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System of  
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## System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 – Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Revision

### First Global Consultation on:

**Chapter 6: Ecosystem services concepts for accounting**

**Chapter 7: Accounting for ecosystem services in physical terms**

### *Comments Form*

**Deadline for responses: 20 August 2020**

**Send responses to: [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org)**

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**Questions related to Chapter 6**

**Question 1: Do you have comments on the concepts and definitions for ecosystem services, benefits and associated components of the ecosystem accounting framework?**

The comments I have on concepts and definitions and that the term ecosystem services are not well defined .At least we need to show how these will be valued.  
The document does not accurately show how food, water, clothing, shelter and recreation become benefits. With the objective, is that non-governmental organizations not concerned? Because we talked about businesses, households and governments  
It is necessary to show the difference between abiotic and eco-friendly flows economics

**Question 2. Do you have comments on the content and descriptions in the reference list of selected ecosystem services?**

No comment

**Question 3. Do you agree with the proposed treatments for selected ecosystem services described in Section 6.4 for biomass provisioning services, global climate regulation services, cultural services, water supply and abiotic flows?**

Yes

**Question 4. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 6?**

With regard to the accounts of ecosystem services, Burundi considers that these accounts in monetary terms are not easy to integrate into environmental statistics, given the complexity of measuring ecosystem phenomena. It should also be noted that even data in physical terms is so far difficult to obtain.

**Questions related to Chapter 7**

**Question 5. Do you have comments on the proposed recording approaches for ecosystem services supply and use tables described in section 7.2?**

My comment is about how to value regulatory and maintenance services. We need this document to show us with an example of how it is going.

**Question 6. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 7?**

No, we do not have any comments.