# DAY ONE

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COME TOGETHER

DAY 1

## TRANCHE I
CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION & DISSEMINATION PHASE

CAMEROON
ETHIOPIA
VIETNAM
COLOMBIA

CONTINUE PEER-TO-PEER KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

WHAT a JOY to WALK TOGETHER

## TRANCHE III
FINISHED 1ST ORDER DRAFT + EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW

BOTSWANA
DOMINICAN REP
MALAWI
THAILAND

## TRANCHE II
COUNTRIES FINALIZED THEIR ASSESSMENTS

AZERBAIJAN
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
CAMBODIA
GRENADA

THIS NETWORK IS REALLY GROWING!

the REAL CHALLENGE: SEE WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT OF THIS ASSESSMENT?

WE REALLY FEEL SUPPORTED AND UNDERSTOOD!

8 NEW COUNTRIES DEMONSTRATED THEIR INTEREST!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR

LIFE
HEALTH
OUR FAMILIES

FOR THESE PARTNERSHIPS → THIS IS ALSO LIKE FAMILY!

WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS & LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

WORKING WITH NATURE

THE CONTEXT NEA HAS PROVIDED FOR US

A JOURNEY OF VALUE AND GRATITUDE

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

PASSING DOWN THE KNOWLEDGE

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER
LIKE CHILDREN FROM GRANDPARENTS

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# NATIONAL TO GLOBAL CONTEXT

STRENGTHENING THE SCIENCE-POLICY-SOCIETY INTERFACE

NEW THEORY OF CHANGE 2020-2028

OUTPUTS

OUTCOMES
- KNOWLEDGE
- SOLUTIONS
- IMPLEMENTATION

10 PER COUNTRY

IMPACT
LONG-TERM HUMAN & ECOSYSTEM WELLBEING

HOW WILL WE DEMONSTRATE OUR IMPACT?

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WE NEED TO MAKE THESE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE

WE ARE NOT THERE YET!

CHALLENGE IS TO CAPTURE THE MANY EXAMPLES OF NATIONAL IMPACT

FROM LINEAR TO CIRCULAR MODEL

MOVING & USING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

SHARING

MORE

INTEREST

IMPLEMENTATION

SO MUCH IS HAPPENING: HOW DO WE GET TO THE ♥ OF POLICY-MAKERS?

PUBLICATIONS
LAUNCHES
EVENTS
WEBINARS
PRESENTATIONS
MEETINGS
WORKSHOPS

SHOWCASING HOW TO WEAVE ILK IN LOCAL BIODIVERSITY POLICIES

WE ARE TRYING TO RECOVER INDIGENOUS & LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND INCLUDE KNOWLEDGE-HOLDERS IN POLICY MAKING

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# 1 FINALIZING THE EXPERT EVALUATION STAGE

## MILESTONES REMAINING 2025-2026

### OUTPUT 1

**TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT RELEASED**

- SCENARIOS DEVELOPED
- ILK/TK WEAVED IN

**SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS**
RELEASED & DISSEMINATED

**ACTION PLAN**
FOR DISSEMINATION & THE USE OF THE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

### OUTPUT 2

**TRIALOGUES**

PLANS FOR POLICY UPTAKE

LOCAL COMMUNITIES & INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

POLICY MAKERS

SUBMITTED TO UNDP

RESEARCHERS

WE'LL WANT THESE PLATFORMS TO **OWN** NEA RESULTS

### OUTPUT 3

**NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORMS**

DEVELOPMENT a STRATEGIC PLAN SCIENCE & POLICY BIODIVERSITY PLATFORM
BEYOND SCOPE OF THE ASSESSMENT

**DISSEMINATION**
ACTION PLAN FROM NATIONAL TO LOCAL

FINANCIAL NEED

WHAT ARE YOUR CAPACITY NEEDS to SUPPORT FINALIZE THE ASSESSMENT?

INCLUDING ILK

**DEVELOPING SCENARIOS** / MODELING IN TRIALOGUES

ILK RECOGNITION STILL MISSING

SCIENTIFIC ILK KNOWLEDGE GAPS IN THE ASSESSMENT

GOVERNMENT UNCERTAINTY

FINDINGS TO ACTION
**TRANSLATION OF TECH. REPORT INTO ACTION**

KEY MESSAGES FOR ≠ AUDIENCES

HOW TO MAKE SURE PMs WILL READ THE REPORT

PACKAGING MESSAGES FOR POLICY MAKERS

**MAPS NEEDING EXTERNAL VALIDATION**

HOW TO KEEP AUTHORS ENGAGED?
INCENTIVES?

**ENGAGEMENT OF EXTERNAL REVIEWERS** IN THE PROCESS FROM EARLY ON

## IMPLEMENTATION NEXT 5 MONTHS

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# WAYS ASSESSMENT CAN IMPACT POLICY

## CAPTURING TANGIBLE IMPACT DURING THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

## CONCEPTUAL
CHANGE OF AWARENESS & KNOWLEDGE

- PARTICIPATING TO OCEAN CONFERENCES
- COMMUNITES UNDERSTANDING more SCIENCE
- IN THAILAND TRIALOGUES
- CIVIL SOCIETY GUIDE
- BROADERING THE SCOPE TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

## CAPACITY BUILDING
INTENTIONAL & NON-INTENTIONAL

- IN MALAWI: WORKSHOPS & PARTNERING WITH ≠ GROUPS FOR RAISING AWARENESS !!
- DATA MANAGEMENT TOOLS
- ZOTERO?
- INFOGRAPHICS & MANGROVE CHILDRENS' BOOK FOR EDUCATION IN 155 SCHOOLS!

## CHANGE IN ATTITUDE & BEHAVIOUR
DIFFERENT COLLEAGUES, DECISION MAKERS, EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

- MALAWI INCREASE IN POLITICAL WILL
- SCIENTIFIC ACCEPTANCE OF ILK
- THAILAND HIGHER AWARENESS OF COMMUNITIES
- IN VIETNAM REALIZED IMPORTANCE OF ECOSYSTEM
- LOCAL COMMUNITIES
- MORE FINANCE FOR CONSERVATION

## INSTRUMENTAL
DIRECT CHANGES ON POLICY OR DECISION-MAKING

- IN AZERBAIJAN FEEDING INTO OTHER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.
- IN MALAWI NEA TO INFORM NBSAP REVISION
- BOTSWANA SHAPING THE POLICY ON INDIGENOUS & LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

## ENDURING CONNECTIVITY
BUILDING / SUPPORTING NETWORKS & COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

- IN BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
- IN GRENADA
- INFLUENCERS
- SCIENTISTS
- COMMUNITIES
- MORE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DISCIPLINES AT UNIVERSITIES

THE ASSESSMENT IS WIDELY OWNED

MANY STAKEHOLDERS INTERACT WITH IT AND ALREADY USE IT, EVEN BEFORE THEY ARE FINALIZED

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# VISUAL SUMMARY DAY 1

WHAT KEY TAKE-AWAYS CAN WE HARVEST FROM EACH SESSION?

## CELEBRATING

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

## IMPACT

### FINALIZING THE EXPERT EVALUATION STAGE

MILESTONES REMAINING 2025-2026

"TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS REMINDED US TO CONNECT BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENTS NOT ONLY UPWARDS (LOCAL → GLOBAL) BUT ALSO DOWNWARDS, IN CYCLICAL APPROACH, TO REALIZE THE SOCIAL IMPACT"

### CAPTURING TANGIBLE IMPACT

DURING THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

COUNTRIES EXAMPLES

"ASSESSMENTS ARE NOT JUST LINEAR PROCESSES. THEY ARE CIRCULAR AND THEY FEED THIS CYCLE OF KNOWLEDGE AT MULTIPLE STAGES."

### NATIONAL TO GLOBAL CONTEXT

MOVING & USING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

USING DISSEMINATION STRATEGIES TO MAKE SURE FINDINGS WON'T SIT ON SHELVES

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# DAY TWO

# EXPERT EVALUATION STAGE

TRANCHE III

FROM ACADEMIA, UNESCO, WC POLICY-MAKERS

## BOTSWANA

UPDATES

1. AUTHORS TRAINING WORKSHOP + WRITING SPRINTS
2. YOUTH DIALOGUE TO INTRODUCE PROJECT → 18-35 YEARS IN ACADEMY & YOUTH ORGS
3. 80% FIRST ORDER DRAFT COMPLETE! 6 ECOSYSTEMS, 6 CHAPTERS & OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE
4. ILK / TK COMMUNITY DIALOGUES IN THE DESERT ECOSYSTEM

CHALLENGES

- LACK OF DATA FOR MEANINGFUL ASSESSMENT (ESPECIALLY SCENARIOS)
- AUTHORS HAVE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, HENCE WRITING HAS BEEN DELAYED
- WRITING FOR IMPACT IS HARD! WE GAVE AUTHORS GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW

I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO!

UPCOMING PRIORITIES

- PENDING CHAPTERS
- COMPLETE SECOND ORDER DRAFT
- COMPLETE TECHNICAL REPORT
- DISSEMINATE FINDINGS TO PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

ONGOING CONSULTATION IS CULTURAL IN BOTSWANA

## MALAWI

UPDATES

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- SECOND ORDER DRAFT COMPLETED SEPT 1ST
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- ILK/TK SCENARIOS DEVELOPMENT
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CHALLENGES

- DELAYED FEEDBACK FROM REVIEWERS
- COMMITMENT DIVIDED, HENCE PROGRESS IS SLOW
- SCENARIO FOR ILK: MISUNDERSTANDING!

UPCOMING PRIORITIES

- WAITING FOR FEEDBACK FROM REVIEWERS
- DRAFTING SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS
- TRIALOGUES TO VALIDATE NEA
- DEVELOPING HRBA CASE STUDY

WE PLAN EVENTS TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT, SO THEY "HAVE TO ATTEND"

WE SHARE DATA-GATHERING RESPONSIBILITIES - IT WORKS!

# DAY 2

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

UPDATES

- CO-CHAIR BEEN ENGAGED IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS
- NEW AUTHORS (INCLUDING STUDENTS) HAVE BEEN INCLUDED
- FIRST ORDER DRAFT READY FOR EXTERNAL EVALUATION
- ILK/TK: COLLECTION OF FIELDS DATA ON OUR MAIN 3 ECOSYSTEMS

CHALLENGES

- MAINTAINING AUTHORS ENGAGEMENT
- FINALIZING SECOND ORDER DRAFT BY DEC 2025, DESPITE OUR WRITING WORK SHOPS
- FINALIZING DISSEMINATION PLAN FOR DIFFERENT AUDIENCES

UPCOMING PRIORITIES

- FINALIZING REPORT
- DISSEMINATE EVALUATION FINDINGS
- PREP. OF INFOGRAPHICS ON FINDINGS & ILK

HOW TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING? POLICY MAKERS SHOULD BE HEAVILY INVOLVED & RESPONSIBLE. → AS CO-CHAIRS FOR EXAMPLE

## THAILAND

UPDATES

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- PREP OF NATIONAL TRIALOGUE THIS YEAR
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CHALLENGES

- COMPLETING ASSESSMENT REPORT
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- SCENARIOS: WE NEED MORE DATA, NOT ONLY QUALITATIVE DATA...

UPCOMING PRIORITIES

- FINAL ASSESSMENT REPORT + PEER REVIEW PROCESS
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# EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS

## WHAT IS IT?

(WE'LL GIVE YOU A GUIDE) INCLUDING EXAMPLES OF TEMPLATES & INVITATIONS

AUTHORS
REVIEW EDITORS
SELECTED EXPERTS (PRACTIONERS, ILK, LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES etc.)
BROADER COMMUNITY

BRING THEM IN PERSON!

REVIEWERS' INSTRUCTIONS

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON NEA AND OUR EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES & METHODOLOGIES

TARGETED EXPERTS
– WE GOT 10 APPLICATIONS –

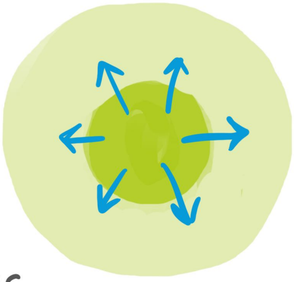
HARD TO FIND!

COMPILING COMMENTS WAS REALLY HECTIC!!!

COHERENCE BETWEEN CHAPTERS

# LESSONS LEARNED

DETAIL & DEPTH OF THE INTERNAL REVIEW WILL DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF EXTERNAL REVIEW



## INCENTIVES

- MOTIVATING THEM WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THEM COME (FOR FREE).
- FOR THOSE WHO SUBMITTED, REDUCING FINANCIAL BURDEN
- ALSO ADDING THE NEA EXPERIENCE ON THEIR CV, WAS APPEALING
- PROPER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AUTHORS & REVIEWERS

MAKE THEM FEEL PROUD & RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION

## FOR WHOM

- BUILDS OWNERSHIP
- FOR WHO IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS
- INCLUDES MORE PROFILES
- NOT ONLY SCIENTIFIC, ALSO POLICY APPLICLICANTS

## PROCESS

PREPARATION OF TEMPLATES

ENGAGEMENT (it's challenging!)

COMMENT MANAGEMENT
WHAT TO INCLUDE?
RESPOND AUTHORS

## TIPS

- BE TRANSPARENT: EXPLAIN PROCESS & GIVE CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS
- INCLUDE REVIEWERS AS A PART OF THE TEAM
- INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES AS REVIEWERS
- ANONIMITY OPTIONS to PROTECT REVIEWERS

## BUILD OWNERSHIP FROM DAY 1

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# WORLD CAFE SESSION

## LESSONS LEARNED

## 1 AUTHORS

ENGAGEMENT, COLLABORATION, & CHAPTER COHESION

CLEAR OUTLINE SINCE DAY 1

COHESION IN WRITING & CHAPTERS

NEED TO KEEP UP MOTIVATION

AUTHORS MIGHT CHANGE DURING THE PROCESS

CLEAR ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#TYPES OF ENGAGEMENT IN PERSON, WHATSAPP GROUPS...

ANALYTICAL WRITING STYLE VS ACADEMIC

## 2 ILK

MAINSTREAMING ILK/TK IN THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

INCLUSION OF ILK HOLDERS BEFORE WRITING STARTS

HOW TO MAINSTREAM ILK IN THE ASSESSMENT?

HOW TO ACCEPT EACH OTHER AS ONE TEAM?

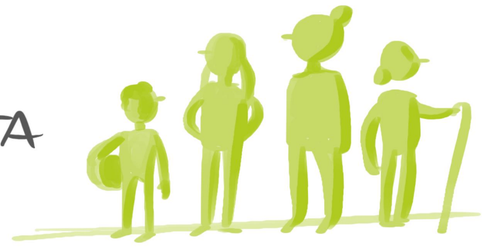
ASK THEM QUESTIONS

ADAPTING LANGUAGE

INTERGENERATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

LINKING TK TO NATIONAL POLICIES

IMPORTANCE OF COLLECTING DATA BEFORE STARTING TO WRITE



## 3 IMPACT

3 RECURRING THEMES

LEVERAGING MEDIA DURING THE PROCESS

RELEVANT: TRAINING JOURNALISTS

A DISSEMINATOR

TO LOBBY

A PARTNER

TIME

ILK COMMUNICATED FROM DAY 1

TO RAISE AWARENESS

FOR EDUCATION

SCIENCE

GOVERNMENT

CIVIL SOCIETY

LOCAL CHAMPIONS INVOLVED SINCE THE BEGINNING

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS

ENGAGING WITH NATIONAL SCIENCE-POLICY-PROCESSES

## 4 TECH

HIGH LEVELS ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE QUALITY OF WORK

BIG ROLE OF CO-CHAIRS & REVIEWERS

COULD A.I. SPOT A.I.?

ACKNOWLEDGING THE REALITY OF A.I.

USE IT WITH CARE

CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO USE WHAT THEM? ELSE?

CHAT GPT? GEMINI?

THE TRUTH IS... NEW TECHNOLOGIES HAVE STRENGTHEN OUR COLLABORATION WORLDWIDE

USING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN THE ASSESSMENT (EG. A.I.)

# INTEGRATING ILK IN SCENARIOS

BOTH QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE ARE IMPORTANT!

## 1 INVITING PARTICIPATION TO CO-CREATE

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE/S TOGETHER & GATHERING **DATA** to CREATE ARCHETYPES

QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE

## 2 DEVELOPING a NARRATIVES /STORIES

INCLUDING DIVERSE KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

## 3 VISUALIZING NARRATIVES/ STORIES

BUILDING a COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

BRAINSTORMS

CROSS-GENERATIONAL ILK INVOLVED FROM DAY ONE and STRONG ROLE OF YOUTH

# WHY SCENARIOS

EXPLORING DIFFERENT FUTURES

ADDRESS COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NATURE & US

HELP DECISION-MAKERS UNDERSTAND IMPACT OF OUR ACTIONS & INACTIONS

AND ENGAGE WITH POSSIBLE FUTURES AS THE RESULT OF POLICY ACTIONS

HELP US VISUALIZE BEST AVAILABLE AND ALSO STORIES

A MEAN TO HELP US COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS

WHAT ARE THOSE SCENARIOS THAT ARE ABLE TO CHANGE DECISION-MAKERS MIND?

START FROM LOOKING AT THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PRIORITY

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CONTINUOUS TEAM COMMITMENT

STICKING TOGETHER, BUILDING COMMUNITY & SOLIDARITY

MALAWI RAISED OUR PROFILE!

GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT

SUCCESS OF ILK!

# THINGS TO CELEBRATE

BOTSWANA KEEPING ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS

ALL THE COUNTRIES MADE A BIG EFFORT !!!

B&E HALF OF OUR WORK DONE & LAUNCH OF ILK

THE EXTENDED FAMILY WE ARE

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# VISUAL SUMMARY DAY 2

WHAT KEY TAKE-AWAYS CAN WE HARVEST FROM EACH SESSION?

CELEBRATE

## EXPERT

### EXPERT EVALUATION STAGE

TRANCHE III

UPDATES

CHALLENGES

UPCOMING PRIORITIE

### WORLD CAFE - SESSION

4 TABLE TOPICS

LESSONS LEARNED

- AUTHORS
  ENGAGEMENT, COLLABORATION & COHESION
- ILK/TK
  IN THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS
- IMPACT
  ENGAGING WITH NATIONAL POLICY PROCESSES & DECISION-MAKING
- TECH
  USING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

## EVALUATION

### EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS

- INCREASE OWNERSHIP, UPTAKE AND TRANSPARENCY
- KEEP REVIEWERS ENGAGED!

### DEVELOPING AND INTEGRATING ILK IN SCENARIOS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- GOVERNMENT POLICIES TO ALIGN WITH PEOPLE'S REALITIES
- CONSIDER LOCAL PRACTICES OR DECISIONS WILL NOT BE COMPATIBLE

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# DAY THREE

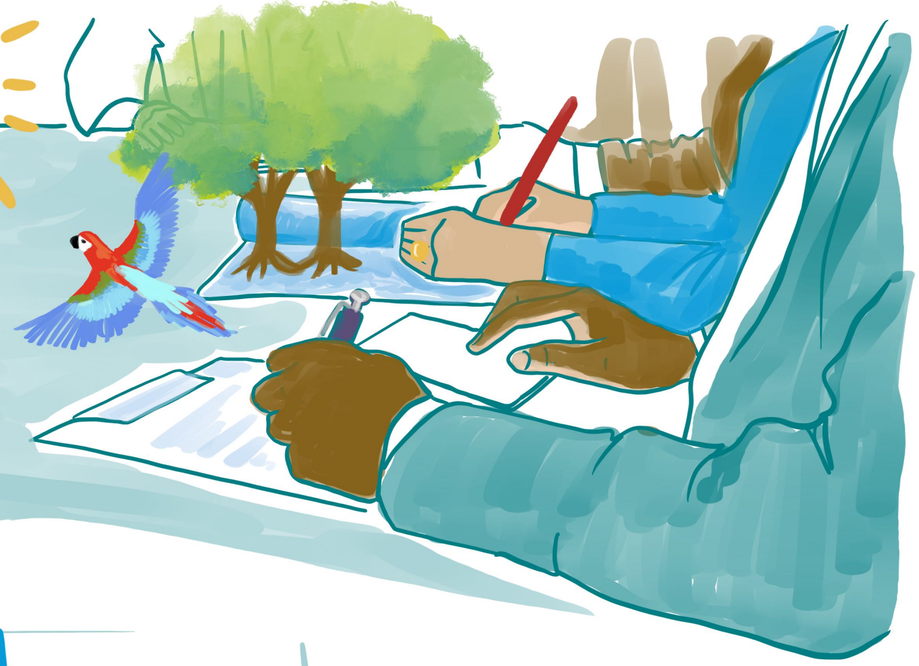
# SUMMARY FOR POLICYMAKERS (SPM)

OR POLICYMAKING?!

## DEVELOPMENT

HELP THEM SUCCEED! WRITE IT TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS

## WHAT IS IT?



## ELEVATOR PITCH SUPPORT

- A SHORT DOCUMENT, CLEAR & CONCISE
- CAPTIVATING 15-20 KEY MESSAGES
- POLITICALLY-RELEVANT & ACTION-ORIENTED
- POLITICALLY INCLUSIVE & SENSITIVE
- INCLUDES VISUALS/ INFOGRAPHIC
- WRITTEN WITH DIFFERENT AUDIENCES* IN MIND
- INCLUDING EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY MESSAGES
- CLEAR HEADLINES FOR EACH CHAPTER IN THE SUMMARY
  - ATTENTION GRABBING
- EXCELLENT & BALANCED WRITING
  - ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

* THIS DOCUMENT MUST ALSO REACH COMMUNITIES, AS THEY WILL EMBRACE AND ACT UPON IT.

SPM IS VITAL FOR DISSEMINATION

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# SUMMARY FOR POLICYMAKERS (SPM) DEVELOPMENT

SOME QUESTIONS EMERGED:

WHEN and HOW WILL WE VALIDATE IT?

HOW DO WE MAKE THEM COHERENT WITH OTHER SCIENCE-POLICY MESSAGES

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE OF THE CRAFTING OF THE DRAFT?

WHERE WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

HOW & HOW OFTEN WILL WE DISSEMINATE IT?

WHEN DOES OVER MEAN OVER?

UPDATES: WHO WILL DO IT AFTER IT'S "COMPLETE"?

HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND/MEASURE THE IMPACT AND TRACK THE IMPLEMENTATION/USE OF THE DOCUMENT?

WHAT WILL INFLUENCE THE NUMBER OF KEY MESSAGES?

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# SUMMARY FOR POLICYMAKERS (SPM) DEVELOPMENT

## TIPS ON DEVELOPING the DOCUMENT

- a STANDALONE OUTPUT
  - INDEPENDENT FROM THE REPORT
  - DOESN'T HAVE TO FOLLOW THE STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT
- TRACEABLE FACTS/EVIDENCE
- VISUALLY APPEALING
- EASY to REMEMBER KEY MESSAGES
  - INCLUDE KEY NUMBERS
  - WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?
- DON'T TRY TO FIT EVERYTHING IN
  - 15-20 MESSAGES MAX
- SIMPLE BUT OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND POSSIBLY MORE THAN 1 LANGUAGE
- FUND : BES SOLUTION FUND

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# VISUALIZING REPORTS

NEA WILL HELP WITH LOGO, SYNTHESIS, INFOGRAPHICS & REPORT DEVELOPMENT

CHECK the BUDGET YOU HAVE. MAKE SURE YOU CLARIFY THE COLLABORATION PROCESS WITH A GRAPHIC DESIGNER

- HOW LONG WILL THE PROCESS BE?
- HOW MANY FEEDBACK ROUNDS?
- ⚠ CAREFUL, THEY MAY WANT TO CHARGE MORE IF THERE ARE TOO MANY CHANGES
- GIVE THEM IDEAS ON LOOK & FEEL

INFOGRAPHICS TO INTEGRATE IN THE REPORT

NO BUDGET?

YOU CAN **STILL** INCLUDE VISUAL ICONS & PICTURES

CONSIDER WHAT YOUR AUDIENCE WILL WANT TO LOOK AT

BUT CAN ALSO WORK ON THEIR OWN

EXAMPLE:

COOL FONTS GO A **LONG WAY**

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

GIVE THEM **INSPIRATION**

- IDEAS FOR COLOURS (SENSITIVE)
- SYMBOLS (COUNTRY SPECIFIC)
- PICTURES

WELL your BRIEF GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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# APPROVAL & VALIDATION

STAGE 3

A CONTINUOS PROCESS

ENSURES THE REPORT & SPM PRODUCED ARE RELEVANT AND LEGITIMATE TO THE GOVERNMENT & OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS

IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE BEGINNING, TO ALSO INCREASE SENSE OF OWNERSHIP

VALIDATION AND APPROVAL

MIND THIS GAP

CAREFUL! DON'T LET MUCH TIME PASS!

BES SOLUTION FUND PLANNING

3+ MONTHS

NEED TO KEEP ENGAGING THE AUTHORS

FUND: BES SOLUTION FUND IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

2+ YEARLY

DON'T RUN OUT OF TIME!

DEADLINE: 2028

TRIALOGUES CAN HELP ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS

TECHNICAL REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED BY END OF 2025

## MILESTONES FOR COMPLETION

- MUST BE APPROVED BY NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORM
- DESIGNATED BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY IS SHARED KEY MESSAGES
- CABINET MEMORANDUM CREATED

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# NEVILLE ASH's REFLECTIONS

12 ASSESSMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED BY 2026

SHALL WE DO MORE ASSESSMENTS ON OTHER TOPICS?

ONLY WORTH IT IF THEY ARE TAKEN UP!

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR COMMITTMENT AND SHARING

THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IS REALLY IMPORTANT

# IMPACT COMES FROM UPTAKE

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# NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORMS

A PLACE THAT BRINGS SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION TO POLICY MAKERS

PRIVATE SECTOR

POLICY MAKERS

UNIVERSITIES

COMMUNITIES

RESEARCHERS

COMING TOGETHER

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

FLEXIBILITY OF THE PLATFORM

COORDINATION SHOULD BE SHARED

## TO GUARANTEE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PLATFORM:

- THE ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS IN CHARGE WILL MEET PERIODICALLY
- SHOULD BE NEUTRAL AND CREDIBLE
- SO SOMETIMES THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT THE BEST INSTITUTION TO RUN IT. UNIVERSITIES OR A RESEARCH CENTRE

## CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- CHECK WHAT'S ALREADY AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTRY: IS THE MECHANISM ACTIVE?
- HOW TO "REBOOT" IT?
- HOW TO MAKE IT STRONGER?
- INCENTIVIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF PLATFORM MEMBERS
- COULD IT BE INSTITUTIONALIZED?
- DIVERSITY OF APPROACHES FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY

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DAY

FOUR

# DISSEMINATION & USE OF ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

CRAFT THE RELEVANT KEY MESSAGES

ENGAGE THE MEDIA
- RADIO
- NEWSPAPERS
- SOCIAL MEDIA

DEVELOP a PLAN FOR DISSEMINATION

LAUNCH TECHNICAL REPORT & SPM
- ONLINE WEBINARS
- IN-PERSON EVENTS
- COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

ORGANIZE HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DISCUSSIONS (CBD, IPBES, UNFCCC)

MAKE IT EASY TO FIND ON GOOGLE

TRANSLATE IN LOCAL LANGUAGES

WORK WITH UNDP

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE CATALYTIC FUND?

BES SOLUTION FUND AS SUPPORT AND COMPLEMENT A COUNTRY'S DISSEMINATION EFFORTS

A PLATFORM TO FIND FUTURE FUNDS

it's NOT the END GOAL

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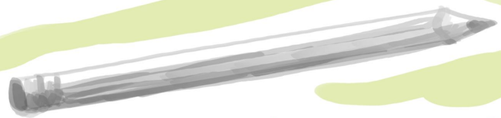
# EXAMPLES OF POLICY SUPPORT TOOLS

ASSEMBLING DATA & KNOWLEDGE

SELECTION & DESIGN OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS



IMPLEMENTATION, OUTREACH & ENFORCEMENT

TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

SOCIAL LEARNING, INNOVATION & ADAPTIVE GOVERNANCE

ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

PUBLIC DISCUSSION, INVOLVEMENT & PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

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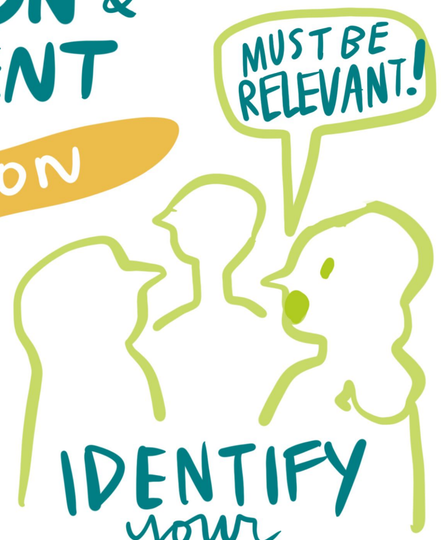
# DISSEMINATION & USE OF ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

INTERACTIVE SESSION




## IDENTIFY your AUDIENCES

TIP: HAVE a COMMUNICATION OFFICER

## SET COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVES

## STEP 1

THINK OF REALISTIC TIMELINE & BUDGET YOU CAN ALLOCATE

## STEP 2

AND: WE ALSO NEED A CHANNEL FOR SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMICS, AND FUTURE RESEARCHERS!

KNOWLEDGE GAPS FOR POLICY & DECISION MAKERS!

REPEAT KEY MESSAGES! ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH!

## DEVELOPING/ ADAPTING KEY MESSAGES

## STEP 3

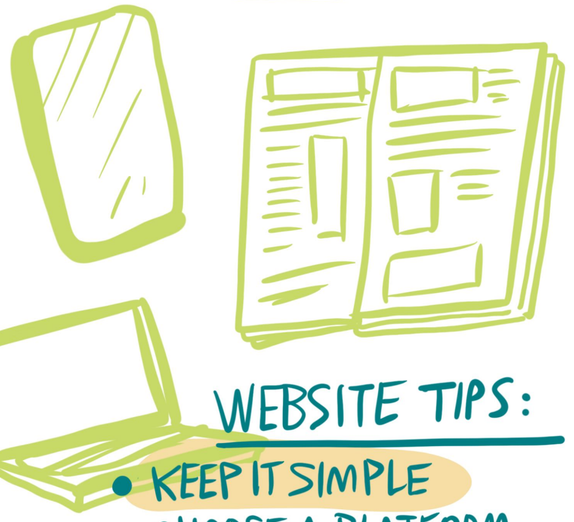
SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS:

- STORIES FROM THE FIELD, WORK
- CONNECT STORIES TO EACH COUNTRIES' REALITY
- PICTURES OF EVENTS
- CONNECT SOCIAL MEDIA TO WEBSITE

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT CHANNEL

## STEP 4

DON'T FORGET LOCAL RADIO STATIONS!



WEBSITE TIPS:

- KEEP IT SIMPLE
- CHOOSE A PLATFORM THAT IS EASY TO LEARN & USE (WITHOUT AN EXPERT)
- CHEAP IS POSSIBLE

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# PRIORITIES & DEADLINES

NEXT 5 MONTHS

## DOMINICAN REP

- NEW HIRES TECH REPORT & SPM
- INTERNAL & EXTERNAL REVIEW & KEY MESSAGES IDENTIFIED BY NOV.
- FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITIES
- PLATFORM BY NOV '25
- DOC VALIDATION & PRINTING PREP BY JAN '26
- DISSEMINATION PLAN FEB '26

## MALAWI

- WAITING ON REVIEWERS COMMENTS BY NOV.
- VALIDATION IN JAN '26
- APPROVAL OF REPORT BY PLATFORM END OF JAN '26
- LAUNCH BY END FEB 26

## THAILAND

- FIND EXT REVIEWER OCT
- TRIALOGUE NOV
- SECOND ORDER DRAFT INCLUSION ILK
- PSE MEETING TO VALIDATE TECH REPORT
- SPM MAKING AFTER
- WRITING WORKSHOP
- PLATFORM IN Q1/Q2 26

BE MORE SPECIFIC!

KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

## BOTSWANA

- FOD ALMOST FINISHED
- TRIALOGUE: OCT 25
- DEC 25: FINALIZE TECH REPORT
- FEB 26: SPM
- LAUNCH: MARCH '26
- NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLATFORM SUST PLAN BY... EARLIER THAN WE THOUGHT!

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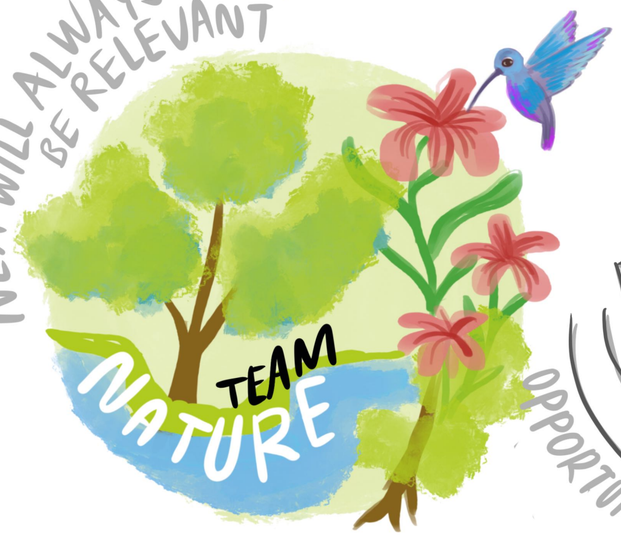
# HOW WILL WE MAINTAIN a GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?

NEA WILL ALWAYS BE RELEVANT




A NEA WHATSAPP FAMILY GROUP

EMAIL LIST

NEWSLETTERS

OPPORTUNITIES

SHARING

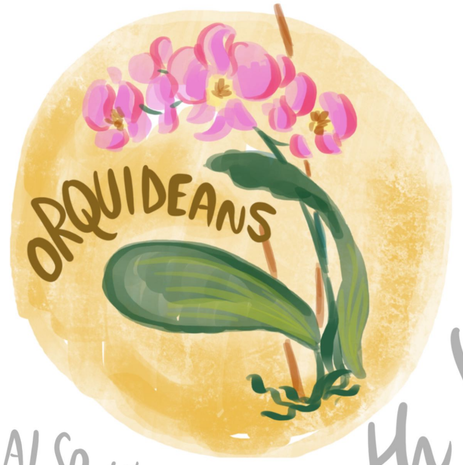
KNOWLEDGE

WE MAINSTREAMED ALL FINDINGS INTERNATIONALLY

STARTA

SYSTEM OF MENTORSHIP

SHARING




KNOWLEDGE ALSO WITH youth!

WE ARE READY TO FACE POLICY-MAKERS!

WE ARE NOT SCARED!

SUB-GLOBAL ASSESSEMENT NETWORK

UPDATING OURSELVES CONSTANTLY

ONLINE AND IN PERSON DURING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

ILK BOAT

FUTURE IS BRIGHT & WEALTHY

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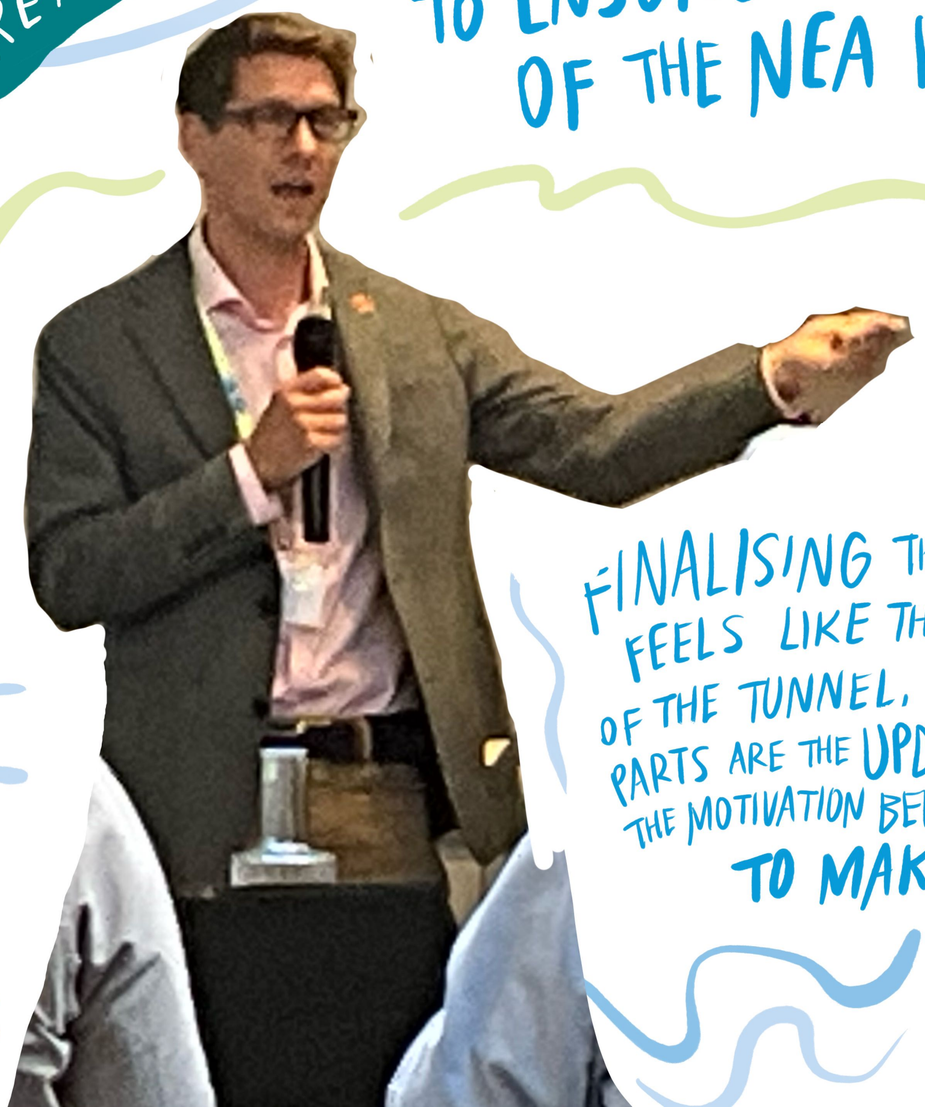
# CLOSING REMARKS

YOU HAVE COME a LONG WAY!

THERE'S A REAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY AMONGST THE NEA COUNTRIES

WE ARE EXPLORING AVENUES FOR SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NEA INITIATIVE



I'M THE IMPACT MANAGER BUT **YOU** ARE THE ONES MAKING THE **IMPACT.**

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT I CAN **DO NEXT**

FINALISING THE ASSESSMENT FEELS LIKE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, BUT THE IMPORTANT PARTS ARE THE **UPDATE** AND DISSEMINATION, THE MOTIVATION BEHIND DOING THE ASSESSMENT: **TO MAKE CHANGE.**

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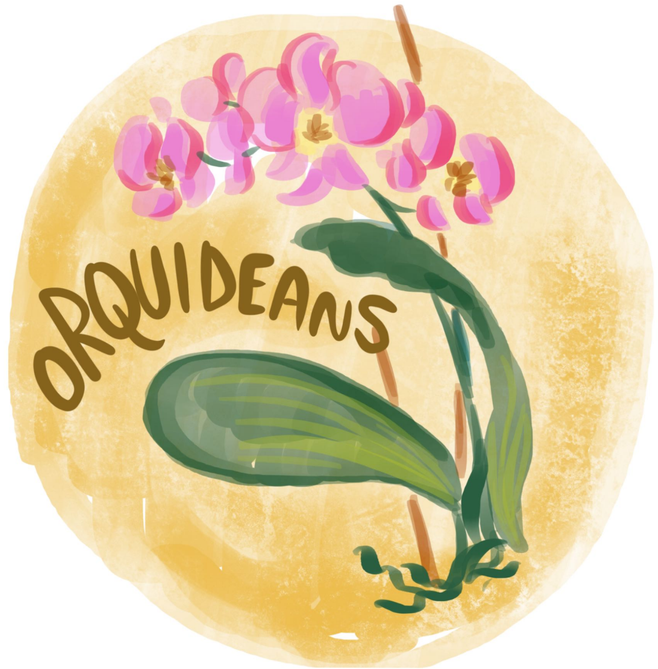

# WORKING GROUPS