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# NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROJECT

Virtual closing workshop

2 June 2021

8.00PM-10.30PM *Beijing Time*



## Background

1. China has participated as one of the 5 pilot countries (Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa) in the Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) project jointly launched by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and funded by the European Union. The NCAVES project in China was implemented by National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of China in close collaboration with the Statistical Bureau of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guizhou Bureau of Statistics and the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Science (RCEES-CAS) .
2. Under the NCAVES project, significant progress has been made to advance ecosystem accounting in China. China has delivered results for a set of pilot ecosystem accounts covering ecosystem extent, conditions and services in Guangxi and Guizhou using the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) framework. In addition, Guangxi has completed the testing of a selected set of Sustainable Development Goals indicators and the examination the regional eco-compensation policy at Xijiang River Basin using scenario analysis in the context of the SEEA framework. At the national level, work has been in progress on the assessment of the valuation methods for the natural resource balance sheet programme, potential application of Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) into the national policy in China and the alignment of SEEA and Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP). The completion of all these activities has substantially contributed and provided a strong input to the global development and application of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting and the advancement of NCA for sustainable development policy in China.
3. The objective of the virtual closing workshop is to present China's achievement on NCA under the NCAVES project to Chinese stakeholders and to discuss the emerging opportunities for advancing NCA in China. The workshop is jointly organized by NBS, UNSD, UNEP and the EU Delegation to China and hosted by UNSD. Invited countries, organizations and experts will receive a link for online registration. Registered participants will receive the connection links. The workshop will be conducted in Chinese and English with simultaneous interpretation.

## Agenda

2 June 2021 (Wednesday)

Chair: Mr. Bram Edens, NCAVES Project Manager, UNSD

8.00PM- 8.30PM	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Mr. Zhao Tonglu, Director-General, Department of National Accounts, National Bureau of Statistics of China</i></li><li>- <i>Mr. Joe Colombano, Head of United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in China</i></li><li>- <i>Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Chief, Director of United Nations Statistics Division</i></li><li>- <i>Mr. Sebastien Paquot, Counsellor, Climate Action and Environment, Delegation of the European Union to China, on behalf of European Union</i></li></ul>
8.30PM- 9.10PM	<p>Release of the NCAVES China final project report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Key highlight of the NCAVES project in China (Mr. Shi Faqi, NBS)</li><li>- Pilot ecosystem accounts in Guangxi (Mr. Han Minchen, Guangxi Statistics Bureau)</li><li>- Pilot ecosystem accounts in Guizhou (Mr. Pang Jiapeng, Guizhou Statistics Bureau)</li></ul>
9.10PM- 9.30PM	<p>SEEA and GEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overview of GEP in China (Mr. Ouyang Zhiyun, RCEES-CAS)</li><li>- Adoption of SEEA EA as international statistical standard (Mr. Julian Chow, UNSD)</li><li>- Discussion – alignment of SEEA and GEP</li></ul>
9.30PM- 9.50PM	<p>Regional eco-compensation policy at Xijiang River Basin using scenario analysis (Mr. Zhang Yan, RCEES-CAS)</p>
9.50PM- 10.20PM	<p>Emerging opportunities for advancing NCA in China (Moderator: Mr. William Speller (UNEP))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Policy relevance of NCA in China (Mr. Yin LI, National Development and Reform Commission)</li><li>- Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Ms. Jillian Campbell, CBD)</li><li>- Discussion</li><li>- Next step (Mr. Shi Faqi, NBS)</li></ul>
10.20PM- 10.30PM	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Mr. Lyu Feng, Deputy Director-General, Department of National Accounts (NBS)</i></li><li>- <i>Ms. Alessandra Alfieri, Chief, Environmental-Economic Accounts Section (UNSD)</i></li></ul>