



FIFTH POLICY FORUM ON NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

GREENING THE RECOVERY

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Rwanda's context:

Economy doing well 2000 - 2019

- Average annual growth about 8%
- Heavily reliant of the environment, nature and conservation
- Conservation and nature based tourism visitors more than doubling on average every year since 2000
- Earnings from mainly conservation and nature based tourisms almost double those from traditional exports (coffee, tea and minerals)
- Positive effects on conservation, sustainability, livelihoods....

Challenges:

COVID-19, Climate change, Population Density...

- Economic recession in 2020 (-3.4%)
- Conservation/nature tourists drop (67%)
- Climate change effects on agriculture and natural disasters
- Population density among the highest about 500/km² which is very high for an agrarian and nature based economy
- All this leading to pressure on conservation and sustainability (land, forests, erosion, water, livelihoods, vulnerabilities...)

What we are doing:

NCA and green recovery focus for Rwanda

- Facilitate investment in conservation and nature-based tourism.
- Integrated land use planning, urbanization and disaster risk management.
- Strengthen a broad-based multi-sector development planning approach to ensure environmental sustainability considerations.
- Sustaining our work on NCA satellite accounts on water, forests, land, natural resources...

Way Forward:

Developing NCA and related policy support

- Expanding on the work that we are already doing on NCA to include other satellite accounts on tourism, biodiversity, valuation of the impact of environmental degradation and others.
- Strengthening collaborative linkages between NCA work and the sustainability national policy agenda.

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