

IPBES 10 peer-to-peer dialogue: the role of national biodiversity platforms and networks in realising an ambitious future for nature and people

29th August 2023 Bonn, Germany

Time

The event will take place from 13:15 to 14:45 pm on 29th August 2023, between IPBES 10 Plenary sessions.

Location and venue

The event will take place in the Centre for Development Research (ZEF) offices (a 7-minute walk from the IPBES plenary).

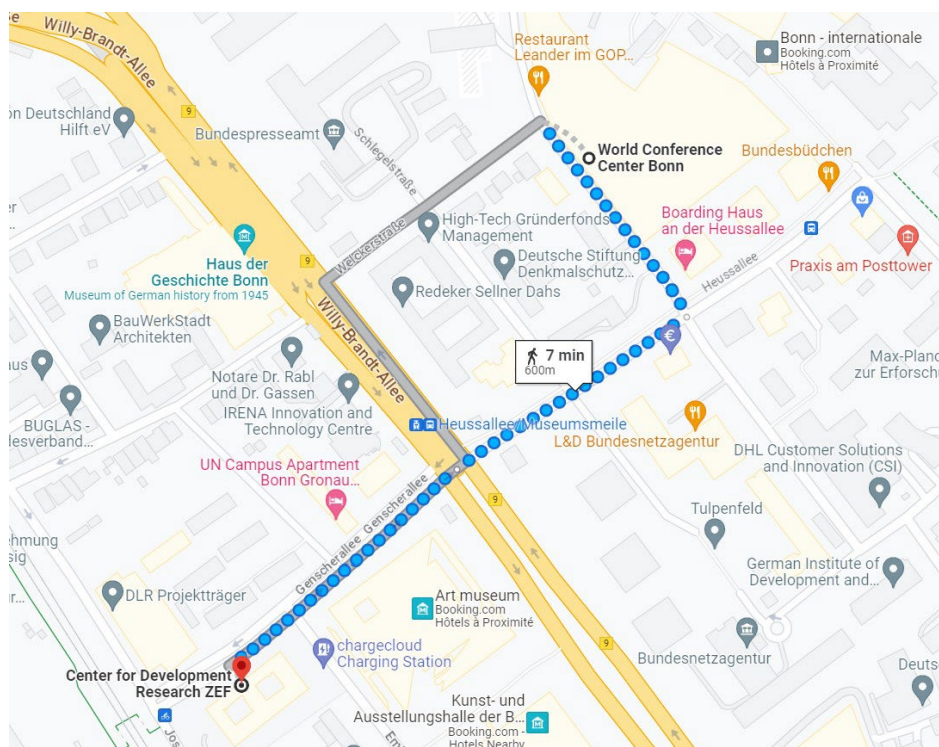
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Background

National biodiversity platforms are multi-stakeholder platforms that exist at the science-policy-practice interface by bringing together different actors from government, academia and other knowledge systems, civil society, and the private sector to engage in dialogue about biodiversity as the foundation for human life and societal wellbeing. National biodiversity platforms can support the use of IPBES products and assessments in decision-making settings and contribute to countries' commitments to international agreements such as the Convention on Biological Diversity. National biodiversity platforms support informed and collective actions to conserve nature by:

- Facilitating peer-to-peer exchange and collaboration between diverse stakeholders on biodiversity issues
- Providing a space for knowledge generation to improve the evidence base on biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Raising public and private sector awareness and increasing their engagement in biodiversity issues
- Promoting the integration of biodiversity considerations across multiple sectors such as agriculture, forestry, tourism, and development

Aim of the event

The event aims to provide a safe and open space for peer-to-peer exchange on the challenges and opportunities of national biodiversity platforms and networks and the role they can play for enabling multi-stakeholder input to biodiversity-related decision-making. The event will also provide a space for critical reflection on the ability of national biodiversity platforms and networks to give a voice to different knowledge-holders in the decision-making realm.

Objectives of the event

1. To hear first-hand from peers on their experiences, desires, and motivations for having national biodiversity platforms and networks that support the integration of biodiversity information into decision-making.
2. To share ideas on how inclusivity, membership and participation of different stakeholders and knowledge holders can be enhanced in national biodiversity platforms and networks.
3. To introduce the "[Guidebook on National Biodiversity Platforms: Connecting Nature and People](#)" and exchange information on its practical use.

Key participants

Target audiences for this event are IPBES National Focal Points for countries supported by the National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative, the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net), and the Capacity Development for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service Experts Project (CABES) attending IPBES 10. The invitation will also be extended to Indigenous leaders who are contributing to IPBES, to reflect and provide insights on equitable and inclusive participation from all relevant stakeholders and knowledge-holders.

Key partners

The event will be hosted by the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) Initiative at the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the Capacity Development for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Experts Project (CABES), and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ).

Light lunch will be served during discussions

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13:15-13:25	<i>Welcoming remarks and introductions</i>
13:25 – 13:35	<i>Serving of a light lunch</i>
13:35 – 14:20	<i>World café style peer-to-peer discussion on the following questions:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Speaking from experience, what really makes a difference when trying to integrate biodiversity information into policy processes?2) Can you share an example of how inclusivity and broad membership is put into practice in science-policy processes in your country? Are there any voices missing in these processes?3) How can national biodiversity platforms and networks help us to realise the ambitious new elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?
14:20 – 14:35	<i>Feedback in plenary on the messages, ideas and experiences that emerged during the group discussions</i>
14:35 – 14:45	<i>Thank you and closing remarks</i>