

International workshop on “Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Production Landscapes: Integrated Approaches in Design and Implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)”

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The mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors, including agriculture, forestry, fishery and tourism, has been gaining more attention in recent years. The high-level segment of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 13) held in Cancun, Mexico in December 2016, produced the “Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity for Well-Being”. This Declaration was welcomed in COP Decision XIII/3. In the Cancun Declaration, CBD Parties committed to update and implement their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) “to strengthen the mainstreaming of biological diversity”. COP Decision XIII/3 provided specific guidance including suggested actions for Parties and relevant organizations to mainstream biodiversity into the agriculture, forestry, fishery and tourism sectors. The same decision also requested COP 14 (Egypt, November 2018) to continue looking at the mainstreaming of biodiversity into other relevant sectors, such as infrastructure, manufacturing, energy and mining, processing industries and health,

Integrated approaches to the management of production landscapes, including socio-cultural aspects as well as biodiversity, are expected to contribute to mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant production sectors, as well as to achieving relevant global and national biodiversity targets such as Aichi Biodiversity Targets (4, 6, 7, 11 and 14 among others). Some concepts related to integrated landscape approaches include “cultural landscapes”, “Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)” and “socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS)” as developed under the Satoyama Initiative. These concepts are not,

however, well incorporated into biodiversity policies in many countries, in particular in their updated NBSAPs at this stage.

Since 2016, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and the University of Tokyo Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (UT-IR3S) in cooperation with the CBD Secretariat have been reviewing and analysing NBSAPs in this context, focusing in particular on integrated management approaches for landscapes that sustain human production activities. This review focuses on how these integrated approaches are incorporated into NBSAPs and how Parties will implement these approaches while implementing NBSAPs, and aims to provide useful knowledge and assistance for NBSAP development and implementation. To this end, we have analysed all NBSAPs available in English on the CBD website as of 31 July 2016 (total number: 133), followed by in-depth study on 15 selected NBSAPs in which relevant concepts and measures are incorporated plus additional literature review, surveys and other research. However, these analyses have limits, and there is a need to seek inputs directly from experts involved in the development and implementation of updated NBSAPs.

This international workshop is held in this context, to gain further insights and discuss incorporation and implementation of integrated production landscape management approaches in NBSAPs. Policy experts from several governments were invited based on previous analysis results and geographic balance, with at least one country per UN region. Each country's participants make presentations on their policies or projects related to integrated approaches in production landscapes as described in their NBSAPs, followed by discussion on success factors and issues related to incorporation and implementation of these approaches and their contribution to achievement of relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

This workshop is expected to elaborate on issues and identify good practices for concepts of integrated approaches to landscape management to be appropriately included in NBSAPs to achieve national biodiversity goals and targets, and also contribute more widely to the mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant production sectors and achievement of relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The report of the study including a summary of discussions and findings from this international workshop will be shared with the CBD Parties through appropriate processes.

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Provisional Workshop Programme:

Tuesday 16 January 2018 (Day 1)

09:00-09:30	Registration
Opening Session	
09:30-09:35	Opening remarks
09:35-11:05	Self-introductions Introductory presentations (UT-IR3S, SCBD, UNU-IAS)
11:05-11:15	Group Photo
11:15-11:30	Break
Presentation Session 1	
11:30-12:30	Country presentations (20min presentation + 10min Q&A* 3 countries) 1. Cambodia 2. Colombia
12:30-13:30	Lunch (lunch box)
Presentation Session 2	
13:30-15:00	Country presentations (20min presentation + 10min Q&A* 3 countries) 3. Ethiopia 4. Estonia 5. Japan
15:00-15:15	Break
Discussion Session A : Success factors and challenges for incorporation of integrated approaches in production landscapes into NBSAPs	
15:15-17:20	Introduction to Discussion Theme A Discussion of Theme A (participants will be divided into two groups) Break (16:15-16:30) Presentation & discussion Wrap-up <i>Key Questions :</i> <i>-What are the success factors for incorporation of integrated approaches in production landscapes into NBSAPs and implementation in your country?</i> <i>-What are the challenges in incorporation of integrated approaches in production landscapes into NBSAPs and implementation in your country?</i> <i>-What lessons did you learn from your country's and other countries' work in this regard?</i>
17:20-17:30	Wrap-up
18:00-20:00	Reception Dinner



Wednesday 17 January 2018 (Day 2)

9:30-9:45	Introduction of the schedule
Presentation Session 3	
9:45-10:45	Country presentations (20min presentation + 10min Q&A* 2 countries) 6. Mexico 7. South Africa
Discussion Session B : Contributions to Aichi Biodiversity Targets	
11:00-12:20	Introduction to Discussion Theme B Discussion of Theme B (participants will be divided into two groups) Presentation & discussion Wrap-up <i>Key Questions:</i> <i>Group A. Contribution to multiple Aichi Biodiversity Targets</i> <i>-Which Aichi Biodiversity Targets does your country's case study policies/projects contribute to?</i> <i>-Do you have any ideas for setting better global targets related to integrated approaches in production landscapes, including better reflection of the cross-cutting nature?</i> <i>Group B. Assessment and evaluation of the policies/projects</i> <i>-How can assessment and evaluation of the policies/projects' contributions to relevant Aichi Target(s) be done?</i> <i>-Do you have any ideas for better evaluation measures or indicators related to integrated approaches in production landscapes?</i>
12:20-13:15	Lunch (lunch box)
Discussion Session C : Future steps and revision of NBSAPs	
13:15-15:00	Introduction to Discussion Theme C Discussion of Theme C (participants will be divided into three groups) Presentation & discussion Wrap-up <i>Key Questions:</i> <i>-What are the opportunities and challenges in developing and implementing policies related to integrated approaches in production landscapes at the national level?</i> <i>-What can you do, or what is needed for further incorporation of these approaches into relevant national policies and NBSAPs?</i> <i>-Do you have any expectations about this matter from the CBD, or related international organizations and networks such as IPSI?</i>
15:00-15:30	Break (summing up key findings and messages)
15:30-16:30	Wrap-up of discussions
16:30	Closing



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