

# Africa Natural Capital Accounting Community of Practice (Africa NCA CoP)

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# Purpose of the NCA COP

## Purpose

*The Community of Practice will support best practices by building capacity and momentum in Africa to mainstream NCA into statistical production and policy in all African countries.*

### Networking and dialogue

Annual forums; newsletters; linking with other groups

### Joint communication and advocacy

Mobilising resources for the Community of Practice; case studies on NCA in Africa; advocating for NCA and use in regional policy

### Peer-to-peer exchange, coaching, and mentoring

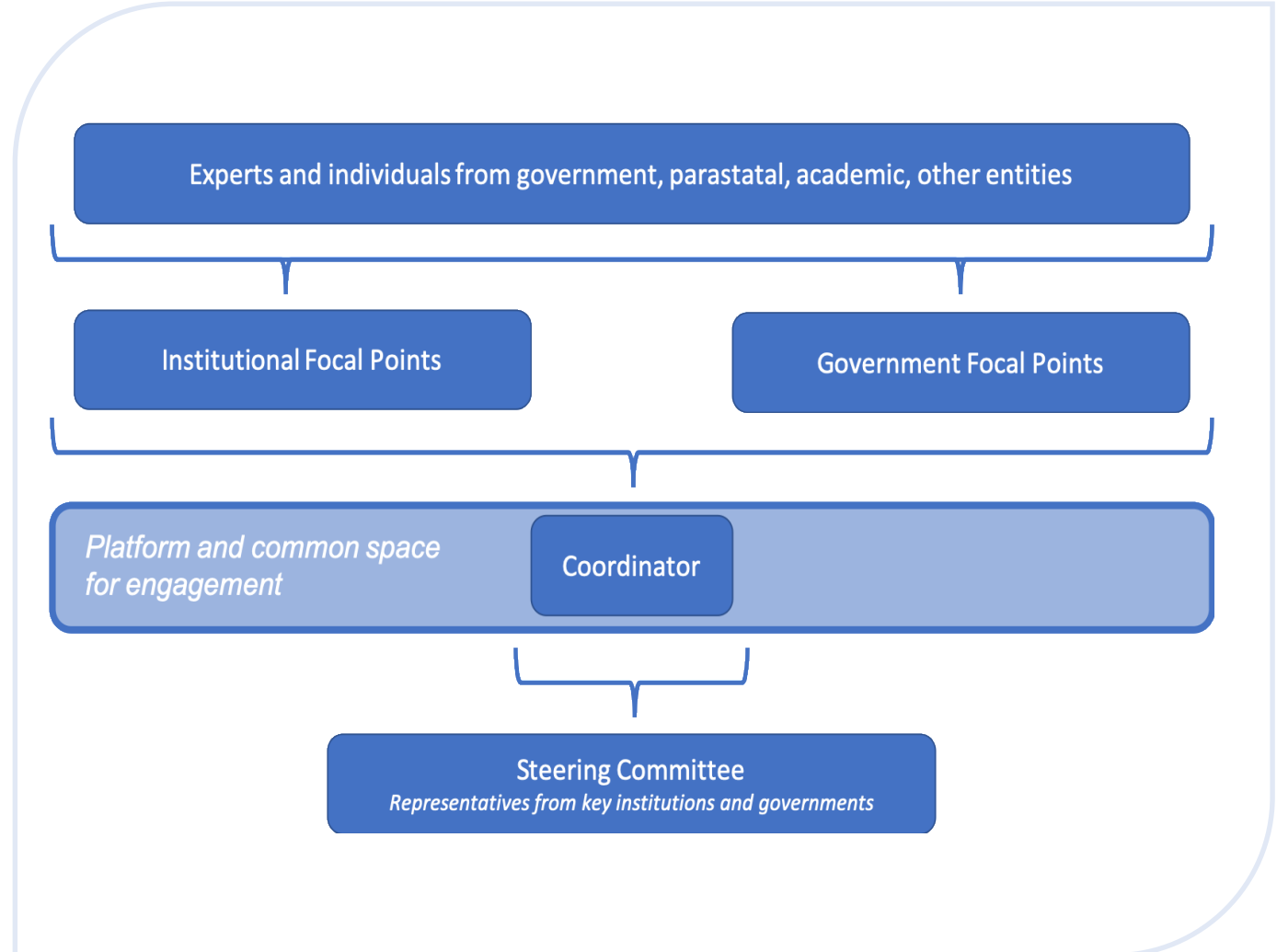
South-south exchanges; joint trainings/workshop; linkages between national fora, committees, and workshops

### Collective learning and co-generation of knowledge

Themed working groups; peer review; building up knowledge platform of resources in different languages

# Structure & Governance

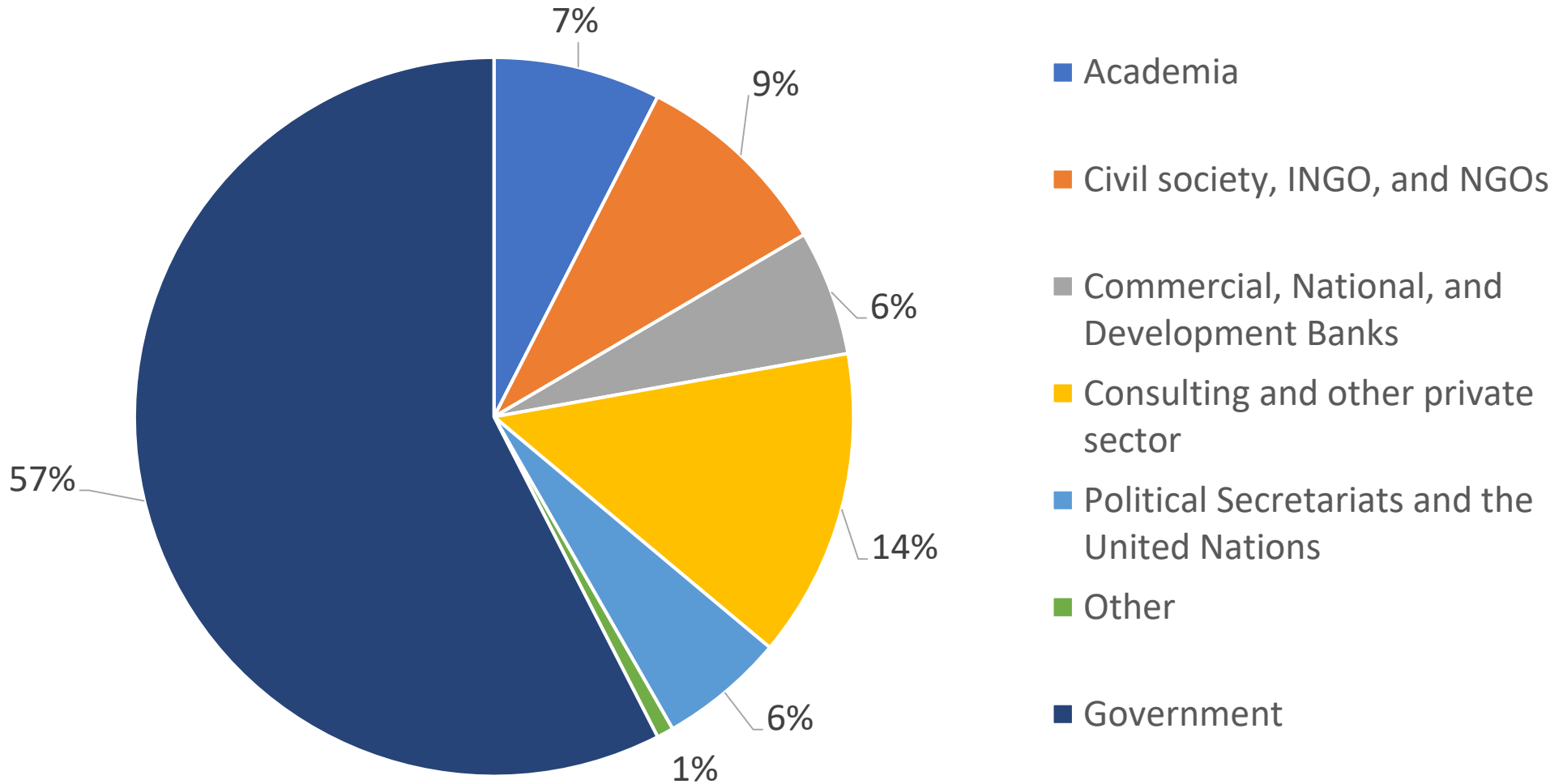
- **General membership:** anyone with an interest can sign up online
- **Focal points:** Nominees from countries, businesses and institutions
- **Steering Committee:** A set of key institutions and governments meeting quarterly to discuss the NCA COP
- **M&E framework** has been set up with baseline data collected through sign-up forms



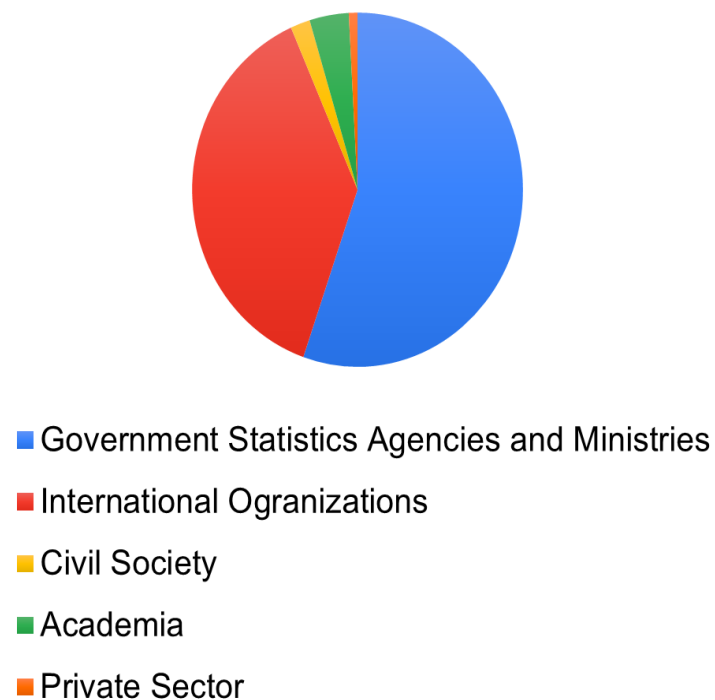




## Affiliations/places of work for individual members of the NCA COP



## Type of Affiliation/place of work for individual NCA CoP members



Most of the members (260) work in government from statistics agencies and ministries while (179) members work with different International Organizations, civil society members (9), academia (18), and private sector (4).

# EXPECTED OUTCOMES



- Increased cooperation and support between countries on using NCA.



- Strengthened capacity of governments to use NCA for decision-making



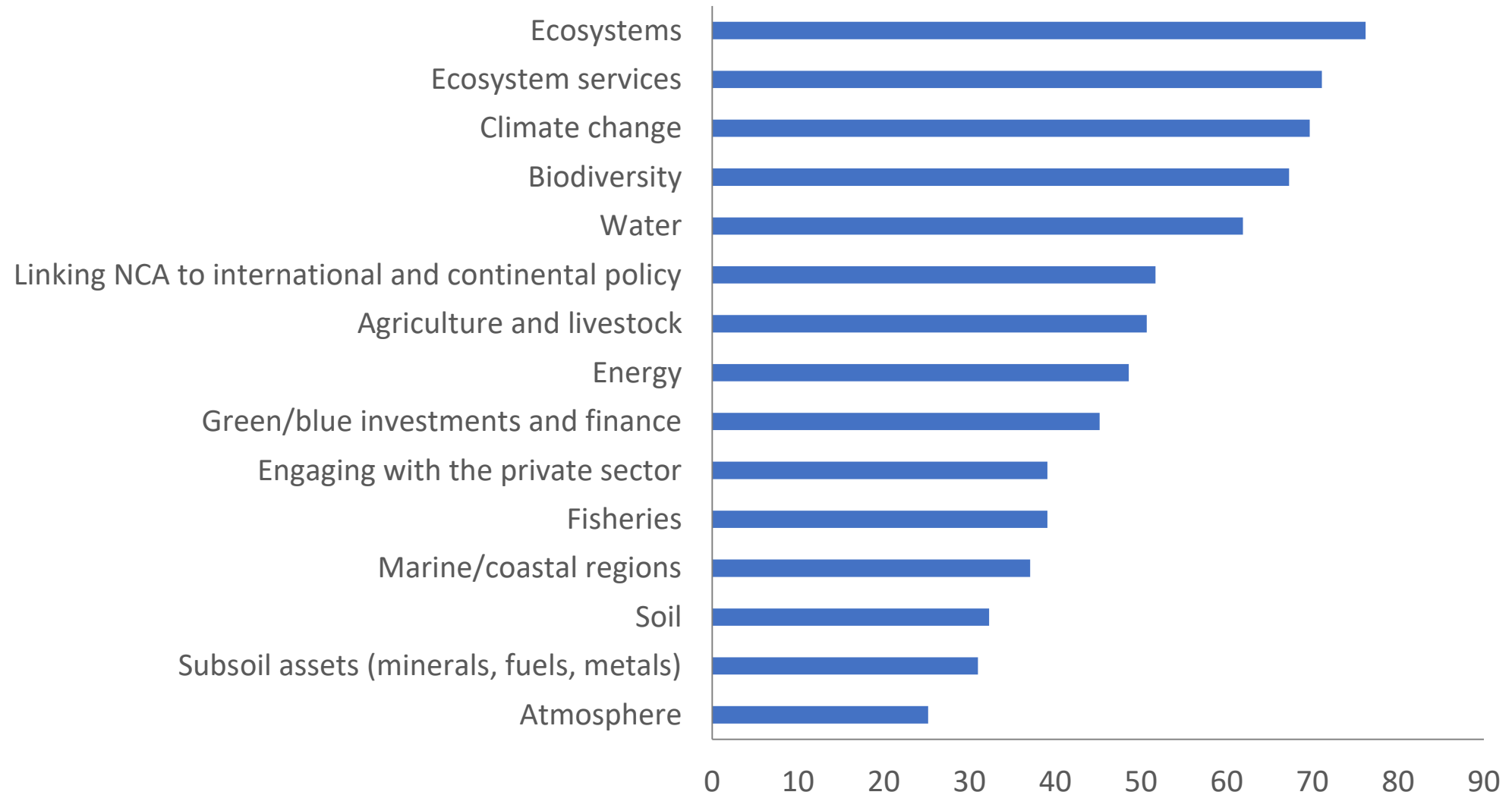
- Strengthened technical capacity on development and use of NCA in the region



# Member Interest for joining the CoP

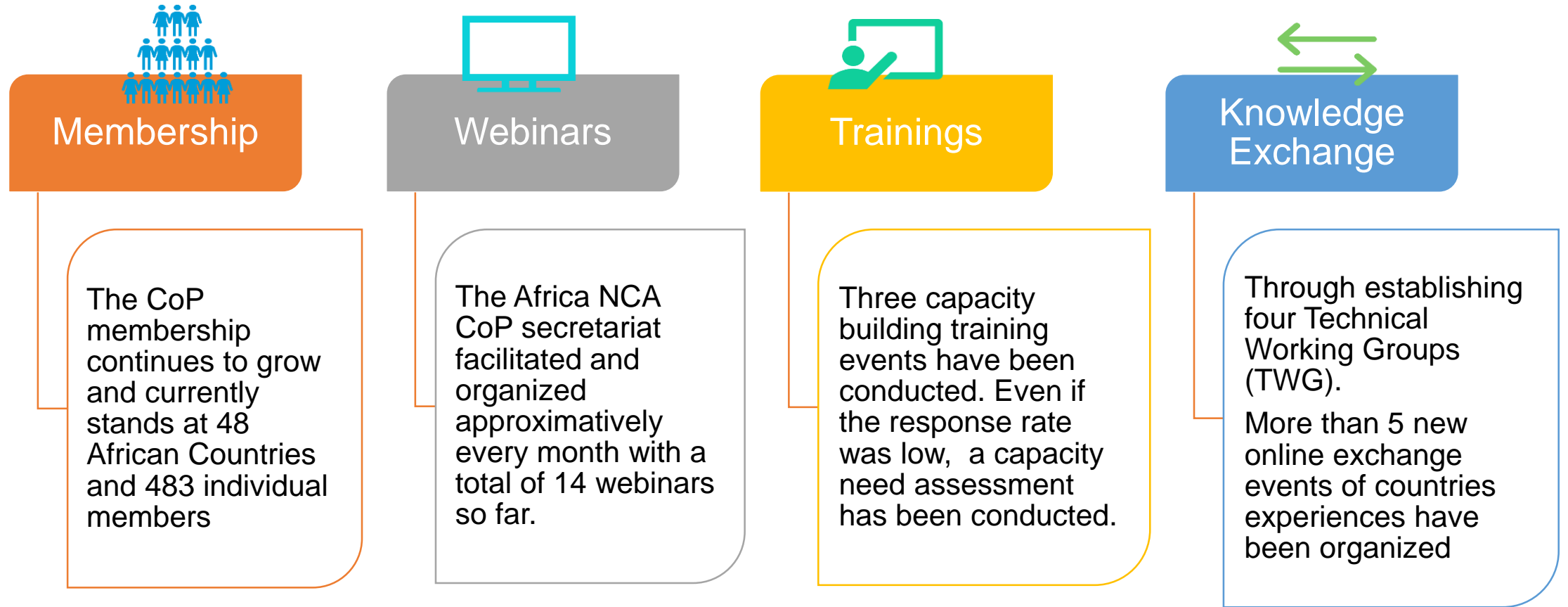


# NCA areas of Interest for CoP members



■ Which of the following subjects, as they relate to Natural Capital Accounting, are of interest to you?

# Achievements



# Achievements

The COP has contributed to raise awareness of NC data, methods and tools and has played a catalytic role by cultivating interest into demand from countries for Technical Assistance to support the development and use of data for informing policy making

Operationalizing tools for sharing, networking, and communications (Telegram, Website, Newsletter)

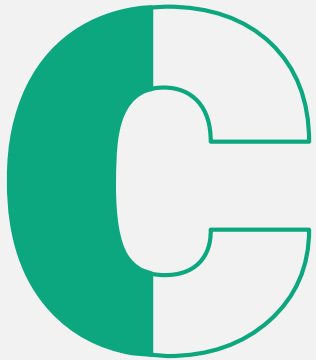
Trainings and capacity building and Knowledge exchange opportunities for member countries

Governance, planning and operations

Establishment of Working Groups

Developing Community Membership

# Challenges Faced



## 01

### COVID 19

Partner institutions could have committed more (in particular on south-south, e.g. UNSD exchanges between statistics organizations which could have generated additional opportunities). Networking has been hampered. With the pandemic, there has been no face-to-face activity during the first year.

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### Language barrier

All materials/trainings are prepared in English. Difficult to reach out to non-English speaking participants.

## 02

### Membership beyond GPS participating countries

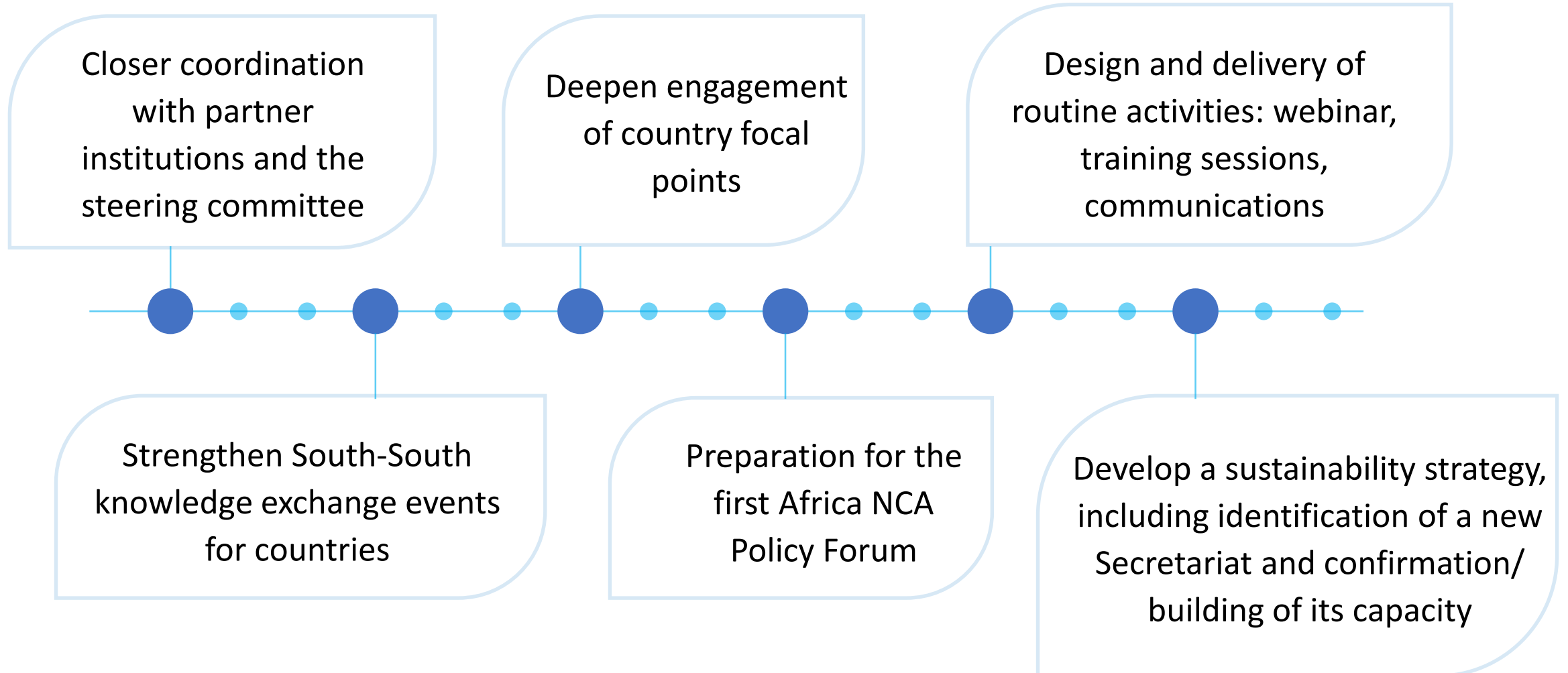
Outreach strategy not clear on how to mobilize membership from countries with no active GPS activities. GDSA and other partners need to engage more members to join the CoP

## 04

### Funding

Currently WB, through GPS is providing the financial resources for the CoP activities. Mobilization of funding from partners could have been more effective.

# Moving Forward





# Thank you!

Stay in touch with the NCA COP:

<https://www.wavespartnership.org/en/africa-natural-capital-accounting-community-practice>

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