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National Biodiversity Platforms to Support the Interface of Science, Policy and Practice for Nature and People



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Webinar Agenda

- **Opening remarks-** *Julia Oliva, UNEP-WCMC*
- **Opening remarks-** *Heidi Wittmer, UFZ*
- **National biodiversity platforms and guidebook launch** – *Sabina Jehan Khan, UFZ*
- **National Biodiversity Platforms and their role in national ecosystem assessments** – *Juanita Chaves, UNEP-WCMC*
- **Q&A**
- **Panel discussion** – *Andrea Cruz-Angón (Mexico), Aria St. Louis (Grenada), Carlos Joly (Brazil), Daniela Guaras (UNEP-WCMC), Nicolas Pinel (Colombia), Ulrike Troeger (UFZ, Facilitator)*
- **Q&A**
- **Close**





The Sub-Global Assessment Network

A community of practice that connects and supports individuals and organisations involved in sub-global ecosystem assessments

In August 2021, UNEP-WCMC reconvened SGAN members and welcomed new partners with the intention of strengthening the activities of the network by:

Supporting national ecosystem assessments

Encouraging and fostering knowledge sharing between and amongst sub-global assessments

Providing opportunities for training in specific tools and approaches related to ecosystem assessments



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Webinar: Guidebook Launch on National Biodiversity Platforms to Support the Interface of Science, Policy and Practice for Nature and People

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Webinar: Climate Change and Biodiversity Nexus

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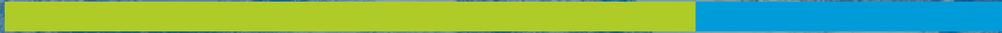
Webinar: Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit

Opening remarks



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Opening remarks



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National Biodiversity Platforms and Guidebook Launch

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***Bridging knowledge, policy and practice
for social learning, influence and impact***

National Biodiversity Platforms

Science-policy-practice interfaces convene stakeholders in dialogue and collaborative relationships that lead to an improved consideration of biodiversity and ecosystem services in decision-making.

- Transdisciplinary initiatives working at the intersection of sectors, stakeholders and knowledge systems
- Knowledge brokerage, capacity-building, supporting science-policy processes, building networks and alliances

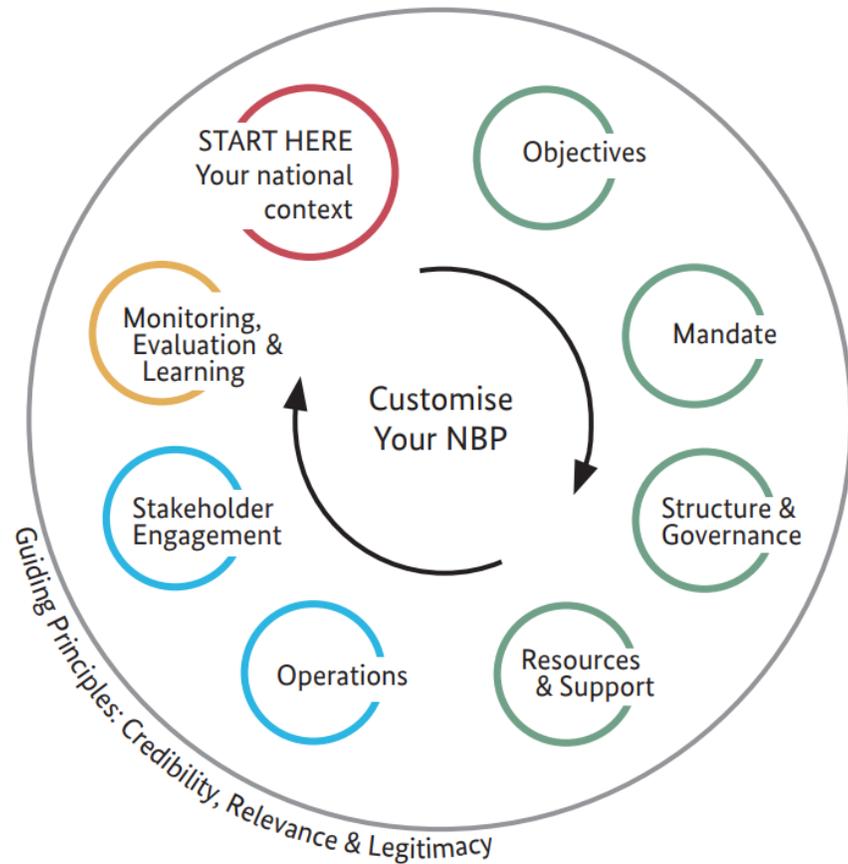
Brazil: *“Our platform helped to put the subject of biodiversity and ecosystem services more into the evidence-base for policy-making.”*

Colombia: *“Our platform has been particularly helpful in discussions about how to incorporate indigenous and local knowledge into the decision-making processes.”*

Sweden: *“The natural scientists seldom meet environmental psychologists. So, we created a network that was not there before; transdisciplinary interest has increased.”*

Madagascar: *“We contribute to the implementation of our ratified international commitments and conventions on protected areas, biodiversity, climate change.”*

*There is no “one-size-fits-all” for a
National Biodiversity Platform*



- Tailor to the needs of the national context, with a view towards adding long-term added value
- Can have different levels of complexity
- Can evolve over time to respond to changes national circumstances
- Aim for inclusivity, transparency, accountability and adaptivity

*If there is no ideal configuration, then what makes
a platform influential and effective?*

...credibility, relevance & legitimacy.

Attributes which require strategic decisions and active management

- Credibility:** Quality, validity and adequacy of the expertise, processes and knowledge
- Relevance:** Usefulness of information, activities, solutions to address societal needs
- Legitimacy:** Political, social and procedural fairness, transparency, inclusiveness and accountability

Common strategies for building... *(based on van der Hel and Biermann, 2017)*

Credibility

Peer Review

Quality via formal procedures for peer review of knowledge products

Credentials

Engage knowledge holders which hold distinguished credentials

Community of practice

Combined expertise of different knowledge holders to develop solutions

***Denmark:** “We work with the best scientific expertise in our country to develop consensus briefs. We expect these papers to have a political impact because they are based on the broad scientific community giving a uniform statement to the public and decisionmakers.”*

Common strategies for building... *(based on van der Hel and Biermann, 2017)*

Relevance

Integration

Comprehensive and integrated knowledge products, in actionable formats

Fit for Purpose

Timely and applicable knowledge inputs to decision-making processes

Solutions

Develop approaches and tools to aid in problem-solving and decision-making

France: *“Stakeholders request specific information from IPBES findings which is relevant to their business activities. When the IPBES assessment on scenarios and models took place, the luxury goods company Louis Vuitton wanted to understand how to use scenarios on biodiversity and climate change to determine implications on business activities (e.g., production of wine).”*

Common strategies for building... *(based on van der Hel and Biermann, 2017)*

Legitimacy

Representation

Diverse knowledge systems, disciplines, genders & geographical regions

Recognition

Mandate or an institutionalized role in governance mechanisms

Participation

Different stakeholders in co-designing objectives, activities, outputs

Brazil: *“Participation is from the stage of co-developing the research questions” ... “the ILK [indigenous and local knowledge] Assessment is an experiment in co-production of knowledge with [indigenous peoples and local communities] IPLCs.”*

Summary of key insights on National Biodiversity Platforms...

- Bridge knowledge, policy and practice to enable social learning, influence and impact.
- There is no ideal “one-size-fits-all” configuration. Tailor to the national context and bring added value.
- Credibility, relevance and legitimacy need to be strategically managed for influence and impact.



GUIDEBOOK ON
NATIONAL
BIODIVERSITY
PLATFORMS:
**CONNECTING
NATURE AND PEOPLE**

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National Biodiversity Platforms and their contribution in national ecosystem assessments

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NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORMS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENTS



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NATIONAL ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENTS

- Expert **evaluation of knowledge**
- **Communicates complex information** to decision-makers
- **Address policy questions**
- **Synthesizes available information & identifies knowledge gaps**

AIMING FOR IMPACT

- Building **shared knowledge** through **knowledge-exchange**
- Promoting **platforms** that strengthen engagement between decision-makers, knowledge-holders and stakeholders
- Developing **capacity**, sharing **lessons learned**
- Supporting national engagement with international processes (**IPBES**, **CBD**)

HOW CAN NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORMS SUPPORT ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENTS?



Call for experts/authors



Validate key outputs (i.e. scoping report, technical document, communication strategy, SPMs)

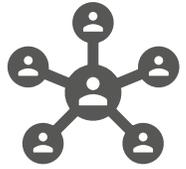


Facilitate knowledge-exchange



Co-produce knowledge, including with Indigenous Peoples and local communities

HOW CAN NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORMS SUPPORT ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENTS?



Building networks, alliances and communities of practice



Support governmental processes



Support international and regional science-policy processes



Sharing information and increasing public awareness

EXAMPLES

- National Platform for Science-Policy Interface on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services- Cameroon
- National IPBES Committee- Colombia
- National Biodiversity Platform -Azerbaijan



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Q&A

PANEL DISCUSSION

THE ROLE OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORMS
IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
AGREEMENTS

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What's Next...

WEBINAR

GUIDEBOOK LAUNCH: NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORMS TO SUPPORT THE INTERFACE OF SCIENCE, POLICY AND PRACTICE FOR NATURE AND PEOPLE



4th of May | 15:00 BST - Spanish and English interpretation



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