

True Cost Accounting:

Effective tools for policy makers to assess the hidden costs and benefits of agriculture and food systems

Additional resources

The following overview highlights some relevant books, reports, tools and other resources around True Cost Accounting.

<p>True Value: Revealing the Positive Impacts of Food Systems Transformation</p>	<p>This new report presents powerful and compelling evidence that food systems transformation is possible and having an impact now. Conducted by TMG Think Tank for Sustainability, an inclusive and true cost evaluation approach is applied to six food systems initiatives featured in the Beacons of Hope series to understand the breadth and depth of their positive impacts. Read the report here.</p>
<p>True Cost Accounting for Food: Balancing the Scale</p>	<p>Balancing the Scale explores the economics, policy, and practice of True Cost Accounting and how we understand the actual costs and benefits of different food systems. It also explores the environmental, social justice, and human facets of TCA, with contributions on everything from the relationship of True Cost Accounting and climate change to investment strategies, the “fake meat” debate, the transformative potential for tipped restaurant workers, and more. Read the report here.</p>
<p>Overarching Implementation Guidance</p>	<p>The TEEBAgriFood Evaluation Framework: Overarching Implementation Guidance is a step-by-step guide to assess how food systems impact people, society, the environment, and natural resources. It enables users to identify a range of actions that can transform how food systems operate and, simultaneously, helps to create a practical roadmap for action on food systems sustainability. Download the guide here.</p>
<p>A Multi-Billion-Dollar Opportunity: Repurposing agricultural support to transform food system</p>	<p>This joint FAO-UNDP-UNEP report calls for governments to rethink the way agriculture is subsidized and supported. The majority (87%) of \$540 billion of support to agricultural producers is either price distorting or harmful to nature and health. Repurposing this support can help transform food systems and achieve the SDGs. Read the report here.</p>
<p>True Cost Accounting for Food: What’s in it for Africa?</p>	<p>This opinion piece for BAOBAB highlights aspects of the True Cost Accounting approach that its author Dr. Barbara Gemmill-Herren considers particularly relevant to Africa and its small-scale producers. Read the article here.</p>

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