Open Webinar

How to Ensure the Sustainability of National Biodiversity Platforms

16 July 2025
15:00 – 16:15 British Summer Time

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Organized by the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) Initiative at UNEP-WCMC

Concept Note and Agenda

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Background

The National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) Initiative at UNEP-WCMC supports countries to undertake national ecosystem assessments and integrate their findings into policy and decision-making. These assessments often contribute to the establishment or strengthening of National Biodiversity Platforms (NBPs), which act as key interfaces between knowledge holders and policy actors.

NBPs support inclusive engagement, help translate evidence into decision-relevant formats and enable the co-production of tools and processes to strengthen biodiversity-related governance. Over time, they can become vital mechanisms to ensure the long-term use and impact of national assessment findings.

Despite their importance, many NBPs face challenges in remaining active, relevant, and adequately resourced. To help address these challenges, the NEA Initiative has developed a set of recommendations: How to Ensure the Sustainability of National Biodiversity Platforms, aimed at supporting countries in reflecting on and strengthening the sustainability of their NBPs. These recommendations build on the Guidebook on National Biodiversity Platforms and draw from consultations with national teams, including insights shared during the 2024 webinar The Sustainability of National Biodiversity Platforms.

Objectives

- Share practical recommendations developed by the NEA Initiative to help national teams reflect on and strengthen the sustainability of their NBPs.

- Present examples from national platforms that have taken steps to align objectives, institutional arrangements, inclusive processes, and funding strategies.

- Facilitate peer exchange on how these recommendations might support the development or refinement of sustainability strategies in different national contexts.

Target Audience

This webinar is organized as part of the Sub-Global Assessment Network (SGAN) and is relevant to coordinators and members of NBPs, practitioners and experts in the fields of biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as policymakers, researchers, civil society representatives, and media professionals interested in these topics.

Date and Time

Wednesday 16 July 2025 from 15:00 – 16:15 British Summer Time

Event format and registration

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

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Proposed Agenda

Duration: 75mins

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
8'	Welcome and Introduction	Pratik Tandon Communications Officer UNEP-WCMC
	Webinar Housekeeping	Laura Mack Events Manager UNEP-WCMC

5'	Opening Remarks	Juanita Chaves Senior Programme Officer UNEP-WCMC
8'	Interactive Mentimeter Session: Challenges your National Biodiversity Platform Faces in Staying Sustainable and Effective	Dr. Ana Lambert Associate Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC
14'	National Biodiversity Platforms: Their Role and Importance	Abisha Mapendembe Senior Programme Officer UNEP-WCMC
	How to Ensure the Sustainability of National Biodiversity Platforms	Juanita Chaves Senior Programme Officer UNEP-WCMC
10'	Lessons Learned from Colombia	Carlos Hernandez Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Colombia
15'	Panel Discussion (Moderated by UNEP-WCMC)	Hesiquio Benitez, CONABIO, Mexico
		Feleke Woldeyes, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Ethiopia
10'	Question & Answer Session	Pratik Tandon
5'	Closing	Juanita Chaves

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