



## Open Webinar : The Sustainability of National Biodiversity Platforms

27 June 2024, Thursday  
14.00-15.30 BST

Registration Link :

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Organised by the National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative at UNEP-WCMC

### Concept note and Agenda

#### Background

The [National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative](#) at UNEP-WCMC supports countries to undertake national ecosystem assessments and the integration of its findings into policy and decision making. National Ecosystem Assessments often lead to the establishment and/or strengthening National Biodiversity Platforms (NBPs), which bring together knowledge stakeholders and decision-makers to improve the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystem services in decision-making.

NBPs facilitate stakeholder engagement in knowledge co-creation and policy-making processes, translate knowledge into usable formats and develop decision-making tools for different stakeholders, amongst other added value to the science-policy arena at national and other scales. Additionally, NBPs have been an important mechanism supporting the development and use of findings of national ecosystem assessments.

A [Guidebook on National Biodiversity Platforms](#) produced by the Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) and UNEP-WCMC was launched in 2023. It provides an overview of the main characteristics of NBPs across the world and processes for establishing and managing NBPs. It is based on the experience of 18 NBPs, academic and grey literature and expert knowledge on science-policy-practice interfaces.

Ensuring the sustainability of NBPs is frequently raised as an important challenge. To address this challenge, the NEA Initiative is developing guidelines and showcasing positive examples as well as identifying common challenges when aiming to ensure the sustainability of NBP.

The webinar will focus on the principal challenges of and strategies (or key considerations) for securing the societal relevance and operational continuity of a National Biodiversity Platform (or similar science-policy initiatives). The webinar will cover:

- **Objectives:** The need for, purpose and added value of an NBP within the national context;
- **Institutional structures:** Governance and management structures;
- **Institutional processes:** Framework of practices to execute its strategic plan;
- **Outputs:** Products and services offered to different stakeholders (aligned with objectives)

## Objectives

The webinar aims to:

- Share the preliminary findings of this work on the elements to consider for the sustainability of NBPs.
- Hear from participants' lessons learned and best practices on how NBPs and other science-policy-practice interfaces tackled the challenge of maintaining the societal relevance and operational sustainability.
- Identify relevant information to further develop the guidance document on the sustainability of NBPs.

## Target Audience

This webinar targets coordinators and members of NBPs, and similar science-policy-practice interfaces, and science-policy experts from develop and developing countries and all regions.

## Date and Time

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## Event format and registration

This virtual webinar will be held on Zoom and delivered in English with French and Spanish translation available. Access to the online event will be provided to all pre-registered participants.

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The webinar will be live streamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/I738NcfmpFw>

## Proposed Agenda

90mins (Total session time is 85mins with 5mins extra allotted for time overrun)

Time	Session	Speaker
5'	Welcome and Housekeeping rules	Juanita Chaves and Mel Hanley- UNEP-WCMC
5'	Opening Remarks	Thiago Uehara- UNEP-WCMC

10'	Role of National Biodiversity Platforms and their challenges for sustainability	Abisha Mapendembe- UNEP-WCMC
15'	Sustainability of NBP regarding objectives- lessons learned and expert discussions	Sabina Khan- Consultant
15'	Sustainability of NBPs regarding institutional structures- lessons learned and expert discussion	Sabina Khan
15'	Sustainability of NBPs regarding institutional processes- lessons learned and expert discussion	Sabina Khan
15'	Sustainability of NBPs regarding outputs- lessons learned and expert discussion	Sabina Khan
5'	Summary and closing remarks	Juanita Chaves- UNEP-WCMC

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