Ecosystem Services (ES) are fundamental to human life.

In Ethiopia, ES are essential for the provision of livelihoods, social, economic and environmental needs.

Over the last two decades, the Ethiopian government has put in place a number of policies, strategies and laws that are designed to support sustainable development.

- Ecosystem services is not adequately taken in to account !!!

- Required support and efforts to consider ES in the existing and upcoming development planning and decision making process ...

- How, where and when  ?????????
Challenges - Assessments of ESS

- Lack of **awareness** and **Knowledge** on **ESS** approach
- Limited **knowledge** on the implementation of **ESS**
- Lack of **relevant** data
- Lack of **capacity**
- Lack of adequate **research**
- Lack of **coordination**
- No clear **understanding on similarity and differences** with the existing Environmental assessment practices, Like **EIA**
- Need to define a clear **steps** and key **actors**
- No clear **procedural guideline** to implement, including **consultation** with **SHs**

SO ....what will be the possible way to find the solution????
Two Options/ways to start implementation of ES and to achieve the target

Assumption !!! Route for the implementation of ESS approach in the development planning

O1
Start alone with out or little consideration of the existing policy

or

O2
Start with consideration of the existing policy

ESS target:
- Human Benefit
- Social, Economic and Personal well-being
Possible Solutions and Opportunities:

- **ESS** is a key for ensuring the benefits of the community!!!...Agreed
- **ESS** is an advantage from Ethiopia perspective!!!!....agreed

This....

- Required to Plan ES accordingly to fit in to the current policies and practices

Opportunities of existing practice ....To Start **ESS** :-

- Use simple methods, i.e., *easily manageable, understandable, required limited resources, Etc.* e.g. **expert valuation matrix**.
Possible Solutions and Opportunities..Contd.

- Develop **maps** and present for **decision makers** to use it as a tool in their **planning** process

  *When need arise, use more **advanced methods** for ES assessment*

- **Initiate** to **integrate** this output into the upcoming and existing **development projects planning**

- **Conduct** **additional**
  
  **research to move forward**

- **Design** properly to link with the **EIA process...as a pilot study**
SUGGESTION TO LINK ES WITHIN EIA PROCESS

- Advice and provide training for the proponent to include ESS
- Identify and Consider relevant ESS
- Consider ESS as one of a decision criteria
- Identify and Consider relevant ESS
- Finally check the consideration of ESS during the approval of the project

CONSULTATION- CONSIDER ESS

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