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Session 9: Policy roundtable

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Session aims

To understand the basic content, planning and operation of policy roundtables for linking accounting to policy and decision-making

To run "mini" roundtables to identify key issues and policies that can be assisted by environmental accounting in LAC

Planning

How long?

- 4-8 hours

- At least one break and lunch

Invitations

- Letter (email), 1-2 pages of background

Who to invite?

- Government policy advisors, senior bureaucrats, policy analysts, program managers

How many to invite?

- 8-12

Where to host?

- A neutral place, e.g. hotel or university

Basic content and operation (1)

1. Welcome and introductions

- **Background**

- **Expectations of all**

2. Introduction to environmental accounting

- **Basic concepts**

- **Place of accounting in decision making, e.g. "The accounting push and policy pull"**

- **Questions**

System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012
Central Framework

Stocks and flows

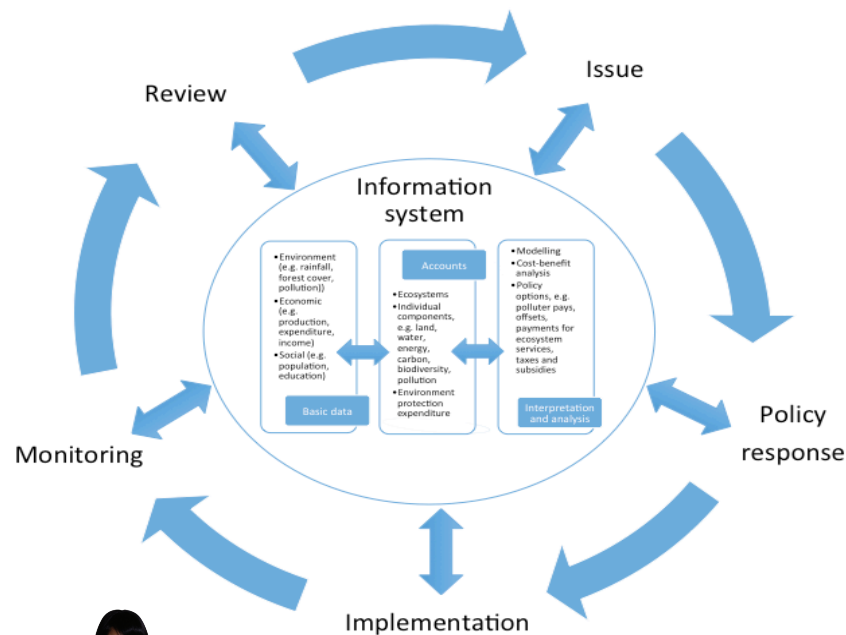Physical and monetary measures

Benefits ●beneficiaries

Basic content and operation (2)

3. Identification on issues

- **Let the participants speak!**

- **Do your homework so you can prompt issues and policies**

4. Link issues and policies to accounting

- **The hard part and again do your homework**

- **Look for links of accounting to <u>analysis</u> (within the information system) as well as to links to <u>implementation</u> and <u>review</u>**

- **Monitoring is obvious and we often get stuck here**

Basic content and operation (3)

5. Policy tools

- Carrots, sticks and sermons

- Which ones are being considered?

6. What dimensions of data quality are most important?

- Relevance

- Accuracy

- Timeliness

- Coherence

- Interpretable

- Accessible

7. A summary and plan

- Agree on a way forward

- Summarise roundtable discussions and circulate

Mini roundtables

You have already done part of the content and operation:

• Session 1 Introduction to SEEA

• Session 6 Policy and accounting
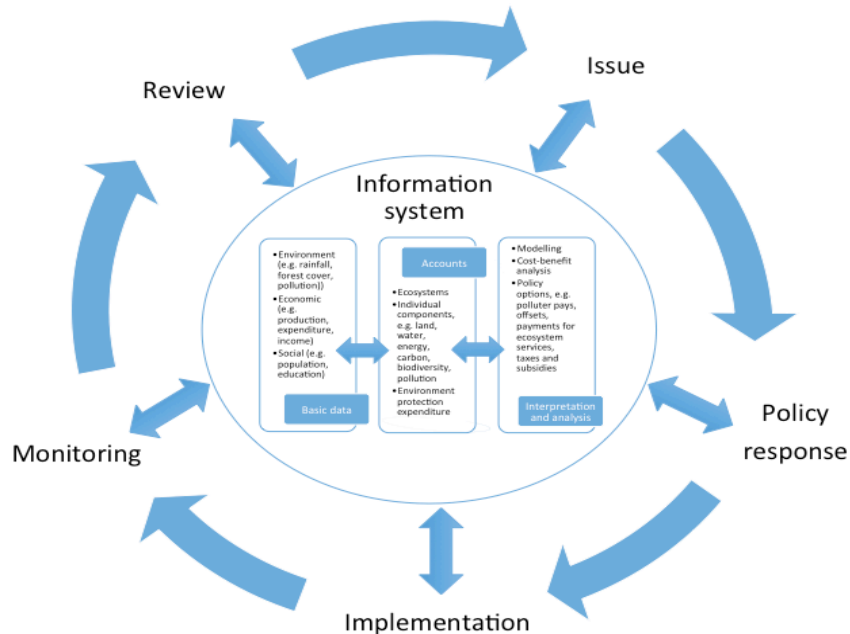
• Sessions 7&8 identification of issues and policies

To do:

• For specific issues, policies and tool, where in the information system and policy cycle would particular accounts help (e.g. analysis, implementation, review, etc.)

• What aspects of data quality are most important?

To do for 2 or 3 specific issues or polices

For specific issues and policies, Where could the accounts fit in the information system and policy cycle?

What aspects of data quality are most import for each specific issue or policy

Source: Vardon et al 2016

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Report back to group