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Natural Capital Assessment – Risk and Opportunities for Financial Institutions in West Africa



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Understanding Natural capital assessment and accounting – the African progress status

Key areas to stimulate discussions

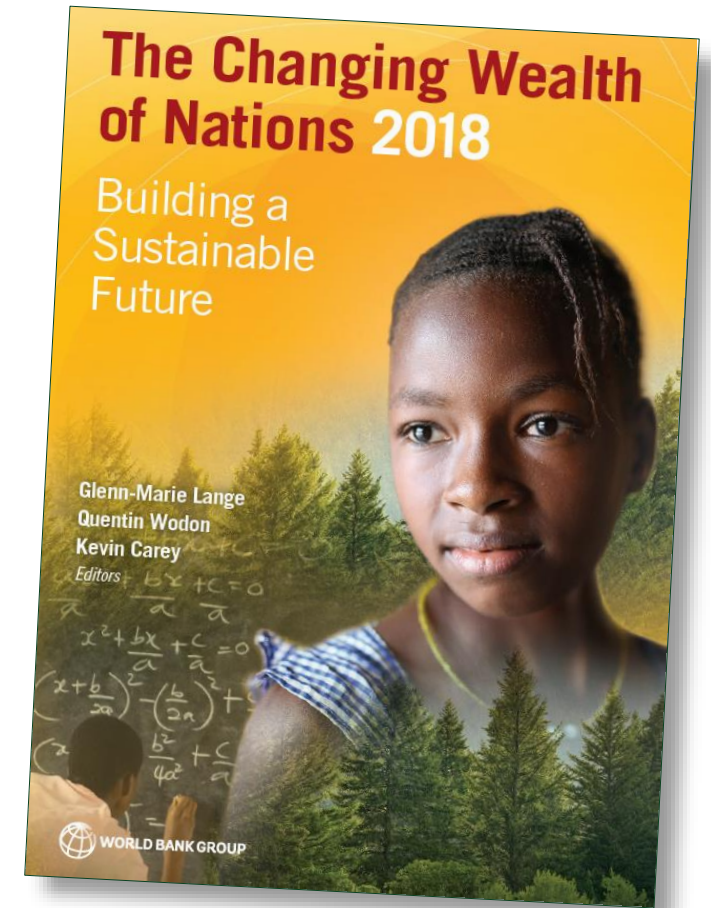
1. Why natural capital assessment/accounting for Africa
2. What some African countries are doing in the space of NCA
3. Which NC accounts are being prioritized and developed
4. How producing NC accounts are influencing policy decision making and national economic and environmental development process

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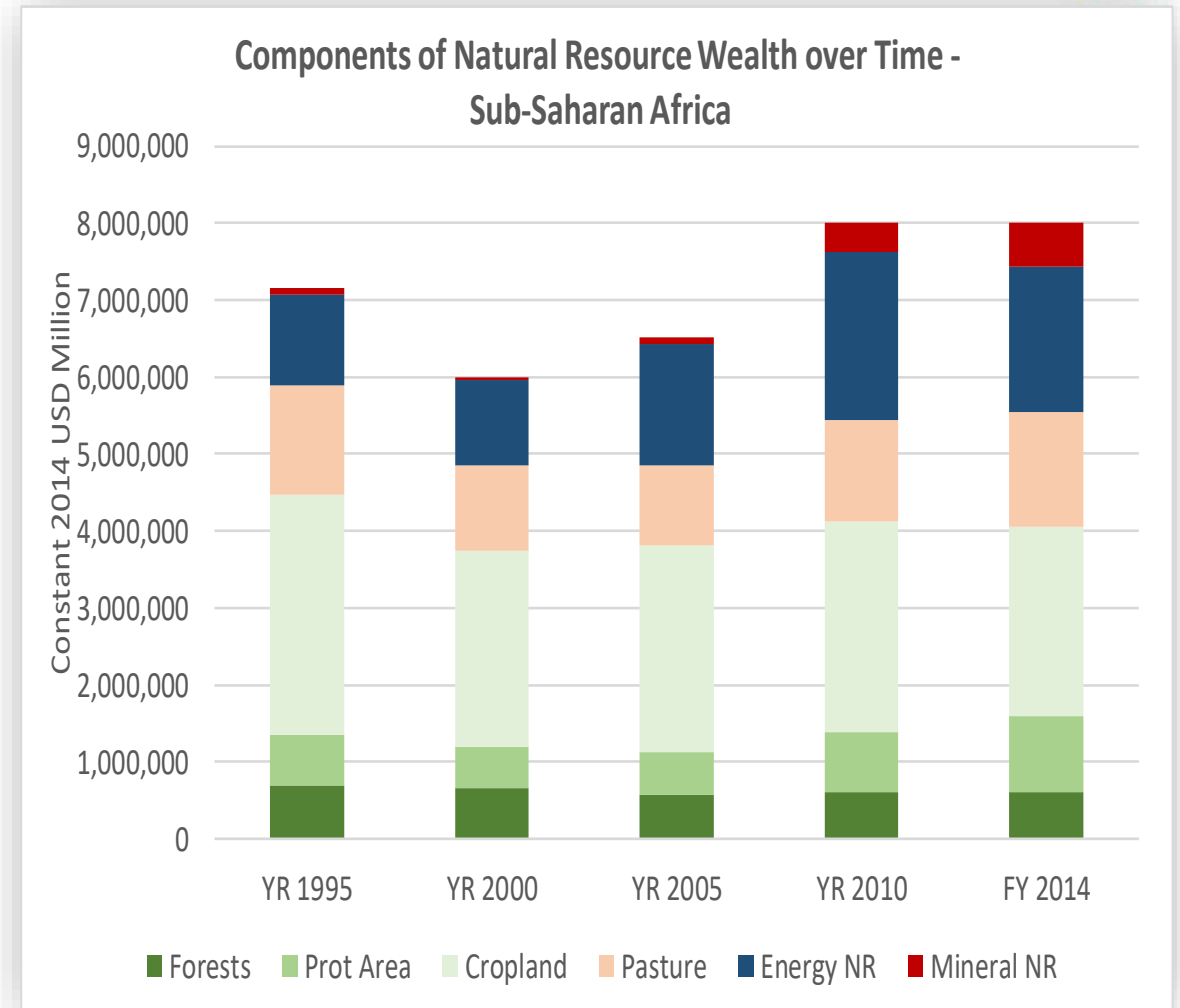
Why NCA in Africa : The basis for income generation

- Wealth accounting measures how a country's produced, natural, & human capital are contributing to long term income & growth.
- Wealth accounting (NCA included) measures underlying assets (machinery, infrastructure, land, forests, minerals energy) that contribute to economic well-being.
- Wealth accounting indicators give a more complete picture of development and growth prospects.
- Helps to assess if a country is growing its income without depleting its stocks (assets).
- Natural capital accounting (NCA) focuses on the part of total wealth that comes from mineral, energy, agricultural, soil, timber, and water assets.



Why NCA : Findings for Africa

- Africa has increased its wealth, but per capita wealth has declined in some countries.
- Natural capital is an important contributor to Africa’s wealth.
- Because of population growth, Africa needs to use resources much more efficiently & productively.
- NR degradation worsens poverty in pockets - further widening the rural-urban divide.
- Non-renewables generate capital just once, so that needs to be reinvested in human & produced capital.



Africa NCA implementation initiatives

NCA projects are being implemented in more than 33 countries in Africa including: Benin, Botswana, Code d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Senegal, Uganda, Zambia

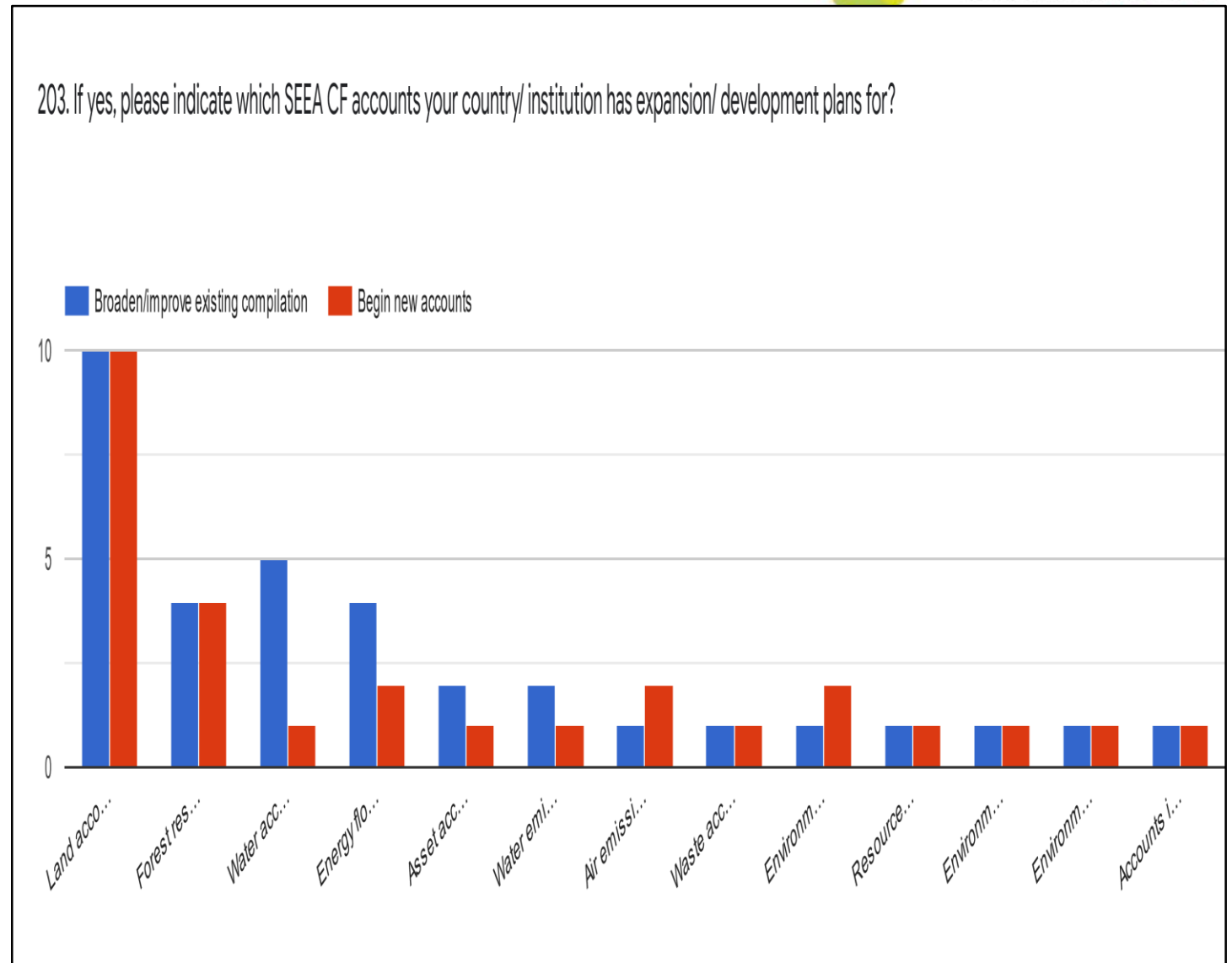
African Countries are at different stages of NCA/SEEA implementation: **Stage I:** compilation – compiled at least one account (consistent with NCA/SEEA) over the past five years; **Stage II:** dissemination – compiled and published at least one account within the past five years; and **Stage III:** regular compilation and dissemination – regularly publishes at least one account.



Source: UNSD SEEA Africa, 2020

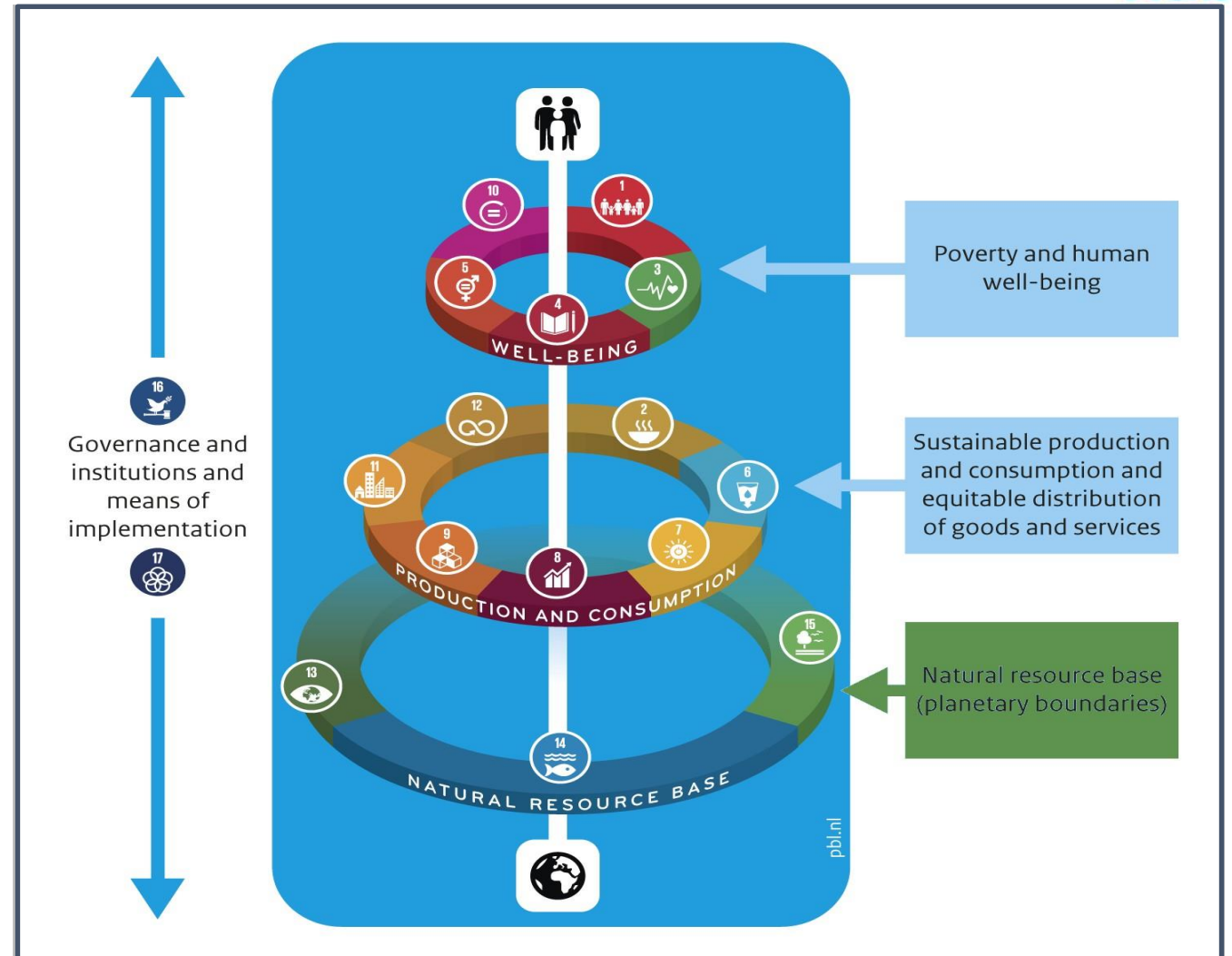
Based on the NCA Annual Needs Assessment done by Africa NCA CoP, 2021, African Countries are **prioritizing NC Accounts of land, water, energy, forests (timber), aquatic resources and ecosystems.**

From the Annual needs assessment, Analysis indicate that country policy priorities include **Climate Change as an emerging top ranked policy priority for carrying out natural capital accounting.** This is closely followed by **Disaster related, green growth and biodiversity.**



NCA work is informing policies/development plans related to NRM, Environment and Climate change across a number of African countries

African Countries have also highlighted that NCA data and analysis are a great source of information during implementation and reporting progress on NRM, CC, Green growth, SDGs and biodiversity.



Source: Pavan S. & Rockström J. SDGs wedding cake, PBL, 2018

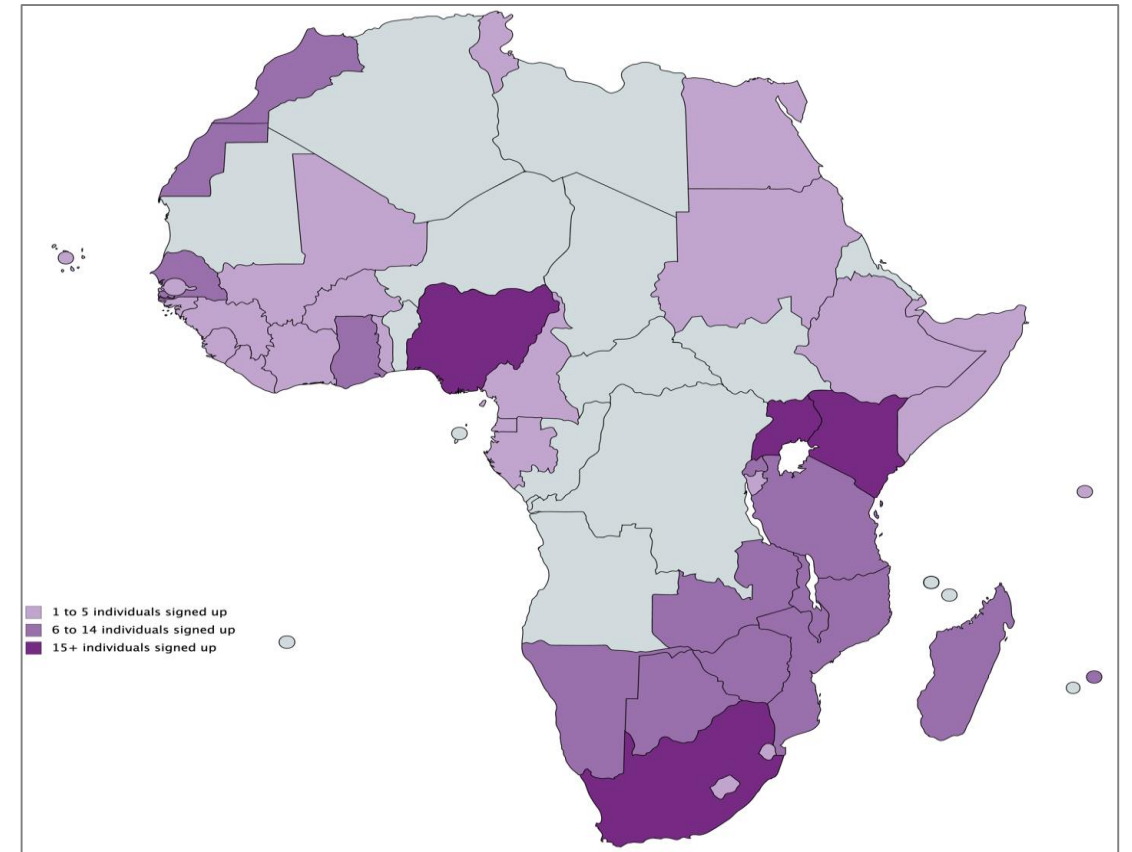
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*15 African Countries officially joined the Africa NCA CoP
and more than 500 individual members have joined.
Members have also joined from 12+ non-African
countries.*