

**Future Earth Knowledge-Action Network on Natural Assets:  
Open Consultation**

**Invitation to contribute to the research foci under the Natural Assets KAN**

Dear colleagues,

As part of our ongoing activities, Future Earth initiated an internal consultation process on its Natural Assets Knowledge-Action Network (Natural Assets KAN). The Natural Assets KAN – a collaborative initiative building on contributions from the Future Earth internal Community (Global Research Projects, Fast-Track Initiatives, Clusters, Science and Engagement Committees, Regional Centres and Offices) – will aim at achieving a scientifically-based, sustainable and fair stewardship of terrestrial, freshwater and marine natural assets underpinning human well-being by understanding relationships between biodiversity, ecosystems and their benefits to societies, as well as developing effective management and governance approaches. In January 2016 we invited the internal Future Earth community to submit informal documents on the potential core research foci that should be addressed under the Natural Assets KAN.

We gathered the community inputs into a draft synthesis document, which we hope will pave the way to the conceptual and strategic development of this Knowledge-Action Network key research themes and activities. We now invite the wider community to review the synthesis document and give feedback in order to see if there are any missing pieces that have not been addressed yet.

Link to the draft synthesis document:

[http://futureearth.org/sites/default/files/synthesisofinternalconsultationsonthenaturalassetskan-final\\_17oct2016\\_1.pdf](http://futureearth.org/sites/default/files/synthesisofinternalconsultationsonthenaturalassetskan-final_17oct2016_1.pdf)

\* 1. Email address

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**General information**

\* 2. Name (First; Last)

\* 3. Country(s) you work in

4. Nationality

\* 5. I will you respond to this survey -

- as an individual
- on behalf of your institution/organisation/company

If you respond on behalf of your institution/organisation/company, please specify the name:

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**Profession**

\* 6. What sector of work are you in?

- Academia
- Private sector
- Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
- Governmental organization
- International organization
- Consulting
- Other (please specify)

7. If you are a researcher, what is your disciplinary family(s)?

- Natural sciences
- Applied sciences
- Social sciences
- Humanities (including law)
- Other (please specify)

8. If you are not a researcher, what is your sector of activity?

- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Nature conservation
- Infrastructure (e.g. transportation; water utility)
- Politics (elected official at any level)
- Policy
- Other (please specify)

9. Which institution/organisation/company are you working for?

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**Feedback on research foci for the Natural Assets Knowledge-Action Network (Natural Assets KAN)**

Please provide us with your feedback on the draft [synthesis document](http://futureearth.org/sites/default/files/synthesisofinternalconsultationsonthenaturalassetskan-final_17oct2016_1.pdf).

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The key priorities are:

1. **Biodiversity, ecosystem functions and ecosystem services**
  - Biodiversity and ecosystem valuation across scales
  - Global biodiversity change, ecosystem monitoring and ecosystem health indicators
  - Changing dependencies between natural assets, ecosystem services and human health
2. **Governance and fair stewardship of natural assets**
3. **Socio-economical transformations for sustainable consumption and production of resources**
4. **Development of scenarios and models to support multilateral agreements**
5. **Concept of Natural Assets**

\* 10. Are there any missing key priorities that would need to be addressed under the Natural Assets KAN?

\* 11. Are there any themes/priorities in the document that are not relevant?

\* 12. Are there societal challenges (technological, political, regional etc.) that should be addressed under this KAN?

13. One of our key priorities is to define the concept of Natural Assets for the Knowledge-Action Network. Please provide us with your thoughts on what this term should imply, which other concepts and components it should include or exclude.

14. Additional comments

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**Joining the Natural Assets Knowledge-Action Network community (Natural Assets KAN)**

\* 15. Are you interested in joining the Natural Assets KAN community?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

16. How would you like to contribute to the Natural Assets KAN community?

- Propose an activity that would fit under the scope of the Natural Assets KAN
- Have a relevant project endorsed by Future Earth
- Join the Natural Assets KAN community on Future Earth's Open Network
- I don't know yet
- Other (please specify)