

CONTRIBUTING TO IPBES CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS: COLLABORATION BY IBN AND BES-NET WITH GERMAN SUPPORT

GERMANY SUPPORTS IPBES NOT ONLY BY HOSTING THE IPBES SECRETARIAT BUT ALSO BY FUNDING THE INITIATIVES WHICH COMPLEMENT IPBES'S CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS.

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One of the regions not yet as active as others in IPBES is South-East-Europe, Eastern Europe and Central-Asia. To help to fill that gap by capacity building in the region, ibn was entrusted by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) through funds of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) to hold respective capacity building workshops. The main goal of the project is to enhance the capacity of governments, scientists and organizations in this target region to participate well informed in IPBES processes.

HOW IBN SUPPORTS IPBES CAPACITY BUILDING

During its duration from 2017-2020, the ibn-project encompasses three international capacity building workshops in the region which help participants and their institutions to enhance the capacity to participate in IPBES processes like assessments, review processes and IPBES plenary meetings. The workshops are designed to cover three days each and cover the following aspects:

- basic information about IPBES and its structures (e.g. Bureau, Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, Task Forces, Authors teams)
- options for participation for all types of stakeholders
- the IPBES work programme and the status of implementation
- IPBES products
- consultation processes which are underway
- current assessments which need input from the region.

WORKSHOPS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (BiH) (2017) AND MOLDOVA (2018)

The first capacity building workshop of the project took place in Sarajevo, BiH, in October 2017. 21 participants came from Albania, BiH, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro and Serbia. The second workshop was held in Chisinau, Moldova, in October 2018, with 22 participants from Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.

NEXT STEPS

The third capacity building workshop is planned to take place in September 2019, most probably in Kazakhstan, inviting participants from Central Asian countries.

BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES NETWORK (BES-Net)

BES-Net is a capacity sharing "network of networks" hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and funded by BMU, the Norwegian Environment Agency and SwedBio. BES-Net aims to support IPBES's capacity building work and contribute to long-term human well-being and sustainable development by strengthening science, policy and practice interfaces for more effective biodiversity and ecosystems services management.

HOW BES-NET SUPPORTS IPBES CAPACITY BUILDING

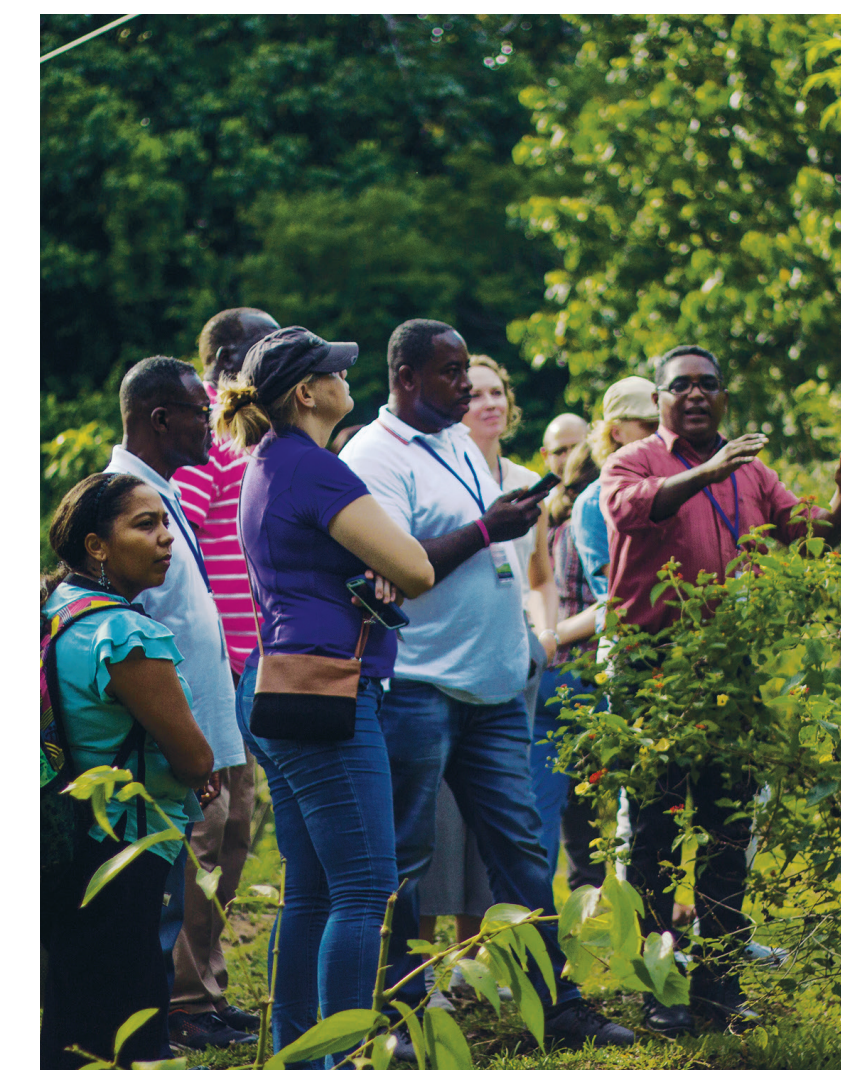
BES-Net promotes the uptake and use of the completed IPBES thematic assessments in regional/national/local policy and decision-making, scientific research and on-the-ground projects through the **Triialogue**, a face-to-face three-way dialogue and capacity building methodology. Trialogues bring together academic scientists, policymakers and practitioners with indigenous and local knowledge into a welcoming and constructive space to foster mutual learning, improve inter-cultural understanding and jointly explore the areas of inter-institutional coordination.

TRIALOGUES IN BIH (2017) AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (2018)

Following the launch of the IPBES's Thematic Assessment Report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production, two Regional Trialogues were held in: October 2017 with representatives from five IPBES member states in Eastern Europe; and 2) September 2018 with representatives from seven IPBES member states in the Caribbean. At both events, the participants jointly produced the Action Documents, elaborating a set of concrete actions for promoting pollinators to be implemented in tandem by three sectoral communities at different levels.

NEXT STEPS

The Third Regional Trialogue is scheduled for May 2019 in Kenya to support the synergetic policy uptake of the IPBES Assessments on Pollinators and Land Degradation and Restoration (LDR) in Anglophone Africa. The Fourth Regional Trialogue will place thematic focus on LDR Assessment and geographic focus on Central Asia. Meanwhile, follow up communication is regularly held with the past regional Trialogue participants to monitor progress in the Action Document implementation and support their continuous on-line exchange.



COMPLEMENTARY COLLABORATION BETWEEN IBN AND BES-NET

Collaboration between ibn and BES-Net demonstrates the joint impact of the Government of Germany funding in support of IPBES capacity building. The first capacity building workshop by ibn and the First Regional Trialogue by BES-Net were held in sequence in BiH in 2017. This collaborative work has led to remarkable outcomes among participants: higher awareness of IPBES and its work programme, a deeper understanding of the IPBES pollinator assessment messages in the regional and national contexts, and stronger capacity and commitment to using the assessment in policy, science and practice sectors. A similar complementary approach will be implemented for the capacity building workshop and the Regional Trialogue for Central Asia in September 2019.

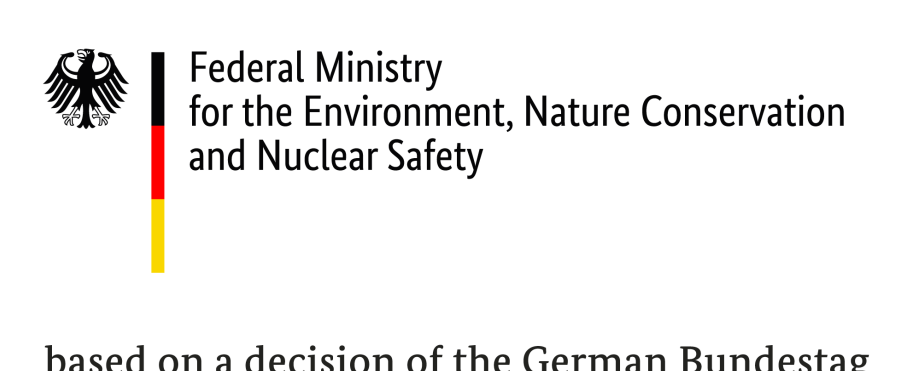
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