



Fifth Policy Forum on Natural Capital Accounting for Better Decision Making – Greening the Recovery September 15-16, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the *Fifth Policy Forum on Natural Capital Accounting for Better Decision Making – Greening the Recovery*, which will take place on September 15-16, 2021, using a virtual platform. The Forum is co-organized by the World Bank's Global Program on Sustainability (GPS), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and the Government of the Netherlands.

Since 2016, the Forum has provided the opportunity for sharing experiences and lessons learned on how Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) can inform policy decisions involving natural capital, the environment and its nexus with the economy. To facilitate the dialogue and multi-stakeholder collaboration, the Forum brings together data users and producers and, focusing on a particular relevant topic every year, discusses how NCA can support decision making.

For more than a year, the world has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has greatly disrupted economies, societies, and livelihoods. In response, stimulus packages are being deployed to mitigate these impacts and to strengthen national economies. This year's Policy Forum aims to encourage practical ways that NCA can assist these recovery initiatives to meet immediate needs while at the same time supporting green, resilient, and inclusive growth. The Forum will enable the NCA community and those working on recovery efforts to learn from each other and identify opportunities for collaboration. A background paper has been prepared to inform the discussions.

The Forum will consist of two parts: the first part (Session 1) will comprise a keynote presentation followed by a panel discussion, and the second part (Sessions 2-4) will provide a forum for in-depth technical discussions. The draft program, the background paper, and instructions for participations in Sessions 2-4 are available on the [Forum website](#).

We thank you for your attention and look forward to your active participation at the Forum.

Yours sincerely,



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