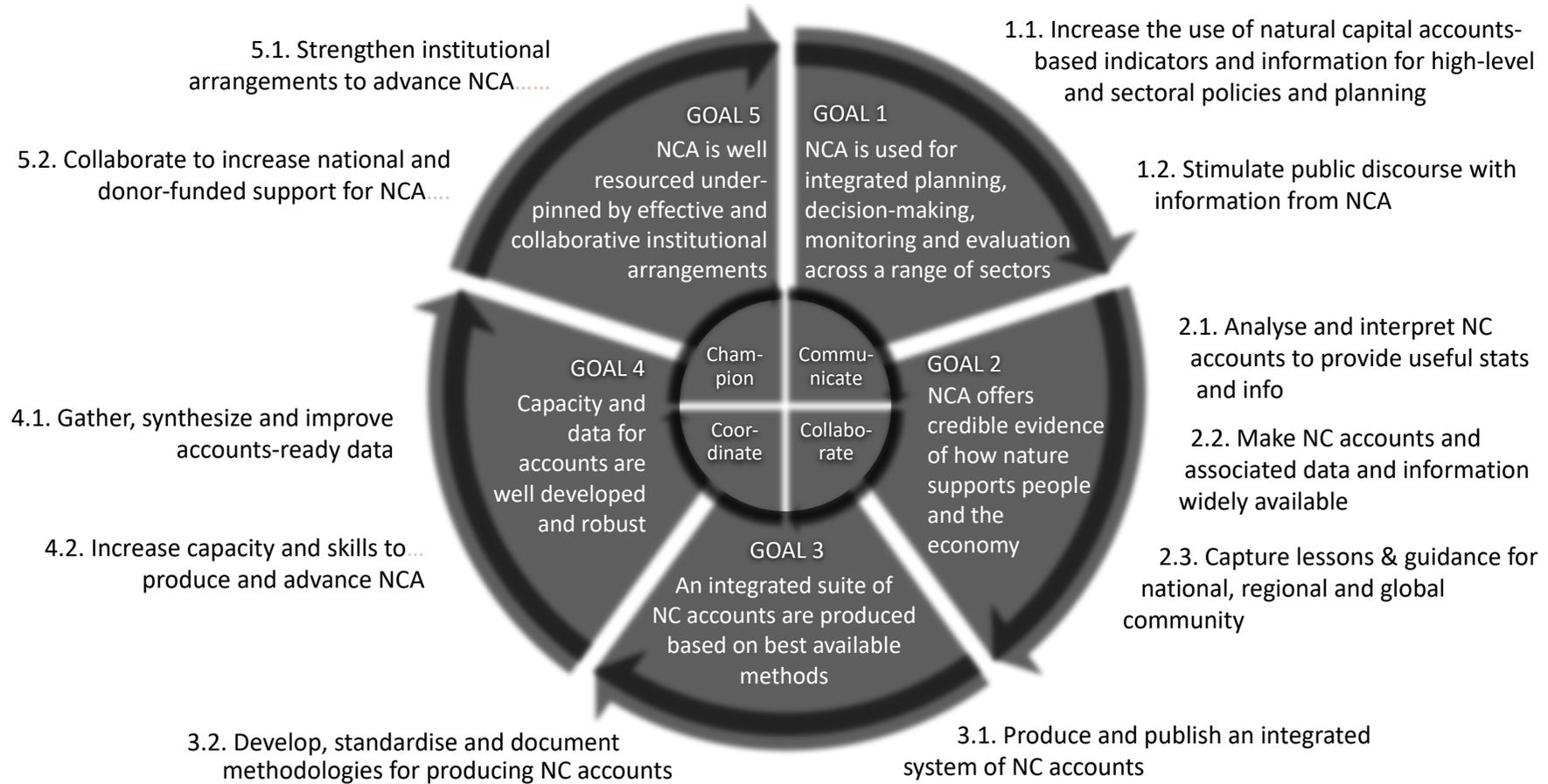
2. Who is the strategy for?

The National NCA Strategy will be owned and published by Stats SA as the National Statistical Office (NSO), but it is co-developed with SANBI and guided by inputs by many stakeholders. Its implementation will require collaboration, coordination, champions and communication across disciplines and organisations. NCA is inherently multi-disciplinary, requiring expertise, data and information from various organisations, and NCA information is or could be used by a wide range of organisations.

3. What are the Vision and Goals of the Strategy?

See next page. Please use the information in this diagram to select which breakaway groups you would like to participate in at the workshop.

VISION: NCA is widely used to provide credible evidence for integrated planning and decision-making in support of the development needs of the country



4. How was the strategy developed?

Development of the Strategy was made possible through the **Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) Project**, which is co-led in South Africa by Stats SA and SANBI, funded by the EU, and led globally by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment). The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) is a project reference group member.

The draft National NCA Strategy has evolved over the course of the past two years and has been informed by:

1. The completion of an *Assessment report towards the development of a national strategy for advancing environmental-economic and ecosystem accounting in South Africa* (SANBI & Stats SA 2018);
2. Stakeholder engagement at the National NCA Stakeholder Workshop in March 2018 and the National NCA Forum in June 2019,
3. Through numerous tri- and multi-lateral engagements;
4. The advice of the NCA Strategic Advisory Group (SAG): institutions represented on the NCA SAG (listed in alphabetical order):
 - Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)
 - Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME)
 - Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)
 - Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
 - National Business Initiative (NBI)
 - National Treasury (NT)
 - South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
 - South African National Parks (SANParks)
 - Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)
 - Water Research Commission (WRC)
5. Guidance from a Project Reference Group (PRG) for the NCAVES Project.
6. Additional capacity and support provided through the SANBI-executed **Ecological Infrastructure for Water Security (EI4WS) Project**, which is implemented by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).