

Development of a Conceptual Framework to Support Measurement of Decent Work in Nature-based Solutions

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International Policy Framework and Decade Initiatives



Policy Concept Definition: Decent Work

Decent work is defined as “**productive work for women and men in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity**”.

International Labour Organization (ILO) 1999

Decent Work is seen as the synthesis of **four strategic objectives**:

- Achieving universal respect for fundamental principles and rights at work;
- The creation of greater employment and income opportunities for women and men;
- Extending social protection; and,
- Promoting social dialogue.

Policy Concept Definition: Nature-based Solutions (NbS)

In March 2022, the UN Environment Assembly passed a Resolution containing the first UN policy concept definition of Nature-based Solutions.

Nature-based Solutions are “actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems, which address social, economic and environmental challenges effectively and adaptively, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services and resilience and biodiversity benefits”.

Source: UN Environment Assembly, Resolution on Nature-based Solutions for supporting sustainable development, March 2022

ILO-UNEP-led multistakeholder collaboration: Global report on Decent Work in NbS

Collaboration

- Lead UN agencies: ILO and UNEP
- IUCN, FCDO, FAO, IFAD, World Bank, Green Jobs Assessment Institutions Network (GAIN)

Report title

- Decent work in Nature-based Solutions: A biennial global report on the emerging nature conservation and restoration economy

Report objectives

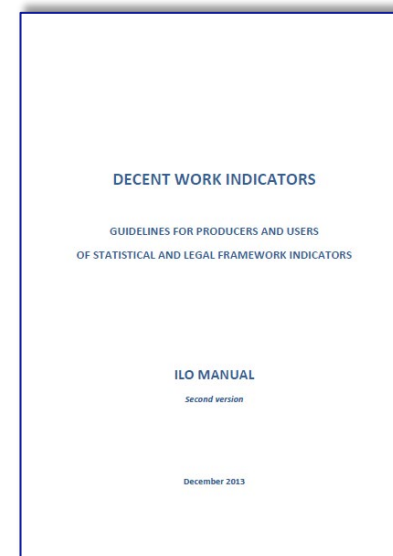
- Develop conceptual measurement framework to establish linkages between NbS and decent work
- Analyse impact of NbS policies on employment, decent work and enterprise development
- Support integration of NbS into national recovery & development plans, Just Transition objectives, investment for NbS
- Report launch: October 2022

Development of statistical conceptual framework to support measurement of decent work in NbS (1)

Use of existing international statistical standards and frameworks (concepts, definitions, classifications, and indicators)

- **System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)**
 - SEEA Ecosystem Accounting framework
- **International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) Resolutions and Guidelines**
 - 19th ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization
 - Decent Work Measurement Framework

Indicators for monitoring decent work and employment in NbS



Development of statistical conceptual framework to support measurement of decent work in NbS (2)

Some key questions :

- How to use the spatial approach of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting Framework to link to NbS activities at community scale and also link with employment and decent work measurement in a given reference period?
- How to use a standard framework across locations/landscapes allowing for distinctions between sub-national and national scales for informing NbS policies and investments supporting decent work creation?
- What types of existing or hybrid statistical classifications (based on SEE- EA + ICLS) can best inform policy making for decent work creation in NbS?
- What types of indicators can help monitor policies and investment decisions supporting decent work in NbS?

Seminar participants who have measured NbS activities using the SEEA-EA framework are kindly invited to share your experiences. Contact: castillom@ilo.org

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