

Biodiversity and Development: *Mainstreaming and Managing for Results*

*OECD Workshop*¹

Draft Agenda

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Aim and objectives of the workshop

The crucial role that biodiversity and ecosystem services play in meeting development objectives, including poverty reduction, and ensuring long term sustainable economic growth, is increasingly recognised across the relevant policy communities. For example, the need to mainstream biodiversity across all sectors of the economy features prominently in the Convention on Biological Diversity's 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. And, importantly, the Sustainable Development Goals proposed as part of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda currently include two goals on marine and terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Despite increasing attention at the international level, enhanced national and local action on the ground is needed to achieve real results in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and to deliver these as a central part of country-led development strategies, plans and policies.

The objective of this Workshop is to bring together government practitioners and experts, from both the biodiversity and development communities, to share experience and insights on the key opportunities and challenges to mainstream biodiversity into development policies and planning and into development co-operation. The Workshop will provide a platform for discussion on the following key themes:

- Recent country experience and efforts on mainstreaming biodiversity into development objectives and into development co-operation;
- Approaches and partnerships to mainstream biodiversity at local and sectoral level;
- Insights, challenges and opportunities to manage for better results.

Finally, the Workshop will aim to identify key areas where further analytical work and dialogue is needed to strengthen the capacity of providers of development co-operation and partner countries to mainstream biodiversity into development policy.

¹ This Workshop is a joint OECD initiative, designed to bring together delegates from the Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems (WPBWE) and members of the Network on Environment and Development Co-operation (ENVIRONET), as well as other invited experts.

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP AGENDA

09:00 – 10:15 Opening Session

Overview

This session will open the Workshop and set the stage for the day's discussions by providing an overview of how biodiversity, poverty reduction and development are linked, and why development co-operation needs to address biodiversity.

Welcoming remarks by Co-Chairs: *Arthur Eijs, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, Netherlands (WPBWE)* and *John Carstensen, Department for International Development, United Kingdom (ENVIRONET)*

Aim and objectives of the Workshop: *Katia Karousakis and Jan Corfee-Morlot, OECD Secretariat*

Introductory Speakers

- Biodiversity and Development in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Markus Lehmann, CBD Secretariat
- Biodiversity, Development and Development Co-operation: An overview
Anna Drutschinin and Juan Casado-Asensio, OECD Secretariat

10:30 – 12:10 Session I: Mainstreaming biodiversity into development strategies, policies, plans and budgets

Overview

Mainstreaming biodiversity into development means taking biodiversity considerations into account in development strategies, planning, policies, projects and budgets. This session will focus on experiences from countries in mainstreaming biodiversity into development objectives at national level, including how to manage trade-offs. It will also explore good practices on how development co-operation agencies have been supporting developing countries in this process and mainstreaming biodiversity into their own activities.

Speakers

- Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Public Policy Design in Ecuador
Sofia Panchi, Ministry of Environment, Ecuador
- Supporting Biodiversity Mainstreaming in the Mekong Region
Antti Inkinen, Counsellor – Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Finland, Bangkok
- EU perspectives on lessons from implementation
Laure Ledoux DG ENV / Arnold Jacques-de-Dixmude, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Discussant:

- Sonia Peña Moreno, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Questions for discussion

- How are countries mainstreaming biodiversity into development objectives? What has worked and what are the key challenges?
- How are development co-operation providers mainstreaming biodiversity considerations into their own strategies, policies and practices?
- How can development co-operation providers best support partner countries to mainstream biodiversity into their national development strategies, plans, policies and practices?

12:10 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Session II: Approaches and partnerships to mainstream biodiversity at sector and local levels

Overview

This session will examine approaches to mainstreaming biodiversity into development at the sector and local levels (e.g. agriculture, fisheries, forests, including efforts to adapt to climate change), including examples of partnerships (e.g. with the private sector and with local and indigenous communities). Approaches to identify, assess and manage synergies and trade-offs when mainstreaming biodiversity into key development areas will also be discussed.

Speakers

- Mainstreaming at the sectoral level: An overview
Christina van Winkle, OECD Secretariat
- Challenges and opportunities in South Africa
Jeffrey Manuel, South African National Biodiversity Institute
- Mainstreaming of ecosystem services into decision making at Ca Mau province, Viet Nam
Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

Discussant :

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Questions for discussion

- How are countries implementing mainstreaming objectives at the local and sector levels, and what knowledge gaps may hinder these efforts?
- How are synergies and trade-offs between biodiversity and development objectives identified, assessed and managed?
- What types of partnerships or co-ordination mechanisms are already in place or would be needed to ensure effective mainstreaming and how should these mechanisms be identified, structured and maintained?

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 17:10 Session III: Managing for results – examining the effectiveness of biodiversity and development mainstreaming initiatives in partner developing countries

Overview

This session will examine how developing countries identify priorities and funding gaps for biodiversity, ecosystem services and development. It will also consider how development co-operation agencies work with partner countries to agree on measurable objectives and then work together to ensure that their activities achieve these results. This session will provide examples of managing for results through ex-ante and ex-post assessments, real-time evaluations, and other means to build evidence of impacts.

Speakers

- Challenges, opportunities and insights from Switzerland
Gabriella Blatter, Federal Office of the Environment, Switzerland
- Efforts to manage for results in Uganda
Angella Rwabutomize, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda
- Efforts to manage for results in Norway
Ida Hellmark/Bente Herstad, NORAD - invited
- Determinants of effective biodiversity mainstreaming: lessons from the GEF portfolio
Mark Zimsky, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Discussant

- Rosa Lemos, CEO Brazilian Biodiversity Fund - FUNBIO, Brazil

Questions for discussion

- What models can we point to for identifying needs and managing for results in efforts to mainstream biodiversity into development?
- What are the key measurement, monitoring and evaluation challenges, and how can these be overcome so that mainstreaming efforts can be assessed, improved and prioritised effectively over time?
- What role can development co-operation providers play in supporting the monitoring and evaluation of biodiversity and development activities?

17:10-18:00 Closing session

Overview

This final session will start off with a panel discussion to highlight the main knowledge gaps regarding mainstreaming biodiversity into development objectives. Panellists will also identify key areas where further work is needed and where the OECD could contribute to increasing the knowledge base. The panel discussion will be followed by an open discussion from the floor.

Panelists

- Sanath Ranawana, Asian Development Bank, Thailand Resident Mission
- Brian Keane, Adviser for Indigenous Peoples Issues, USAID, United States
- Luc Janssens de Bisthoven, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium
- Steve Bass, International Institute for Environment and Development

Questions for discussion

- What are the primary knowledge and capacity gaps that hinder efforts to mainstream biodiversity into development, and how should these be addressed?
- Which areas of work would support members and partner countries in building the evidence base for effective mainstreaming of biodiversity into development policies, programmes and plans?
- Where can the OECD best contribute with analytical work on these issues?

The co-chairs will close the session by highlighting key insights from the Workshop and areas identified for further work.

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