



National Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Forum 2026

Unlocking Nature's Value for Sustainable Growth and Inclusive Futures

14–15 September 2026

Statistics South Africa

Detailed programme

DAY 1 – MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:30	Registration with tea and coffee	
09:25	Safety briefing	Mr. Fanie Mfaba, Stats SA
09:30	Welcome and opening	Mr. Joe de Beer, DDG, Stats SA
09:35	Session 1. Opening High-level Panel Discussion	Facilitator: Ms. Deshni Pillay, UNDP - South Africa
09:35	Panel discussion: Nature as a National Asset: Strengthening Leadership, Policy and Finance for Sustainable Development	Panellists: Mr. Risenga Maluleke, Stats SA SG Ms. Nomfundo Tshabalala, DFFE DG Mr. Shonisani Munzhedzi, SANBI CEO Dr Sean Phillips, DWS DG Dr. Odirilwe Selomane, UP, Senior Lecturer Mr. Maxwell Gomera, UNDP, Resident Representative
10:20	<i>Participant engagement via questions to panellists</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>
10:30	Natural Capital Accounting in South Africa and it's vision	NCA CU (Stats SA, DFFE, SANBI and DWS)
11:00	<i>Participant engagement</i>	<i>Participant Engagement Facilitator</i>
11:15	Group photograph	
11:30	BREAK with tea and coffee	
11:50	Session 2. From Robust Foundations to Credible Evidence	Chair: Ms. Prideel Majiedt, SANBI
11:55	Leveraging Shared Foundations to Advance both NCA and Spatial Biodiversity Planning and Prioritisation	Ms. Mandy Driver, Independent Consultant
12:10	National Land Cover in South Africa: Progress, Current Status and Future Direction	Ms. Bulelwa Semoli, DLRRD
12:25	From Earth Observation to Natural Capital Intelligence: Using EO-Derived Decision Support Tools to Inform Environmental Decision-Making	Dr. Zakariyyaa Oumar, SANSA
12:40	Strategic Groundwater Source Areas: Strengthening Natural Capital for Water Security and Climate Resilience	Dr. Stanley Nzama, DWS
12:55	Unlocking SAEON's Coastal and Marine Data for NCA	Ms. Safiyya Sedick, NRF-SAEON
13:10	<i>Participant engagement via questions to presenters</i>	<i>Audience</i>
13:25	LUNCH	
14:25	Session 3.1. Latest Accounts, New Insights	Chair: Ms. Lucia Motloun, DFFE
14:30	Experimental Biodiversity Tourism Estimates for South Africa	Mr. Riaan Grobler, Stats SA
14:45	Physical Energy Flow Accounts for South Africa	Mr. Robert Parry, Stats SA
15:00	Session 3.2. The Upcoming Natural Capital Accounts	Chair: Ms. Lucia Motloun, DFFE
15:05	First Experimental Greenhouse Gas Emission Accounts for South Africa	Mr. Riaan Grobler, Stats SA Ms. Farryn Sherman, DFFE
15:20	En route to the First Experimental Biodiversity Economy Satellite Account for South Africa	Mr. Riaan Grobler, Stats SA
15:35	Update of the National Water Accounts	Mr. Robert Parry, Stats SA
15:50	NCA through SANBI Donor-funded Initiatives	Ms. Nokuthula Wistebaar, SANBI
16:05	Setting up an Operational Water Resources Accounting System for South Africa	Dr. Shaedon Gokool, UKZN Mr. Richard Kunz, UKZN
16:20	<i>Participant engagement via questions to presenters</i>	<i>Audience</i>
16:35	Close of Day 1	

DAY 2 – TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:00	Registration with tea and coffee	
08:30	Welcome and reflection on Day 1	Programme Director: Ms. Ntakadzeni Tshidada, SANBI
08:40	Session 4.1. Mainstreaming NCA into the Public Sector	Chair: Mr. Yakeen Atwaru, DWS
08:45	Using NCA to Strengthen Planning, Monitoring and Decision-Making in South Africa	Mr. Zakhele Mdlalose, DPME
09:00	Monitoring and Evaluating against Mechanisms for Securing SWSAs	Mr. Mthobisi Nzimande, SANBI
09:15	Securing South Africa's Water Future: A Strategic Plan to Protect, Manage and Sustain Our Strategic Water Source Areas	Ms. Silindile Mtshali, WWF South Africa
09:30	Biodiversity Budget Tagging – Budget and Compilation of Biodiversity Management Statistics	Mr. Hilton Msamali, UNDP BIOFIN Malawi
09:45	<i>Participant engagement via questions to presenters</i>	<i>Audience</i>
10:00	BREAK with tea and coffee	
10:20	Session 4.2. Mainstreaming NCA into the Private Sector	Chair: Ms. Jenifer Zungu, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership
10:25	Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Financial Sector	Ms. Rejoyce Shoji, UNDP South Africa
10:40	Making Nature Markets work: Policy Developments, Standards and their Relations to national Biodiversity Strategies	Mr. Camille Maclet, IAPB
10:55	From Site-level Biodiversity to Natural Capital Reporting: A Biodiversity Tool for the Pulp and Paper Sector	Mr. Steven Germishuizen, AES
11:10	Role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), Indigenous and Local Knowledge, Biodiversity Finance, and the Broader Mainstreaming Agenda	Vha-Musanda Vho Esther Netshivhongweni, IPLCs representative
11:25	<i>Participant engagement via questions to presenters</i>	<i>Audience</i>
11:40	Session 5. Regional NCA Knowledge Sharing	Chair: Mr. Mahlodi Tau, SANBI
11:45	NCA Lessons from Namibia	Mr. Olimpio Nhuleipo, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Namibia
12:00	Recognising the Contribution of Nature in Malawi's Economic Development through NCA	Mr. Boniface Chimwaza, Environmental Affairs Department, Malawi
12:15	Overview of Natural Capital Accounting in Mozambique: Opportunities and Challenges	Mr. Eleuterio Duarte, Wildlife Conservation Society, Mozambique
12:30	<i>Participant engagement via questions to presenters</i>	<i>Audience</i>
12:45	LUNCH	
13:45	Session 6. Towards the Update of the National NCA Strategy	Chair: Dr. Bokang Vumbukani-Lepolesa, Stats SA
13:50	Strengthening NCA Capacity in South Africa: A University-Led Collaborative Framework	Prof. Harun Maama, DUT
14:05	The Revision Process of the National NCA Strategy for South Africa	Mr. Riaan Grobler, Stats SA
14:20	<i>Participant engagement via questions to presenters</i>	<i>Audience</i>
14:30	<i>Participant engagement: Reflection of the National NCA Forum 2026</i>	<i>Participant Engagement Facilitator</i>
14:50	Closing Remarks	Mr. Joe de Beer, DDG, Stats SA
15:00	Close of the 2026 National NCA Forum	