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7:00-7:20 Session 1: Opening, introduction and framing of the discussion

The Forum will be officially opened with motivational welcome messages to set the scene.

7:20-8:20 Session 2: Highlights from the NCAVES project

The Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) project is concluding its activities. In this session, project countries (Brazil, China, India, Mexico, and South Africa) will outline the results of the pilot project and share lessons learnt from implementing the SEEA EA over the past 5 years. The project outputs on the global workstreams in particular with regard to the development of guidelines supporting the implementation and business accounting will also be presented.

8:20-8:30 Break

8:30-9:15 Session 3: Examples of ecosystem accounts (parallel groups)

This session will showcase specific examples and applications of ecosystem accounts in countries. The session will be organized in four thematic parallel groups, each covering different aspects of ecosystem accounting. Country presentations will highlight different approaches taken by countries so as to facilitate sharing of experiences and discussion on lessons learnt.

Parallel group topics:

- Group 1: Ecosystem condition
- Group 2: Ecosystem services
- Group 3: Scenario analysis
- Group 4: Institutionalization of accounts

9:15-10:00 Session 4: Panel lessons learned from ecosystem accounting implementation

Panellists from countries that have compiled ecosystem accounts will share their main lessons learned in the implementation of ecosystem accounting and their priorities for the future.

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7:00-7:15 Session 5: Putting the SEEA EA implementation strategy into practice

The SEEA EA implementation strategy will be presented to set the scene for the subsequent discussions.

7:15-8:00 Session 6: Key global initiatives and their links to the SEEA EA

In this session, key global initiatives related to the SEEA EA will be introduced with the aim to highlight their relationship with the SEEA EA and, in turn, how the SEEA EA can support them.

8:00-9:00 Session 7: Operationalizing the implementation strategy (in breakout groups)

In this session, participants will discuss in breakout groups, issues related to the implementation and compilation of specific ecosystem accounts in order to identify priorities and strategies to operationalize the implementation strategy. Main outcomes and highlights from the discussion in each group will be summarized in a plenary debrief at the end of the session.

9:00-9:50 Session 8: Global data solutions and the data and model interoperability strategy

This session will aim to introduce the [data and model interoperability strategy](#) for the SEEA and discuss methods on how to operationalize the strategy. It will aim to discuss what interoperable data and models mean in practice and how interoperability applies both at national and global levels.

9:50-10:00 Session 9: Next steps and closing

The Forum will close by summarizing the discussions and drawing up the next steps for the implementation of the SEEA EA.