



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting

NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROJECT

Consultation Mission
India, New Delhi
10-13 October 2017



SEEA

New Delhi, India



Government of India
Ministry of Statistics and
Programme Implementation



Background and objectives

1. The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), UN Environment, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity have launched the project “Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services” in South Africa, a 3-year partnership project funded by the European Union. Other partner countries in the project are Brazil, China, India, and South Africa.
2. Building on internationally agreed methodology (the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting, in short SEEA EEA) and on the development of national competences, the project will initiate pilot testing of the SEEA EEA in partner countries, in order to advance the knowledge agenda on natural capital accounting.
3. The project’s main objective in the partner countries is to mainstream natural capital accounting and valuation of ecosystem services in data driven decision and policy making and is expected to influence policy-makers at national, regional and local level.
4. A consultation mission will take place from 10-13 October in New-Delhi, India. The objectives of the visit are to consult various stakeholders in India (e.g. MoSPI/CSO India, Line Ministries, NITI Aayog, technical agencies, EU delegation), and conduct detailed discussions with MOSPI / CSO India to agree on the project plan, and define the administrative arrangements and other coordination issues.
5. The project team would consist of Ivo Havinga and Bram Edens (from UNSD), and Monica Lopez and Kavita Sharma (both UNEP).

Provisional agenda

10 October 2017 (Tuesday)

Bilateral consultations

9.30-10.30

Venue: Delegation of the European Union to India
5/5 Shanti Niketan, New Delhi 110021, INDIA
Tel. +91 11 6678 1919 ext. 963
Consultative meeting between project team and EU delegation

11.00-12.30

Venue: UNDP / UN Resident Coordinators’ Office
55, Lodi Estate, New Delhi 110003, India Tel: +91-11-4653286
Mob: +91-9810007851
- M&E group UNDP and UNSD
UNSD to provide update on UN work on Statistics especially with regard to SDGs

12.30 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	<p>Venue: Social Statistics Division, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, West Block-8, Wing- 6, R K Puram, New Delhi-110066; Ph: 011-26108529, Fax: 011-26108404</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultative meeting between MoSPI / CSO India and project team to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by UNSD on the EU project’s objectives, deliverables and milestones; ○ Preparation of the joint meeting on Thursday; ○ Initial exchanges on draft project document; ○ Other issues
17.00-18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development Pravir Deshmukh – Counsellor, India Business & Biodiversity Initiative (IBBI) Unit no. 101-102, First Floor, Sewa Corporate Park, MG Road, Gurgaon 122 001 Tel.: +91 124 434 6380, Mobile: 97176 11977

11 October 2017 (Wednesday)

Bilateral consultations

9.30-10.30	<p>Consultative meetings with relevant stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NITI Aayog <i>Shri Jitendra Kumar, Adviser (NRE), NITI Aayog, Sansad Marg, New Delhi, Ph: 011-23066707, Mobile: 9868115150</i> <i>Email: j.kumar@nic.in</i>
11.30-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEEB India Initiative/ GIZ <i>Ravindra Singh, Indo-German Biodiversity Programme, Senior Advisor - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH A2/18, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi, 110029, India, T + 91 11 4949 5353 Extn. 3110, M + 91 99 1099 6768, E ravindra.singh@giz.de</i>
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Consultative meetings with relevant stakeholders

- Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change; Vayu Wing, India Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor bagh Road, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
Shri M. P. Johnson, Statistical Adviser, Ph: 011- 24695134, Mobile: 9958727979, Email: Johnson.mp@nic.in
Shri Yashvir Singh, Economic Adviser, Vayu Wing, India Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor bagh Road, MoEF&CC, New Delhi Ph: 011-24695287 email: yashvir@nic.in
Shri J.R. Bhatt, Advisor, MOEFCC (Tel. 011-24695293 email : jrbhatt@nic.in)
Ms. Sujata Arora, Advisor, MOEFCC (Tel. 011-24695135 email : sujata@nic.in)
Mr. Rabikumar, Secretary, NBA (Tel. 044-22541071 email: secretary@nba.nic.in).

16.00-17.00

- UNEP - Atul Bagai UNEP India

12 October 2017 (Thursday)

Venue: MoSPI or CSO India

Joint planning meeting (MOSPI / CSO India);

[Participants : UNDP, EU, UN Environment, GIZ, NITI Aayog, MoEF&CC, DoLR, FSI, National Remote Sensing Centre, DEA]

Objectives: obtain a shared understanding of the national and international context for the project; agree on the project plan, coordination mechanism and a planning for the project in India.

Venue: Data Storage and Dissemination Division, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), East Block-10, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.

10.00-10.10	Opening remarks
10.10-10.30	EU-India Partnership (EU delegation)
10.30-10.50	Overview of the project and links to the international context (UNSD)
10.50-11.10	Status of implementation of the SEEA in India (CSO India)
11.10-11.40	Break

11.40-13.30	Policy perspective and related initiatives and programs in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the SDGs • TEEB India Initiative (TBC with Dr. Bhatt, MoEFCC) • DoLR
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.00	Presentation of the project plan (UNDP/MoSPI)
15.00 – 16.30	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -project plan; -planning of activities; -coordination mechanism (steering committee);
16.30	Closing

13 October 2017 (Friday)

Debriefing and next steps

Venue: EU Delegation

9.00-10.30	Discussions between project team, MoSPI, UNDP and EU on organizational and practical matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of project management unit • Resources and staffing Next steps
11.00-12.30	Discussion on the Project with EU Member states environment counsellors
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Debriefing by project team (UNSD and UNEP) of EU Brussels via Video Conference