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| Workstream 2: Practice |
| Brief descriptionThis workstream focuses on the need of governments to deepen the engagement between different agencies, with other governments and with businesses (both directly and through sector-level business associations) to explore alternative sustainability pathways and co-create new markets. This workstream on the short term (2018) will explore how governments can use existing online platforms to share practical examples of how they build natural capital leadership, enable different approaches and use hubs to support this. Existing online platforms that will be taken into account will include the Natural Capital Hub[[1]](#footnote-1), webpage of the Forum on Natural Capital Accounting for Better Policy (as part of WAVES program)[[2]](#footnote-2) and the webpages of the EU Business@Biodiversity Platform[[3]](#footnote-3). On the longer term this workstream could include strengthening public-private collaboration in the context of (regional) platforms. Or the development of possible agreements (covenants) on joint ambitions and action plans for achieving sustainability transitions. |
| Possible actionsShort term (2018)* Explore opportunities using existing hubs for sharing practices (e.g. business and policy case studies) by critically reviewing their power to reach a range of audiences.
* Liase with the UN, EU, GDSA and other international bodies to align with their efforts to streamline the use of international hubs for sharing expertise on Natural Capital.
* Develop a government natural capital hub, if appropriate and possible building on an existing hub, to which countries are invited to share and exchange their natural capital approaches and practices.

Longer term* Share country and/or regional experiences with collaboration at sectoral levels, to determine what works and what does not, and suggest ways forward.
* Reach out to relevant international sector organizations for input to in-country initiatives (e.g. in sectors where Natural Capital Protocol Sector Guides are available or under development).
* Jointly develop sector-level plans that support businesses in viewing natural capital as an asset and enable them to move “beyond compliance”.
* Set up (regional) platforms for collaboration of business, governments and NGOs around natural capital.
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1. https://naturalcapitalcoalition.org/hub/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.wavespartnership.org/en/2nd-forum-natural-capital-accounting-better-policy [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/biodiversity/business/index\_en.htm [↑](#footnote-ref-3)