

Policy, Planning, and International Reporting

Day 9: Using the Accounts for Decision Making

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Day 9 Agenda

Morning (09:30 – 13:00)

- **Session 1: Policy Integration**
 - Vision 2050, NST-1 (and NST-2).
 - Green Growth (GGCRS).
 - Public Investment Planning.
- **Session 2: International Reporting**
 - SDGs (Goals 6, 12, 15).
 - NDCs (Paris Agreement).
 - CBD (Biodiversity Framework).

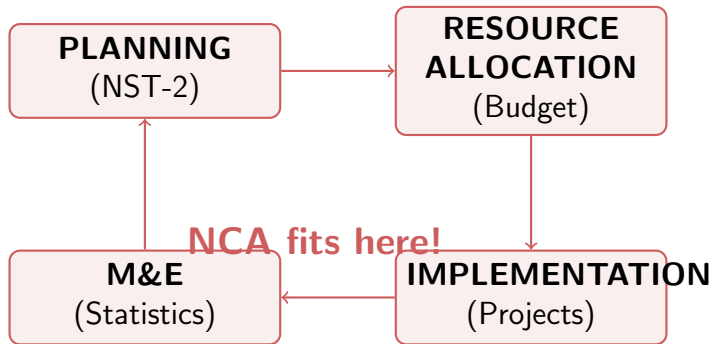
Afternoon (14:00 – 16:00)

- **Session 3: Communication Exercise**
 - Translating data to messages.
 - Creating "Policy Briefs" and "Dashboards".

Day 9 Output

Policy use-case briefs using available NCA data.

NCA in the Policy Cycle



Rwanda's Goal: Carbon Neutral & Climate Resilient by 2050.

- **Problem:** GDP measures economic growth but not environmental depletion.
- **NCA Solution:**
 - **Adjusted Net Savings (ANS):** Are we saving enough for the future after accounting for resource depletion?
 - **Decoupling Indicators:** Is GDP growing while water use remains stable?

Session 2: Global Frameworks

Rwanda has signed international commitments that require data.

SDGs

- **6.4:** Water Use Efficiency (Water Accounts).
- **15.3:** Land Degradation Neutrality (Land Accounts).

Paris Agreement (NDCs)

- Needs: Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
- NCA Link: Forest Carbon Accounts provide the "Bio-capacity".

GBF (Biodiversity)

- Needs: Ecosystem Extent.
- NCA Link: Ecosystem Accounts track habitat loss.



Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:30

Session 3: Speaking to Policymakers

Rule 1: Don't show the tables. Policymakers don't read spreadsheets.

Rule 2: Use headlines.

- **Bad:** "The PSUT shows a discrepancy of 15% in ISIC Div 01."
- **Good:** "Agriculture is using 15% more water than estimated, threatening city supply."

Rule 3: Use maps and simple graphs.

Example: A National Capital Dashboard

Wealth Index

- Produced Capital: ↗
- Human Capital: ↗
- **Natural Capital:** ↘

key Risk Indicators

- Water Stress Level: **High**
- Forest Carbon Stock: **Stable**
- Mineral Life: **10 Years**



Lunch Break

13:00 – 14:00

Exercise: Write a Policy Brief

Scenario: The Minister of Finance asks: "Why should I budget for wetland restoration?"

Groups Draft a 1-page Note:

- ➊ **Headline:** "Wetlands save us money."
- ➋ **Evidence (NCA):** "Asset accounts show 20% wetland loss since 2010."
- ➌ **Impact:** "This loss increases flood costs by 2Bn RWF/year."
- ➍ **Recommendation:** "Invest 500M RWF in restoration."

Key Takeaways

- 1 NCA is not just statistics; it is a tool for **governance**.
- 2 Use NCA to report on **SDGs, NDCs** automatically (efficiency).
- 3 Communicate using the language of Finance (Risk, Return, Asset, Liability).

Tomorrow: The Roadmap and Way Forward.



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