



WORKSHOP CHALLENGES IN THE MEASUREMENT OF NATURE IN OFFICIAL STATISTICS

25-26 MAY 2026

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Provisional programme subject to revision

Monday, 25 May

2.00 pm

Registration of participants

2.30 pm

Welcome and opening session

Stefano Menghinello | Head of Department for economic, environmental and national accounts statistics | Istat

Sven Kaumanns | Chair London Group on Environmental-economic Accounting

Mandy Driver | Chair Technical Committee of the UNCEEA on the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

SESSION 1. FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AND TERRITORIAL STATISTICS TO ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ACCOUNTING

Chair: Alessandra Ferrara

3.00 pm

The state of the art in Europe

To be determined | Eurostat (Invited)

3.20 pm

Mapping ecosystem extent: a challenge for official statistics

To be determined | Italian Interinstitutional Ecosystem Accounting WG

3.40 pm

Exploring the relationship between ecosystem condition and ecosystem services

Mandy Driver | Chair Technical Committee of the UNCEEA on the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

4.00 pm

Discussion

4.20 pm

Pause

4.40 pm

The wide range of information needs of ecosystem services measurement

To be determined | Italian Interinstitutional Ecosystem Accounting WG

5.00 pm

Selected Contributions (Call Respondents)

To be determined

5.40 pm

Discussion

6.00 pm

Closing of the First Session and Workshop Day

Tuesday, 26 May

SESSION 2. ACCOUNTING FOR THE DIVERSE ECONOMIC VALUES CONNECTED TO ECOSYSTEMS

Chair: Francesca Di Palma

9.30 am

Implications of strong sustainability for the measurement of the economic importance of ecosystems: the Ecological Sustainability Gap (ESGAP) accounting proposal

Paul Ekins | University College London

9:50 am

The “values connected to ecosystems” methodological proposal and its implementation in the Italian Natural Capital Committee Reports

Alessio Capriolo | Istituto Superiore per le Ricerca Ambientale (ISPRA)

10.10 am

Making sense of multiple connected values: classification concepts and their application to the Estonian and Dutch cases

Kaia Oras | Statistics Estonia

10.30 am

Discussion

10.50 am

Pause

11.10 am

An example of connected values accounting: the biodiversity economy concept and its implementation

Riaan Gobler | Statistics South Africa

11.30 am

Selected Contributions (Call Respondents)

To be determined

12.10 pm

Discussion

12.30 pm

Closing of the Second Session

Lunch break

SESSION 3. THE ROLE OF ECOSYSTEM ACCOUNTING IN BEYOND GDP MEASURES

Chair: Sven Kaumanns

2.00 pm

Behind and Beyond Natural Capital

Eric Gomez-Baggethun | Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

2.20 pm

The link between ecosystem services and beyond-GDP

Fabiola Riccardini | Istat

2.40 pm

Selected Contributions (Call Respondents)

To be determined

3.20 pm

Discussion

3.40 pm

Closing of the Third Session

3.40 pm

ROUND TABLE

MEASUREMENT CHALLENGES AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

COORDINATOR

Davide Colombo | Istat

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To be confirmed | MASE MIMIT

4.40 pm

Conclusions

Stefano Menghinello | Istat