

Natural Capital Accounting in Africa

Snapshot of relevant work happening in Africa

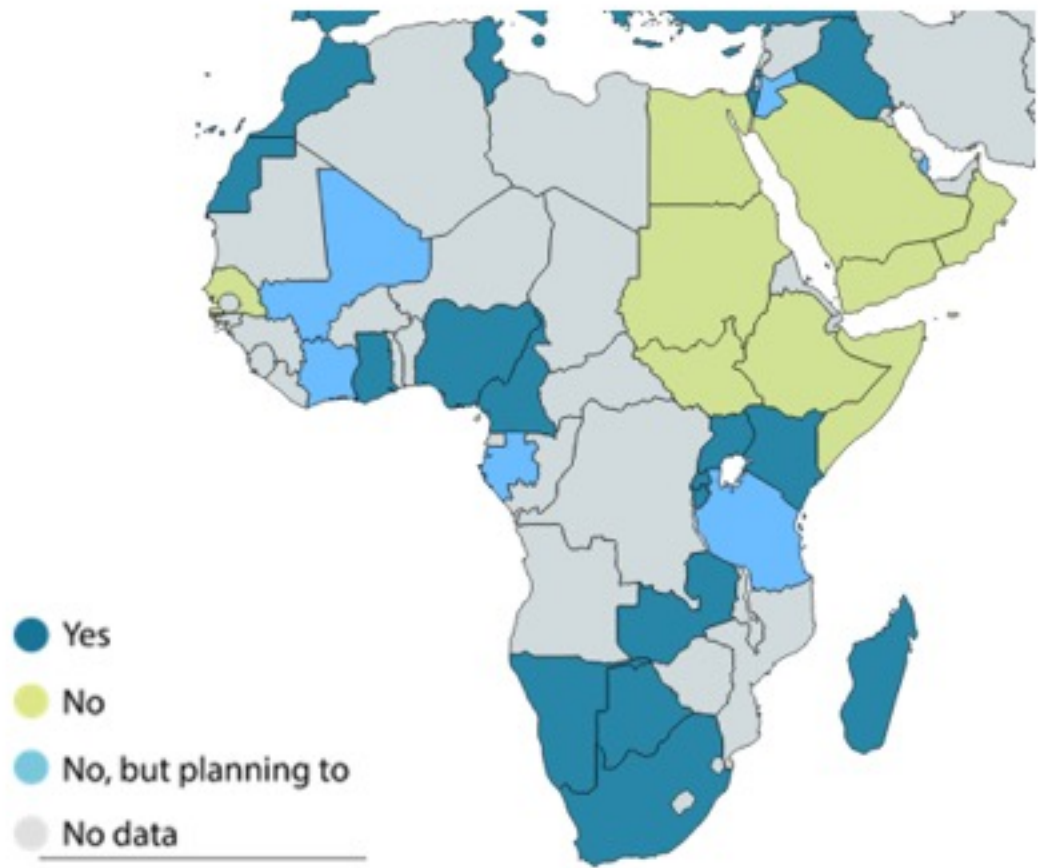
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SEEA in Africa



Account	Country Count
Energy	8
Water	8
Land	5
Ecosystem	4
Biodiversity	3
Forest	3
Mineral	2
Timber	1
Ocean	1
MFA	1
Air emissions	1
Species	1
Aquatic	1

Global Program on Sustainability in Africa



PILLAR 1:

Information

As countries strive to achieve SDGs, the notion of sustainability has taken center stage. Pillar 1 of GPS improves global measurements of natural capital and ecosystem services.



PILLAR 2

Implementation

GPS builds countries' capacity to produce and use natural capital accounting for policy and planning decisions. The program is working with 18 countries to measure and value natural resources.



PILLAR 3

Incentives

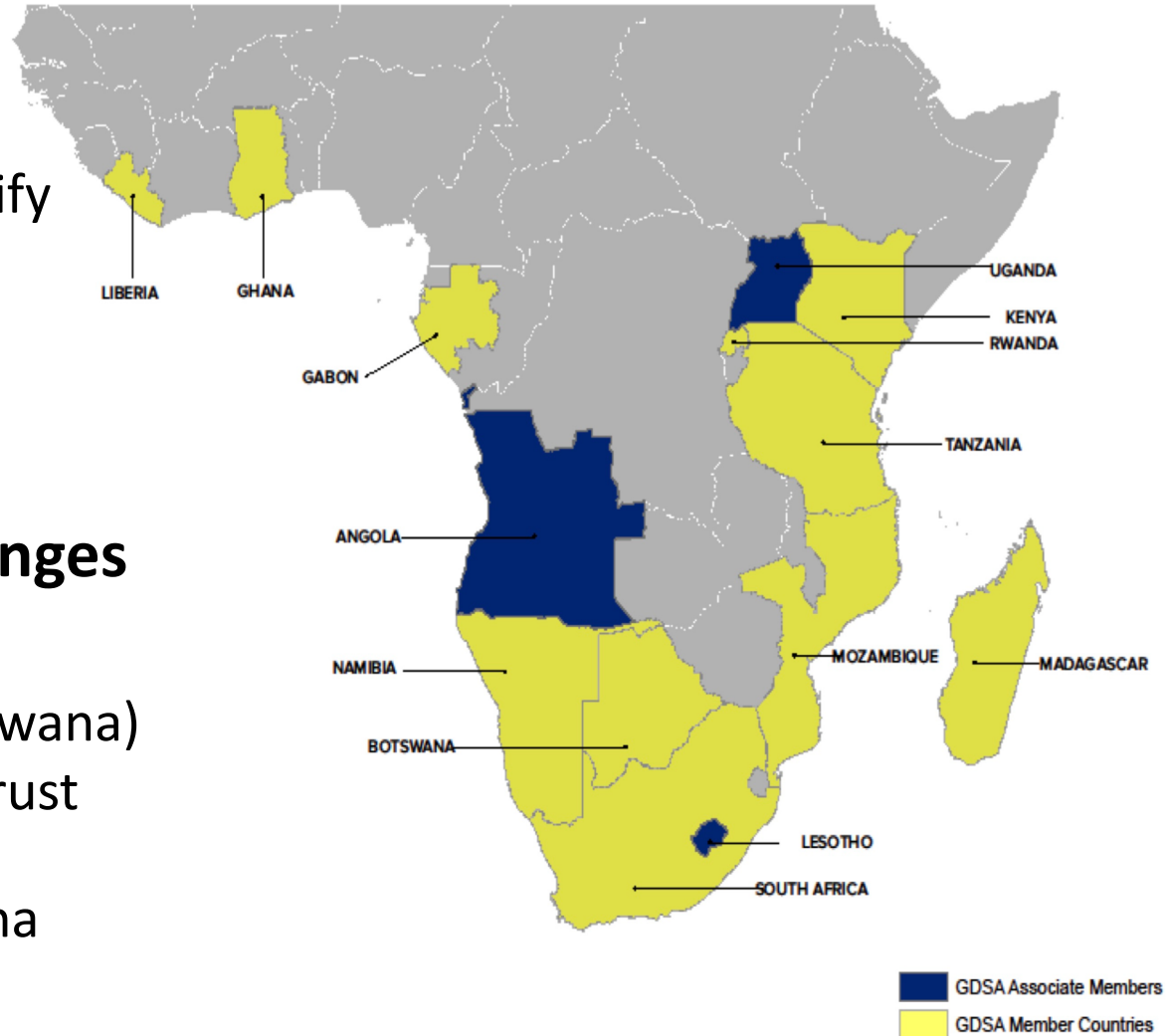
This part of the program promotes research and provides tools on how environmental factors impact risk and financial returns in fixed income markets.



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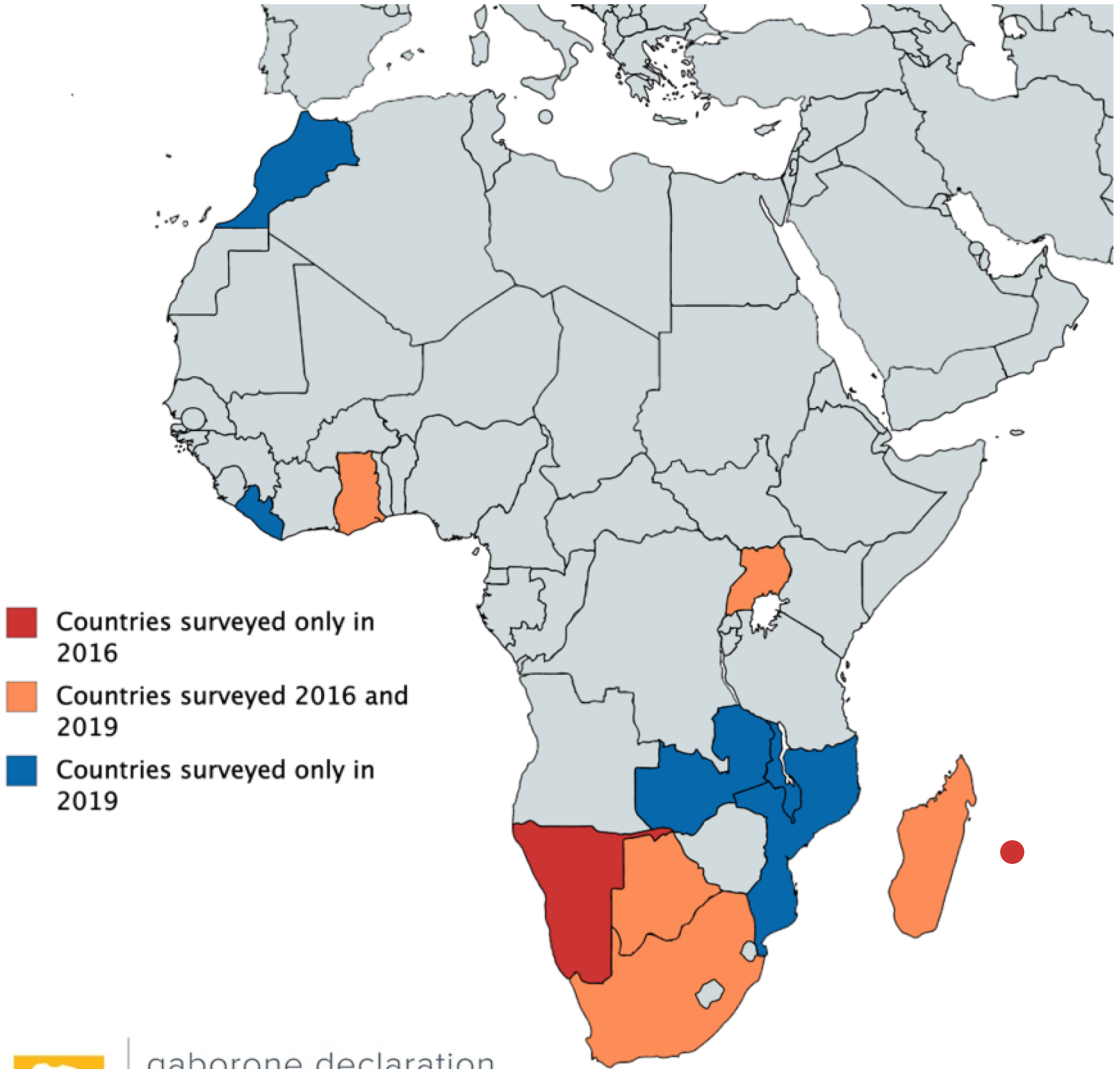
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- **Planning + Roadmapping**
 - Piloting NCA roadmap/readiness (to identify priority accounts + analyses)
- **Mobilising resources for NCA**
 - GEF funding (Liberia – Coastal Ecosystem Accounting)
- **Capacity building + south-south exchanges**
- **Promoting innovative partnerships**
 - NASA-CI Partnership (Liberia, Gabon, Botswana)
 - National Geographic Society + Wild Bird Trust (Angola)
 - MOU between UNEP and Govt of Botswana



Questionnaire on status of Natural Capital Accounting across Africa

June 2016	October 2019
7 countries	16 countries
Completed by 2+ people/country	
Published online (GDSA)	To be published in workshop report



More accounts demonstrated but mainstreaming takes time

	In 2016	In 2019
How would you describe the general state of knowledge of natural capital in your country?	33% <i>"Good"</i>	33% <i>"Good"</i>
Percent of countries with at least one natural capital account demonstrated	83%	100%
Percent of countries with at least one National Development Plan or National Strategy/Vision informed by Natural Capital Accounts	33%	33%

6 countries surveyed both years (Botswana, Ghana, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda)

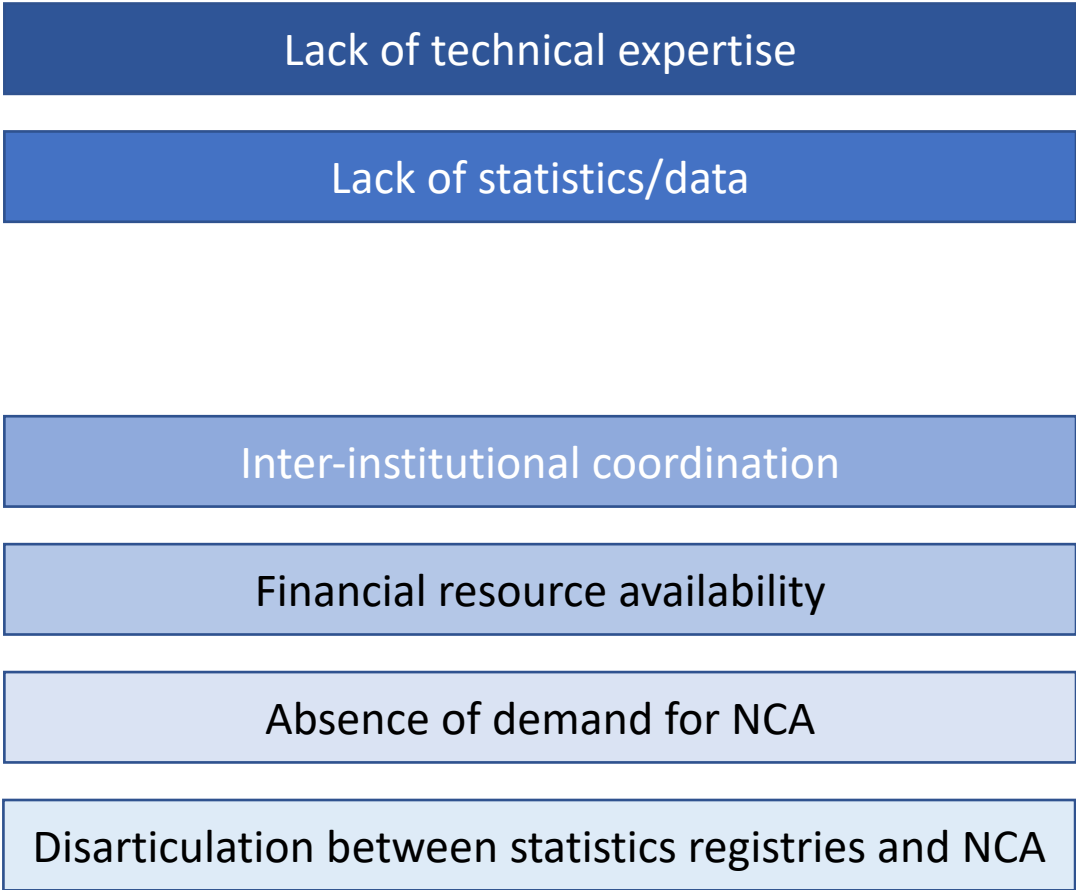
What are the most important hurdles to NCA implementation?

Most important
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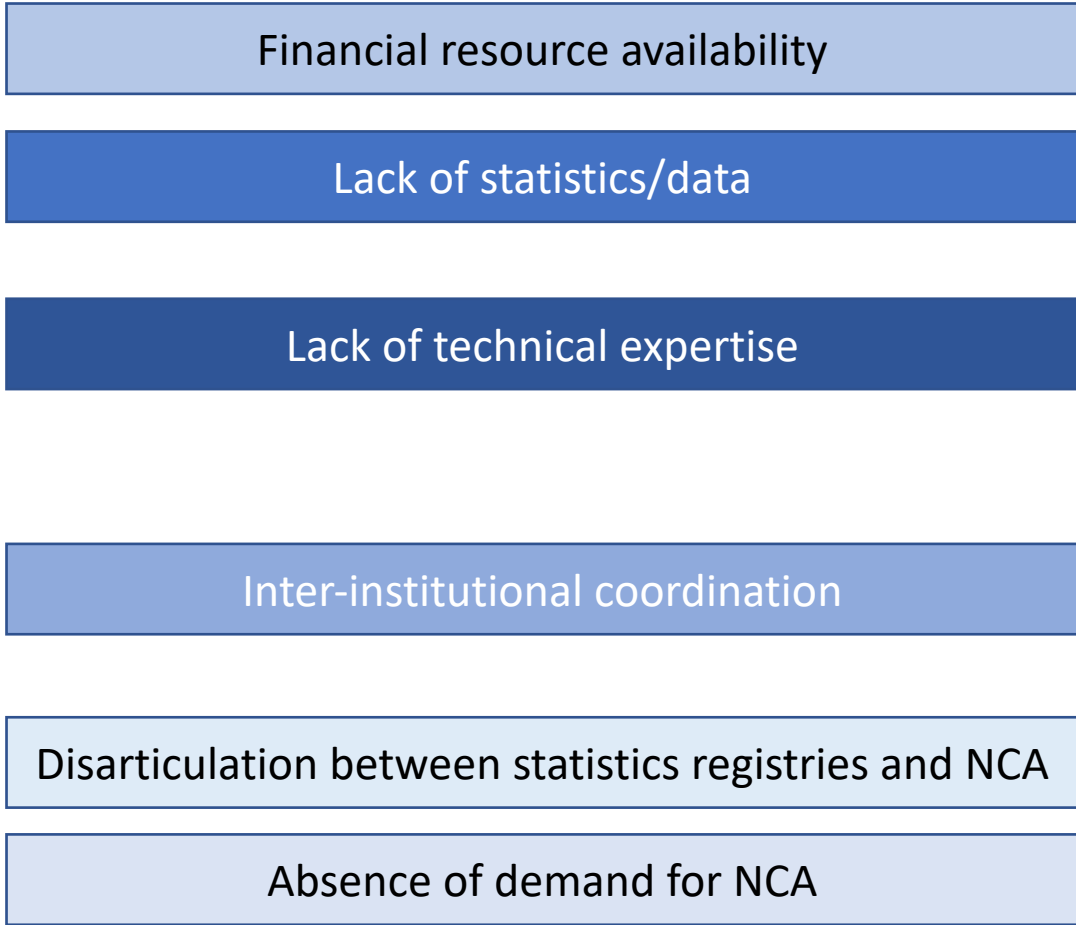
Less important
hurdles

In 2016

In 2019

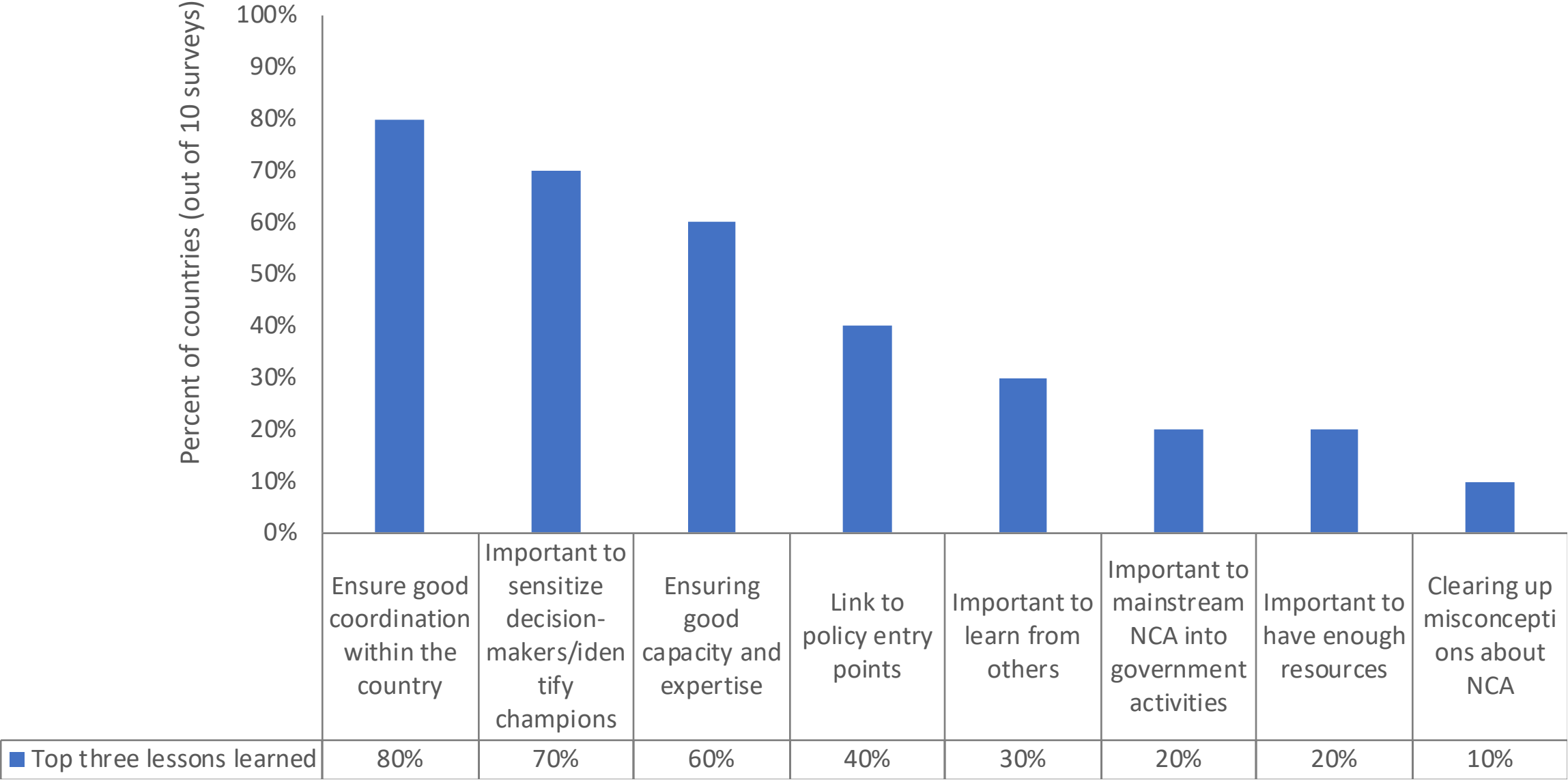


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(6 that also did survey in 2016)

Top three important lessons learned in implementing NCA



Thank you



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