

# National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative Global Workshop

17 – 20 September 2024 - Cambridge, United Kingdom

## Dates & Venue

- **Dates:** Tuesday 17 September 2024 - Friday 20 September 2024
- **Location:** Cambridge, United Kingdom

## Background

The National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative's (NEA Initiative) Global Workshop takes place annually to facilitate knowledge exchange, share project updates and lessons learned, and identify key priorities related to the implementation of the assessment process and the use of assessment findings.

The NEA Initiative at UNEP-WCMC is funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV). As part of the NEA Initiative's global capacity-building programme, the workshop is expected to be attended by national ecosystem assessment representatives from Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Malawi, Thailand, alongside other partners and international experts from Cameroon, Colombia, Ethiopia and Viet Nam.

## Workshop Objectives

1. Identify and facilitate key capacity development support based on countries' priority needs.
2. Provide key updates on project progress and lessons learned between and across countries to facilitate knowledge exchange.
3. Present key tools to countries developed by UNEP-WCMC and partners to support the national ecosystem assessment process, including the use of assessments' outputs and findings.
4. Provide feedback for UNEP-WCMC and partners to strengthen their support for current and future partners.
5. Facilitate and promote networking opportunities and strengthen global communities of practice around ecosystem assessments.

## Key Participants

The workshop will be attended by key representatives nominated by each of the country teams. Participants will include members of the core assessment teams, assessment authors, government representatives from country partners, as well as experts from countries that have already finalized their national ecosystem assessments and who will share their experiences in the implementing phase.

## Key Partners

The NEA Initiative Global Workshop 2024 will be hosted by UNEP-WCMC and delivered in partnership with UNDP and UNESCO under the umbrella of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network

## Agenda Overview: NEA Initiative Global Workshop 2024

| Tuesday 17 Sep<br>DAY 1 (MORNING) – Hilton  | Wed 18 Sep<br>DAY 2 (MORNING) – Hilton   | Thu 19 Sep<br>DAY 3 (MORNING) – DAB  | Friday 20 Sep<br>DAY 4 (MORNING) – DAB  |
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| <b>08:30 – 09:00</b><br>Registration  | <b>08:20 – 08:30</b><br>Registration + admin   | <b>08:20 - 08:30</b><br>Registration + admin   | <b>08:20 - 08:30</b><br>Registration + admin  |
| <b>08:30 - 09:00</b><br>Administrative & logistical announcements   | <b>08:30 - 09:00</b><br>Opening Session<br>Recap of previous day & reviewing agenda of the day   | <b>08:30 - 09:00</b><br>Opening Session<br>Recap of previous day & reviewing agenda of the day   | <b>08:30 - 09:00</b><br>Opening Session<br>Recap of previous day & reviewing agenda of the day  |
| <b>09:00 - 10:30</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>Opening Ceremony</b><br><b>UNEP-WCMC, UNDP, UNESCO</b><br>Neville Ash, Thiago Uehara, Juanita Chaves,<br>Yuko Kurauchi, Joseph Karanja<br><br>Welcoming remarks; Group Picture;<br>Icebreakers | <b>09:00 - 10:30</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>Expert Evaluation Stage</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br><b>Presentations by Tranche 3 Partners</b><br>Sharing updates, lessons learned and planning ahead, inc. key comms-related updates, challenges and needs | <b>09:00 – 10:30</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>Valuation in the Assessment Process: Economic, Indigenous and Beyond</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNESCO</i><br><b>Presentations by UNESCO &amp; UNEP-WCMC</b>                            | <b>09:00 - 10:30</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>Finalising Assessments: Approval and Use of Assessments</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br><b>Presentations by Tranche 2 Countries</b><br>Introduction, Lessons learned from Tranche II Country Partners and          |
| <b>10:30 - 11:00</b><br>COFFEE BREAK  | <b>10:30 - 11:00</b><br>COFFEE BREAK   | <b>10:30 – 11:00</b><br>COFFEE BREAK   | <b>10:30 - 11:00</b><br>COFFEE BREAK  |
| <b>11:00 - 12:00</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>Workshop Introduction</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br>Agenda, aims, expectations, and rules of engagement  | <b>11:00 - 12:00</b><br><b>PLENARY</b><br><br><b>Writing with Impact</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br><b>Matt Jones &amp; Noor Noor (UNEP-WCMC)</b>   | <b>11:00 - 12:00</b><br><b>PLENARY</b><br><br><b>ILK Peer-to-Peer Session</b><br><i>Facilitated by ILK Move / UNESCO</i><br>Sharing stories and lessons learned on working across knowledge systems and academic disciplines from T3 countries | <b>11:00 - 12:00</b><br><b>PLENARY &amp; DISCUSSION GROUPS</b><br><br><b>Use of Assessment Findings</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br><b>Presentations by Tranche 1 Reps &amp; UNDP</b><br>UNDP: BES Solution Funds<br>Tranche 1: Examples of impact, sharing lessons learned |

| Day 1: Tue 17 Sep (PM)  | Day 2: Wed 18 Sep (PM)  | Day 3: Thu 19 Sep (PM)  | Day 4: Fri 20 (PM)   |
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| <b>12:00 - 13:00</b><br>LUNCH BREAK   | <b>12:00 - 13:00</b><br>LUNCH BREAK   | <b>12:00 - 13:00</b><br>LUNCH BREAK   | <b>12:00 - 13:00</b><br>LUNCH BREAK  |
| <b>13:00 -14:30</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><b>National to Global Impact: National Ecosystem Assessments</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br><b>Presentations by UNDP, UNEP-WCMC &amp; Tranche 2 Country Partners</b><br><br>National to global: How national ecosystem assessments can be used to support and engage with international environmental processes, including CBD (biodiversity planning and reporting) and IPBES. | <b>13:00 -14:30</b><br><b>WORLD CAFE SESSION</b><br><u>TABLE 1</u><br><b>Communications Toolkit</b><br>Practical considerations – <i>Pratik Tandon</i><br><u>TABLE 2</u><br><b>Referencing &amp; Citations</b><br>Best practices, key tools – <i>Fabiana Spinelli</i><br><u>TABLE 3</u><br><b>Chapter Coherence &amp; Collaboration</b><br><i>Noor Noor</i><br><u>TABLE 4</u><br><b>Gender considerations</b><br><i>Ceire Booth</i> | <b>13:00 -14:30</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>ILK &amp; Scenarios</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNESCO</i><br>Case studies & knowledge exchange  | <b>13:00 -14:30</b><br><b>BREAKOUT ROOMS</b><br><b>PRACTICAL SESSIONS</b><br><br><b>ROOM 1</b><br><b>Visualising Data using UN Biodiversity Lab</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br>Violeta Muñoz-Fuentes<br><br><b>ROOM 2</b><br><b>Using Reference Management Systems</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br>Fabiana Spinelli |
| <b>14:30 – 15:00</b><br>TEA BREAK   | <b>14:30 – 15:00</b><br>TEA BREAK   | <b>14:30 – 15:00</b><br>TEA BREAK   | <b>14:30 – 14:45</b><br>TEA BREAK  |
| <b>15:00 – 16:15</b><br><b>PLENARY &amp; BREAKOUT GROUPS</b><br><br><b>Team building activity</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i>  | <b>15:00 – 16:15</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br>Reporting back from previous session<br><br><b>Using Confidence Terms</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC</i><br><b>Presentations by UNEP-WCMC &amp; Tranche 2 Country Representatives</b>   | <b>15:00 – 16:15</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><b>The Arts and the Assessment Process</b><br><i>Facilitated by UNEP-WCMC &amp; UNESCO</i><br><br>Learning from artists and arts-based approaches to support science-policy processes | <b>14:45 – 15:45</b><br><b>PLENARY SESSION</b><br><br><b>OPEN SESSION</b><br>DESIGNED AND DELIVERED BY WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS   |
| <b>16:15 -16:30</b><br><b>Closing Session</b>   | <b>16:15 -16:30</b><br><b>Closing Session</b>   | <b>16:15 -16:30</b><br><b>Closing Session</b>   | <b>15:45 – 16:30</b><br><b>Closing Ceremony</b><br>Workshop Survey<br>Final Reflections<br>Closing Remarks: <i>Melissa De Kock (UNEP-WCMC)</i>   |
|   |   | <b>17:00 – 19:30</b><br><b>Networking Event</b><br>Workshop Reception & Exhibition  |  |